The Schar School offers certificate programs 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 program, earn an additional six credits (two courses) in Schar to receive a certificate in addition to the master’s degree.

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

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Requirements

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

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 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. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see Graduate Policies.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

Required Core

PUBP 500  Theory and Practice in Public Policy  3

Total Credits  3

Electives

Select 12 credits from the following courses as well as any other PUBP or ITRN course approved by the academic advisor: 1

- PUBP 650  International Conflict and Crisis Response
- PUBP 651  Peace and Stabilization Operations
- PUBP 710  Topics in Public Policy
- PUBP 743  National Security Management and Policy
- PUBP 750  History of Military Operations Other than War
- PUBP 751  International Police Operations
- PUBP 755  National Security Decision-Making Policy
- ITRN 701  Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy
- ITRN 756  National Security and the Global Economy

Total Credits  12

1 One of the four electives must have an international focus