

# MA in Political Science- Security Studies



## POTENTIAL CAREERS:

- Intelligence Analysis
- Counterterrorism
- Diplomacy
- Intelligence Operations
- Military Careers
- Risk Analysis
- Consulting

## DESIGNED FOR THE REAL WORLD NATIONAL SECURITY JOB MARKET:

We live in a world, where national security issues often dominate the policy agenda. In response to the growing need for national security professionals, the Department of Political Science at the University of Akron offers the **Master of Arts Degree in Political Science-Security Studies Track**. This course of study is intended to prepare professionals in the world of national security occupations. **Graduate job placements:**

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- United Nations (UN)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Intelligence/Security Contracting Firms
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

## APPLY TODAY

Contact **Professor Karl Kaltenthaler**, at **kck@uakron.edu** or call **330-421-8999** for questions. International students encouraged to apply!

## Admission Requirements

For admission to a graduate program in the Department of Political Science, an applicant should provide the following:

1. A completed application form (available online at [www.uakron.edu/admissions/graduate](http://www.uakron.edu/admissions/graduate)).
2. A one to two page personal statement of purpose, describing the applicant's interests and goals in pursuing graduate study in Political Science.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended.
4. For international students only, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
5. Three letters of recommendation (for MA applicants the letters should come from two academic sources familiar with the applicant's course work, research activities, and other qualities relating to successful academic potential.
6. The GRE is not required.

An applicant for graduate study in the Department of Political Science will have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA overall (on a 4.0 scale) on their undergraduate degree OR a 3.0 GPA for their last 64 hours of course work and a 3.0 GPA in political science course work.

While most applicants have an undergraduate major in Political Science or a similar field of study, an undergraduate major in another area may be acceptable. However, an applicant should have at least nine hours of upper-level course work in Political Science. Failing this requirement, an applicant may be admitted to the program on a provisional basis. In such cases, the applicant will be required to complete a number of 500 level Political Science courses, as determined by the Graduate Studies Committee, with a 3.0 GPA or better before admission to the Master's program. Additionally, provisionally admitted students are required to enroll in PS 600, the first of our political methodology sequence courses, as soon as possible.

## International Students

Also, as determined by the graduate school, international students admitted to graduate study in Political Science must achieve a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 213 in the computer-based TOEFL or 79 or higher on the internet-based TOEFL.

## Students will be considered for admission year-round.

No single factor decides admittance to the program. The Graduate Program Director and the Graduate Studies Committee, composed of Political Science faculty, evaluates the potential of each candidate for graduate study at The University of Akron. **The GRE is not required.**

The on-line Graduate School Bulletin provides information regarding tuition costs and fees, application procedures, the academic calendar, requirements for various degrees, course lists for all departments and general information about the Graduate School.

### **Courses in Security Studies**

- Seminar in International Politics
- Seminar in Security Studies
- Al Qaeda and ISIS
- International Security Policy
- Wealth and Power: International Political Economy
- Counterterrorism
- Political Extremism and Violence
- Global Public Health Threats
- Seminar in Alternatives to Violence
- Seminar in Comparative Politics
- Seminar in National Politics
- Seminar in War and Insurgency
- Human Rights in World Politics
- American Foreign Policy
- Computer Applications in Public Organizations
- Geographic Information Systems
- Remote Sensing
- National Security Intelligence

## Security Studies MA: Requirements and Course Offerings

### (1) Department Required Seminars (9 credits)

600	Scope and Theory	Gelleny
601	Research Methods	Coffey
603	Scholarly Writing and Professional Development in Political Science	Kaltenthaler

### (2) Track Required Seminars (6 credits)\*

610	Seminar in International Politics	Kaltenthaler
612	Seminar in Security Studies	Kaltenthaler

\*Neither an Independent Study nor Internship credits count as a graduate seminar.

### (3) Fifteen Additional Graduate Credits (500 or 600 level)

3700: 545	Al Qaeda and ISIS	Kaltenthaler
3700: 510	International Security Policy	Sperling
3700: 514	Wealth and Power (Int'l Political Economy)	Kaltenthaler
3700: 546	National Security Intelligence	Kaltenthaler
3700: 547	Counterterrorism	Kaltenthaler
3700: 500	Political Extremism and Violence	Kaltenthaler
3700: 513	Global Public Health Threats	O'Sullivan
3700: 563	Human Rights in World Politics	Gelleny
3700: 622	Alternatives to Violence	Gelleny
3700: 620	Seminar in Comparative Politics	Kaltenthaler
3700: 611	Seminar in War and Insurgency	Kaltenthaler
3700: 630	Seminar in National Politics	Cohen
3350: 505	Geographic Information Systems	Geography
3350: 547	Remote Sensing	Geography
3350: 549	Advanced Remote Sensing	Geography
3980: 673	Computer Applications in Public Organizations	PAUS

**TOTAL = 30 credits: 24 credits must be at the 600-level**

(4) Defense of MA Essay of Distinction

(5) Pass Comprehensive Exam

# Michael Morell



Michael Morell, former Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is an advisor to the Security Studies Master's Program.

## Faculty in Security Studies

**Abousena, Eihab.** M.A., University of Akron. 2000. Instructor. Fields: Middle East Politics; International Politics; American Foreign Policy.

**David B. Cohen,** Ph.D. University of South Carolina, 2000, Professor. Fields: American Politics: Presidency and Congress; International Relations: American Foreign Policy and Process

**Ronald D. Gelleny,** Ph.D. Binghamton University-SUNY, 2002, Associate Professor. Fields: Comparative Politics, Globalization and Policy Making, Political Economy, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, International Relations, and American Foreign Policy

**Karl Kaltenthaler,** Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis, 1995, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies. Fields: Terrorism, ISIS, Al Qaeda and Affiliates, Countering Violent Extremism, Middle East and South Asia Security Politics, Public Opinion.

**Terrence M. O'Sullivan,** Ph.D., University of Southern California, 2003, Assistant Professor. Fields: Security Studies, Terrorism, Global Public Health, Natural Disasters, International Political Economy, Global Governance, Terrorism, Science and Technology Policy, and Comparative Politics

**James C. Sperling,** Ph.D., University of California-Santa Barbara, 1986, Professor. Fields: International Relations and European Security Policy