Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA)
Available Online

The Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA) is an outstanding addition to the resume of anyone interested in a career in international relations, intelligence, defense policy, military affairs, counterterrorism, diplomacy, international organizations, law enforcement, international business, or international economic development.

Overview

- 12 Credit Hour Graduate Certificate Program
- Courses Offered Online or On Campus
- Fall and Spring Fifteen-Week Courses, Summer Ten-Week Courses
- Successful Completion Appears on Texas A&M Transcript
- Can Often Transfer Credits to a Degree-Seeking Master’s Program
- 12 Hours Transferrable to a Bush School Master’s Degree

Course Formats

Online courses offer a flexible and interactive format over a traditional fifteen-week semester, typically requiring online discussion several times a week. All online courses fall under 700 and 720 section numbers.

On-campus courses at College Station are offered during a traditional fifteen-week semester, typically meeting once a week for three hours. Note: On-campus courses often fill up quickly since priority goes to Bush School degree-seeking master’s students.

Curriculum

To receive a graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA), a student must complete 12 credit hours of CAIA courses with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students have the option of selecting an emphasis area (see below). Those who do not select an emphasis area may tailor their certificate and choose four courses from a variety of options.
Most Bush School courses that fall under the Master’s Program in International Affairs (MPIA) may be counted toward the Certificate in Advanced International Affairs. Students must be admitted to the certificate program before any classes begin.

Note: Students may take one Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) course to apply toward their CAIA.

**Optional Emphasis Areas**

CAIA students have the option of choosing an area of emphasis. While selecting an emphasis area is not required, doing so may prove beneficial for future employment since the emphasis will be noted on the certificate upon successful completion of the CAIA program.

Students who choose an emphasis are required to take two core courses and two emphasis-specific courses listed under the area they have chosen.

Students may obtain multiple emphasis areas by completing six additional hours of electives (two courses) while maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better.

**Emphasis Options**

- Diplomacy
- Defense Policy and Military Affairs
- Intelligence
- Counterterrorism

**Certificate Courses**

Please note that each course is not offered every semester, which may affect completion time for an optional emphasis. All courses listed are available for students to choose from if not pursuing an area of emphasis.

**Core Courses** (*required for emphasis only; any students may take*)

- INTA 605 American Foreign Policy
- INTA 651 National Security Policy

**Electives** (*listed by emphasis areas*)

**Diplomacy**

- INTA 603 American Diplomacy (*required course for Diplomacy emphasis*)
- INTA 604 Politics of the Contemporary Middle East
- INTA 606 International Politics in Theory and Practice (in residence only)
- INTA 609 Principles of International Law
- INTA 654 Military Strategy in the Conduct of Nations
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System
Defense Policy and Military Affairs
- INTA 617 Deterrence and Coercion (in residence only)
- INTA 654 Military Strategy in the Conduct of Nations
- INTA 678 Interstate War: Theory and History Implications for the 21st Century (in residence only)
- INTA 682 Law of War
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System

Intelligence
- INTA 652 The Role of Intelligence in Security Affairs (strongly recommended)
- INTA 653 Technical Collection Systems for International Security
- INTA 650 National Security Law (in residence only)
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System
- PSAA 608 Cyber Security for Managers (CHLS Course)
- INTA 612/PSAA 668 US Law and Homeland Security (CHLS Course)
- INTA 619/PSAA 653 Weapons of Mass Destruction (CHLS Course)

Counterterrorism
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System
- INTA 604 Politics of the Contemporary Middle East

Other Electives (available in residence only)
- INTA 608 Fundamentals of the Global Economy
- INTA 628 International Energy Policy
- INTA 655 Evolution of the European Union
- INTA 659 Transnational Security Issues

Approved Homeland Security Courses
CAIA students can substitute ONE approved CHLS course towards completion of the CAIA:
- INTA 602/PSAA 651 Homeland Security and Homeland Defense
- PSAA 608 Cyber Security for Managers
- INTA 612/PSAA 668 US Law and Homeland Security
- INTA 619/PSAA 653 Weapons of Mass Destruction
- INTA 657/PSAA 657 Terrorism in Today’s World
- INTA 687/PSAA 655 Domestic Intelligence Operations: Legalities, Policies and Procedures

Contact an enrollment advisor for upcoming semester course offerings: 
bushschoolonline@tamu.edu or 1-866-988-2874
How to Apply

1. **Complete the Application**
   - **New students** complete the Apply Texas Application and fill in all fields, including work history.
   - Apply Texas Application: [http://www.applytexas.org/](http://www.applytexas.org/)

   **Current Texas A&M University Students** (U4, U5 or Graduate Classification) concurrently enrolled in a degree-seeking program while pursuing the certificate must complete the Certificate Program Application. Do **NOT** complete the Apply Texas application.

   [http://bush.tamu.edu/certificate/admissions/ApplicationTAMUStudents.pdf](http://bush.tamu.edu/certificate/admissions/ApplicationTAMUStudents.pdf)

2. **Send Official Bachelor’s Transcripts** (*new students only*)
   - Must be sent directly from the issuing university to the Texas A&M Registrar:
     
     Graduate Admissions Processing, Office of Admissions and Records
     Texas A&M University
     P.O. Box 40001
     College Station, TX 77842-4001

   **Domestic new students only:** Copies of unofficial transcripts may be sent to the Office of Extended Education for preliminary review while waiting for delivery of official transcripts to the Registrar’s Office. E-mail (bushschoolonline@tamu.edu) or fax (979-862-3196) unofficial copies to the Office of Extended Education for preliminary consideration.

   **International new students only:** Unofficial transcripts cannot be accepted for international applicant review. Official transcripts must be sent to the Registrar to begin international applicant review.

   **All new students:** Official transcripts must be received by the Texas A&M Registrar prior to the first week of class or new students will be dropped from all courses.

3. **Personal Statement** (*all students*)
   - Applicant must include a statement of approximately 500 words indicating personal interest in some area of international affairs and how s/he might use an enhanced knowledge of this subject. Applicant must also include any courses taken that dealt with foreign policy.

   Applicant should include a description of any life experiences in world affairs. The statement should indicate the dates, times, and locations of these experiences and an explanation of the specific types of experiences that demonstrate international involvement and what insights were acquired from them. Provide information about fluency in other languages, including the level of fluency attained. Other than short vacations or business trips, note the location and dates of any significant time residing outside the United States.
Personal statements can be submitted via fax or e-mail to the Office of Extended Education:
   E-mail: bushschoolonline@tamu.edu
   Fax: 979-862-3196

4. Resume (all students)
   Resumes can be submitted via fax or e-mail to the Office of Extended Education.
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   Fax: 979-862-3196

5. Test Scores (all students)
   GRE Scores are required if bachelor’s GPA is below a 3.0 in the final 60 hours of coursework.

   International Applicants are required to provide proof of English proficiency before materials can be reviewed. Acceptable forms of proof can be found at http://admissions.tamu.edu/nondegree/seeking/gettingin/reqDocuments/graduate.aspx

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   bushschoolonline@tamu.edu or 1-866-988-2874
   http://bush.tamu.edu/certificate/caia/

For more information about completion rates, career options, and other important topics, please visit our Web sites:

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