The Schar School of Policy and Government offers certificates in conjunction with its master’s programs. Students already pursuing a master’s degree in the school may, in most cases, after admission to a certificate, earn an additional six credits (two courses) in Schar to receive a certificate in addition to the master’s degree.

The graduate certificate in emergency management and homeland security may only be pursued on a part-time basis.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Graduate Admission Policies section of this catalog. Participants must be admitted to a certificate program. Admission requirements are the same as those for the master’s programs and may be found on the Schar admissions web site (http://spgia.gmu.edu/admissions).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Termination from Program

Students admitted to a Schar program will be terminated from the program upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in the school. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. See the Academic Policies section of the catalog for additional policies pertaining to graduate students.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

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