The Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security

Master of National Security and Intelligence

Areas of Study:
Intelligence
National Security
Regional Studies
VISION OF THE BUSH SCHOOL
Inspiring excellence in the noble calling of public service

“In one hundred years, I hope it will be said that from our school came generation after generation of people who are committed to public service for the right reasons—they believe that public service is noble and they believe they can make a difference.”

– President George H.W. Bush

Academic Focus
The Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security allows students to earn a Master of National Security and Intelligence (NSI). This degree is designed for students interested in a career in Intelligence and National Security. The degree aims to strengthen students’ ability to understand complex issues through rigorous coursework. Well-published scholars and seasoned practitioners lead in-depth classroom discussions, collaborate on research, and mentor students in and out of the classroom. The program seeks to expand students’ worldview and prepare them for careers in national security and intelligence.

Highlights
• Courses offered in the evenings
• Ideal location in Downtown DC
• 42-credit-hour graduate degree
• Small class sizes
• Capstone project
• Language proficiency by completion of degree
• Highly qualified faculty of academics and practitioners
• Degree offered in residence at the Bush School DC, with the option of taking up to six credit hours online.

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• Intelligence
• National Security
• Regional Studies (e.g., Russia/former Soviet Union, East Asia, Middle East, Latin America, Africa)
Location and Resources
The Bush School DC is centrally located in Downtown DC and convenient to both Red and Blue/Orange/Silver lines on the Metro.
Students in the DC graduate program have access to all of the resources of Texas A&M University.

Aggie Network
As a Texas A&M Bush School student, you have the strength of the Aggie Network behind you. A worldwide support system of over 500,000 alumni in over 165 countries, this network is known for its character and loyalty and the desire to help fellow former students.

Professional Development
The Bush School in Washington, DC, is the center of Texas A&M’s intellectual activity in the nation’s capital. We offer a full range of events, including speakers of national and international prominence, seminars and colloquia on the most important policy issues of the day, and conferences attended by a range of faculty experts from leading universities as well as government officials and policy professionals.

Bush School students learn from experienced academics and practitioners in national security, international politics and intelligence in the center of U.S. policy making. They get exposed to daily opportunities to participate in high-level events, build their networks and contribute to the national debate.

Kateryna Shynkaruk, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer
“The NSI Capstone course provides our students with a unique opportunity to work directly with a government, military, or private sector sponsor to address a real-world issue impacting U.S. national security. Students will gain invaluable experience performing primary research, formulating recommendations, drafting a formal product, and presenting their findings to senior officials.”

Prof. Gary Ross
Director of Intelligence Studies Program
“Our students are inspirational! They choose this School and University because they want to serve their fellow citizens. They’re serious about tackling the most pressing issues facing the world today. I’ve met graduates of the Bush School all over the globe; they’re making a difference each and every day. President George H. W. Bush’s vision of preparing principled leaders for service to their community, their nation, and their world is alive and well. The Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security will advance that vision even further!”

Mark Welsh
Dean, Bush School of Government and Public Service
Former Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

The Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security
The Diana Davis Spencer Foundation supports initiatives that embrace our freedoms and founding principles — principles embedded in the Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security.

Abby Moffat, the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation’s President and CEO, echoes Thomas Jefferson, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Bush School graduates will meet this charge.”

MISSION OF THE BUSH SCHOOL
EDUCATE
EXPLORE
ENGAGE
“Our students have a stellar opportunity to pursue higher education in the very heart of our nation’s capital, with a wealth of resources, along with the power and reach of a robust network of alumni to welcome students into the “Aggie” family. Carrying the name of George H.W. Bush, our nation’s 41st president, Bush School students understand and appreciate the noble calling of public service. Our faculty are real world practitioners helping prepare students to advance their careers.”

Lt. Gen. Jay B. Silveria
Executive Director

Texas A&M and Bush School College Station students visit the Bush School while interning in Washington, D.C.
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Admissions Requirements and Timeline

Qualifications
• Bachelor’s degree

Requirements
• Application and fee
• Statement of purpose
• Professional resume
• Unofficial transcripts from any 4-year institution attended
• Two letters of recommendation
• GRE is not required but encouraged for those with a GPA of less than 3.0

Admissions
• Accepting Applications for Fall Semester
• Priority deadline is February 1
• Applications will continue to be reviewed on a rolling basis

Tuition
• The Bush School DC offers a fixed tuition rate of $1,300 per credit hour
• 3-credit hour course = $3,900

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