

GLOBAL INFORMATION OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE

Vision Statement

The certificate in global information operations is a program designed to meet the need for a broad-based, interdisciplinary understanding of international cultures and related issues in today's global society by graduate students, active-duty military and civilian professionals working in the fields of public service, national security, defense policy and intelligence analysis. The program seeks to satisfy varying academic, career, and professional post graduate goals of traditional and non-traditional students that prepare them for their responsibility as active citizens through leadership, participation and employment in diverse environments throughout the nation and the world. At this point in time, this certificate is not offered for online students.

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Program Website (<http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/political-science/academics/graduate-programs/>)

Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

Program-Specific Requirements

Application Deadlines (Spring 2025, Summer 2025, and Fall 2025)

- Fall: Review begins February 15
- Spring: Review begins October 1
- Summer: Review begins April 15

Note: Applications will be received and reviewed until the term begins.

Other Requirements

For students applying to, or who are a current MS-PSCI student in good standing:

- Minimum of 3.0 GPA

For students applying for this certificate as a stand-alone program:

- Baccalaureate degree or previous master's degree with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Nine credit hours in relevant fields is preferred. Students without the necessary background may be admitted on a provisional basis and be required to take prerequisite courses before starting graduate work. Students must earn a grade of B or above in each of these courses.
- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, **OR** a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a pre-determined country on the waiver list (<https://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), must meet the minimum

language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.

- Internet-based TOEFL: 80 (with no sub-score under 15), IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 53, Duolingo: 110
- Passing with a minimum score does not guarantee admission into the program.
- **Statement of Purpose:** The personal statement should be 1-2 pages and address why you are seeking admission to this program, how your academic/professional experiences will contribute to your success in the program and how the program will contribute to your future academic/professional ambitions.
- **Professional Resume**
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from a former professor (preferred), supervisor, or other professional contact who can speak to one's academic potential in a graduate program. If applicants have recently graduated from UNO, it is expected that one of the letters will be from a UNO political science faculty member. It is preferred that applicants use their references' institutional (.edu) or professional email.
- GRE scores are not required for admission, but students are welcome to include them.

Degree Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|-----------|
| Required Courses | | 9 |
| CSCI/CYBR 8366 | PRINCIPLES OF SECURE SYSTEM DESIGN | |
| PSCI 8256 | INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ¹ | |
| RELI 8900 | READINGS IN RELIGION | |
| Select 3 hours from the following: | | 3 |
| ISQA 8420 | MANAGING THE I.S. FUNCTION | |
| ISQA 8380 | ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE AND SYSTEMS INTEGRATION | |
| ISQA/CYBR 8570 | INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY AND ETHICS | |
| PSCI 8200 | SEMINAR IN FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY | |
| PSCI 8250 | SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

Note: Students who took undergraduate courses at UNO may not take cross-listed courses they took at the 3000-4000 level at the 8000 level.

Students may be required to take prerequisite courses before their ISQA, CYBR, PSCI, and/or RELI graduate courses. Such requirements are to be determined by the specific department in question.

Exit Requirements

Students must earn a 3.0 GPA to graduate with this certificate.

Academic Progress Policy

Students may be dismissed from the program after:

1. Not enrolling and/or successfully completing a course after two consecutive years.
2. Earning two or more W grades.
3. Earning more than one grade of C+ or below even if GPA is a 3.0 or above.

Under extenuating circumstances, students may apply for a waiver through the GPC. If a waiver is granted, students may be updated to the most recent catalog year.

Students who do not successfully complete a course during their admit term, or allowed deferment time, will be dismissed from the program.

Students may reapply to the program if dismissed for inactivity.