

- Field of study:** MIDDLE EAST STUDIES
- Credential offered:** Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Location:** Main campus (Foggy Bottom)
- Admission deadline\*:** **Fall** – February 1 (application submitted after this date will be reviewed on a space available basis only)
- Standardized test scores:** GRE general test (institutional code 5246)
- Recommendations required:** Three (3) letters of recommendations, preferably from professors. Applicants who have been out of school for several years may send recommendations from supervisors or employers.
- 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:** A resumé or curriculum vitae should be included with the application. A background in a modern Middle Eastern foreign language is recommended, as students must prove proficiency prior to graduation.
- 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 6.5; or
  - TOEFL: 600 on paper-based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 on Internet-based

\* To be considered for fellowship support, applications must be submitted by January 15.

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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  
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Washington, DC 20052

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