

- Field of study:** **ASIAN STUDIES** (*certificate only*)
- Credential offered:** Graduate Certificate
- Location:** Main campus (Foggy Bottom)
- Admission deadlines:** **Fall** – February 1  
**Spring** – October 1
- Recommendations required:** Two (2) recommendations
- Prior academic records:** Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes.
- If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided; translations alone will not be accepted.
- Statement of purpose:** In an essay of approximately 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School of International Affairs. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, and how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals. Please be specific.
- Additional requirements:** Applicants must:
- Be currently enrolled in a graduate program at The George Washington University or another university; or
  - Already possess an advanced degree at or above the master's level; or
  - Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum of eight years of professional work experience
- International applicants only:** Please review [International Applicant Information](#) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.
- PLEASE NOTE that Elliott School programs require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:
- Academic IETLS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0; or
  - TOEFL: 600 on paper-based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 on Internet-based

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**Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

Office of Graduate Admissions  
The Elliott School of International Affairs  
The George Washington University  
1957 E Street, NW, Suite 301 ~ Washington, DC 20052

**Contact for questions:**

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