



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Bush School

of Government & Public Service

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 allowing students to log into their classes at a time that is convenient to them. The online format typically requires online discussion several times a week along with essays and other projects throughout the semester. Weekly deadlines are outlined in the course syllabus. All online courses fall under 700 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 be admitted into the program prior to beginning course work for the certificate and 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 of International Affairs (MIA) may be counted toward the Certificate in Advanced International Affairs. However, students must be admitted to the certificate program before any classes begin.

Note: Students may take one *approved* Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) course to apply toward their CAIA. See the next page for a list of approved CHLS courses.

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 Bush School 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. Additional courses taken for multiple emphasis areas are not financial aid eligible.

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 student 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 611 Authoritarianism and Political Elites in the Arab World
- INTA 644 International Post Conflict Recovery and Development
- 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 659 Transnational Security Issues
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System

Intelligence

- INTA 650 National Security Law (in residence only)
- INTA 652 The Role of Intelligence in Security Affairs (*strongly recommended*)
- INTA 653 Technical Collection Systems for International Security
- INTA 659 Transnational Security Issues
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System

Counterterrorism

- INTA 604 Politics of the Contemporary Middle East
- INTA 659 Transnational Security Issues
- INTA 680 Political Violence and Terrorism within the International System
- INTA 611 Authoritarianism and Political Elites in the Arab World

Other Electives (*available in residence only*)

- INTA 608 Fundamentals of the Global Economy
- INTA 655 Evolution of the European Union
- INTA 689 Special Courses -subject matter varies by semester

Approved Homeland Security Courses

CAIA students can substitute ONE of the following approved CHLS courses towards completion of the CAIA:

- PSAA 608 Cybersecurity Policy, Issues and Operations
- PSAA 668/INTA 612 U.S. Law and Homeland Security
- PSAA 653 Weapons of Mass Destruction
- PSAA 657/INTA 657 Terrorism in Today's World
- PSAA 654 U.S. Border Security: Policies, Strategies and Issues

Other INTA course options may be available. Contact a Graduate Program Consultant for upcoming semester course offerings:
bushschoolonline@tamu.edu or 1-866-988-2874.

Federal Financial Aid Opportunities

Students admitted to the Bush School Certificate in Advanced International Affairs program are eligible to receive federal financial aid for four certificate courses. To be eligible for federal financial aid the student must be enrolled in at least two courses in the fall and spring semesters and at least one course in the summer semesters.

Students may take additional courses for their certificate (or for multiple emphasis areas). However, additional courses are not financial aid eligible.

Application Instructions

1. Submit Application

New students complete the [Texas A&M GraduateCAS application](https://texasam2024.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login) and complete all required fields: <https://texasam2024.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Current Texas A&M University Students (U4, U5 with a 3.0 GPA or Graduate Classification) concurrently enrolled in a degree-seeking program while pursuing the certificate must complete the Certificate Program Internal Application. Do **NOT** complete the GraduateCAS application.

Internal Application:

https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZWB2J8iNAmWRGR.

2. Personal Statement (*all applicants*)

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.

Must be uploaded to the online GraduateCAS application in order to submit your application. If you need to update your statement after you have submitted your application, you can email it to the Office of Extended Education by the application deadline at bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

3. Resume (*all applicants*)

Must be uploaded to the online GraduateCAS application in order to submit your application. If you need to update your resume after you have submitted your application, you can email it to the Office of Extended Education by the application deadline at bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

4. Transcripts (**Unofficial Transcripts AND Official Transcripts**)

Unofficial Transcripts: Please upload unofficial transcripts to the online application. Transcripts uploaded to GraduateCAS will be considered unofficial transcripts. If your application is submitted without unofficial transcripts you will be asked to email them to bushschoolonline@tamu.edu.
Applications will not be reviewed without unofficial transcripts.

Official transcripts from all four-year colleges/universities attended for undergraduate course work **must** be sent directly from the issuing university to the Office of Graduate Admissions at Texas A&M University:

Graduate Admissions Processing
Texas A&M University
P.O. Box 40001
College Station, TX 77842-4001

Official transcripts for graduate course work and/or from junior colleges are not needed.

Electronic transcripts can be processed much faster than paper transcripts. Texas A&M will accept transcripts sent electronically through Parchment, SPEEDE, eScrip-SAFE or National Clearing House to admissions@tamu.edu.
Transcripts from any other vendor will not be accepted. Official transcripts should only be sent to Admissions, NOT the Bush School.

International transcripts that are not provided in English will be required to submit a certified translation transcript.

All new students: You will not be able to register for classes until your official transcripts are received by the Office of Graduate Admissions at Texas A&M University.

5. Test Scores

GRE Scores are required ONLY if bachelor's GPA is below a 3.0 in the final 60 hours of course work. GMAT is also accepted.

International Applicants are required to provide proof of English proficiency before materials can be reviewed. Acceptable forms of proof can be found at <https://admissions.tamu.edu/international/graduate>

Questions? Contact a Graduate Program Consultant today!

Email: bushschoolonline@tamu.edu

Toll-Free Number: 1-866-988-2874 | Local Number: 1-979-862-7810

Website: <http://bush.tamu.edu/caia/>

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

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[*Certificate in Homeland Security*](#)

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