

TERRORISM ANALYSIS (Z039)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is dedicated to training and mentoring a new generation of scholars and analysts capable of examining questions related to the behavior of terrorists and terrorist groups and to the issue of how societies can best prepare for dealing with a terrorist threat or responding to a terrorist attack. START's Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis provides participants with advanced education on the causes, dynamics and impacts of international and domestic terrorism. Participants also develop the methodological skills necessary to pursue advanced research on and analysis of terrorism. The program consists of four required courses. Each course is offered once per calendar year, in an online, synchronous learning environment. The program can be completed in as little as 12 months to 24 months.

The program is appropriate for individuals interested in (and/or currently) working in fields related to intelligence analysis, homeland security analysis, or analysis of other relevant topic areas; and individuals interested in (and/or currently) conducting scholarly research on terrorism and responses to terrorism. To request a virtual information packet, set up a virtual information appointment, or receive information about an upcoming information session: please contact the Education team at education-start@umd.edu.

Financial Assistance

START does not currently provide financial assistance to Graduate Certificate students.

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Courses: BSST

ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/education/z069/>))

Program-Specific Requirements

- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (optional)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)

***Visa Eligibility:** This program is not eligible for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance by the University of Maryland.

Eligible applicants must have earned a 4-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited U.S. institution, or an equivalent degree at a foreign university. A 3.0 GPA is preferred, but experience may substitute. GRE scores are not required. All applications must be submitted via the online application available at: www.gradschool.umd.edu/gss/admission.html (<http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/gss/admission.html>). All application materials must be received by the deadlines as described below.

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	August 7, 2026	January 6, 2026	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	August 7, 2026	January 6, 2026	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: <http://www.start.umd.edu>

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Terrorism Analysis, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/terrorism-analysis-z039/terrorism-analysis-pbc/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

The START Consortium at the University of Maryland has pulled from its extensive experience in the field of terrorism research and analysis in order to formulate the Graduate Certificate curriculum. Students are drawn from the academic and professional worlds, which brings a range of perspectives to the virtual classroom. Its goal is to provide a well rounded and sophisticated approach to the subject matter and to cultivate a stimulating learning environment.