What Students Can Expect in Each Seminar

- Each semester consists of 2 seminars taken sequentially. Each seminar lasts approximately 11 weeks.

- An average student can expect to spend approximately 20 hours per week on required readings and additional course materials, lecture response discussions, and preparing papers. It is recommended that you login in to the seminar to participate in discussion groups at least 5 times over the course of each week. Students who must receive an “A” grade in every seminar will undoubtedly work longer hours each week.

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- There are no set days or times for discussion group participation. We use asynchronous threaded discussion groups. However posting early and often in the week is required for full marks. You will have 24/7 access.

- Seminars/Lectures and support materials will be posted online. You can access the material at your convenience. Online access to the library is available anytime.

- At the start of each week, the instructor will post discussion question(s). Some instructors will post two or more at the start of a week, while others might post one and then a second or third as the week moves on. You will be expected to submit, for online discussion, a number of short written responses (1/2 page) throughout each week of the seminar. The first post to the discussion question should be detailed and supported by reference to the readings and other documentation. Subsequent posts can be shorter. You will also be expected to discuss issues and responses with other discussion group members. The response(s) and discussion(s) form the framework of your group’s interaction and account for a percentage of your mark.

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I chose the Master of Arts in Diplomacy Program at Norwich University because I work in international relations and wanted a graduate degree program applicable to my career. Norwich provided the answer with a degree program online that is both credible and part of a well-established university. - Kyle King, MDY Alumnus
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- You should post your first discussion response **EARLY** in the week, usually no later than Tuesday. Do NOT wait until the end of the week (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) as this will incur **penalties** on your grade.

- Approximately 3 short (5-10 pages) papers will be required. This generally works out to 1 paper every 2-3 weeks.

- Usually a final research paper (15-20 pages) is also required for each seminar.

- There is usually a two week break between seminars.

- All students will write a proctored, comprehensive exam in the last semester. This is usually done in the break between Seminars 5 and 6.

- Students can apply to do the “Thesis Track”. Details can be obtained from the Program’s Administrative Director.

**Additional notes:**

- Students are encouraged to craft assignments and papers with an eye to areas of specific personal or professional interest(s) within the framework of each seminar. (For example, for the International Law Seminar, if your key interest is war crimes, you may wish to address this specific topic in your final paper)

- Students must make a decision regarding their choice of a concentration by the end of the first semester (in the first few weeks of their second seminar).

- You will have complete access to your seminar Professors via phone and email. Feel free to contact your Professor for guidance or to address any questions or concerns.

- You will also have phone/email access to our Program Assistants (program/student support staff), for all administrative issues/concerns.

- If the issue is with the learning platform (classroom access, etc.) then you must contact Embanet-Compass (technical support for the classroom) directly via their toll free number, found in the online classroom.