

MASS ATROCITY AND GENOCIDE PREVENTION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: CA-CERG-MAGP

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This 15-credit program is tailored to provide students with practical knowledge of conflict analysis and resolution relevant to mass atrocity prevention, including genocide and mass violence prevention. Designed for mid-career professionals studying in a cohort environment, or graduate students seeking specialized, practical knowledge, the certificate program integrates conflict analysis and resolution theory, research, and practical techniques of preventing mass atrocities. Certificate courses include intensive sessions, lectures, seminars, and applied-mentored learning in real and simulated situations. Students consider strategies to prevent mass atrocities through policy planning, diplomacy, civil society building, democratization, development, education, and “up-streaming” prevention efforts that apply peace-building, dialogue, and conflict resolution approaches designed specifically for highly-escalated conflict contexts where mass atrocities seem likely to appear.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>). Applicants to this certificate must submit an undergraduate transcript showing completion of an undergraduate degree or equivalent, a cover letter specifying interest in the program, two letters of recommendation, and a curriculum vitae or résumé indicating relevant work experience.

In addition, prior work experience in areas related to the chosen graduate certificate is desirable. GRE or other standardized test scores are not required but may be submitted. The TOEFL is required of international students. For more information, see Admission of International Students (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/international-students/>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Class Schedule

Please note that some classes for this graduate certificate are offered only in Saturday and Sunday sessions. Please check the Schedule of Classes for each term to identify course meeting dates, and specific add/drop dates for these partial semester courses.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
CONF 501	Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3
CONF 625	Engaging Conflict	3
CONF 654	Mass Atrocity: Early Warning and Prevention	3
Select two courses from the following:		6
CONF 706	Ethics and Conflict	
CONF 707	Gender and Violence	
CONF 708	Identity and Conflict	
CONF 721	Conflict and Race	
CONF 733	Law and Justice from a Conflict Perspective	
CONF 751	Dynamics of Civil Wars	
Total Credits		15