A Strong Graduate School Application Starts with Intentionality

Applying to an international affairs graduate program is, in some ways, an exercise in self-awareness. Admissions committees are trying to understand the whole person, from strengths and skills to what the desired next stage of the applicant’s career is and how the particular school and program will help them achieve this goal. Strong applications, including accompanying recommendation letters, will dig in deep and articulate this well.

“Our most compelling candidates know our commitment to service, and they’re intentional in telling a meaningful story about their interests,” says Jia Jiang, senior director of graduate enrollment management at American University. “It’s the mindset they bring to the application process that makes them different.”

As graduate schools take a more tailored approach to education, they are seeking students who are eager and able to leverage their unique offerings beyond the curriculum. That might include the program’s location, the opportunities it provides for interdisciplinary collaboration, or its distinguished faculty, invited lecturers, and relationships with agencies and organizations.

In this special FP Guide, university leaders discuss degree program differentiators and offer insight into admissions considerations.
The student population at George Mason University’s Schar School of Policy and Government is extraordinarily diverse across work experience, education, age, and interests. This is a result of the school’s holistic approach to reviewing potential students, which includes prioritizing individuality in a well-articulated goals statement and through strong recommendation letters.

“It’s okay to come into our international affairs and public policy programs without prior relevant work or educational experience,” explains Kristina Bonfiglio, director of graduate recruitment and admissions at Schar School. “Show us who you are and what you bring to the table, because we value that diversity in the classroom.”

Her advice to prospective candidates: Research the school’s programs and spend time demonstrating how your background and future goals align with a specific program. Bonfiglio also suggests sharing your goals with those who write your recommendation letters. “Talk to them about the schools or programs you’re applying to and why it’s of interest so that this person can articulate that, tangential to your experience with them and their recommendation, to help round out your profile.”

The dedicated career-advising staff assists students with résumé-writing, networking events, internship and career opportunities, and skill-building career-development workshops and webinars. Likewise, students benefit from the school’s long list of established relationships with major employers in the Washington, DC, area, including government agencies.

A 2020/2021 survey of Master of Public Policy graduates shows a median salary of $97,000; 90 percent had employment related to their career goals; and 86 percent of all program graduates had confirmed post-graduate plans, such as a job or further education.
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–Dr. Chiedo Nwankwor, Vice Dean for Education and Academic Affairs, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

As one of the country’s preeminent international relations graduate schools, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) prides itself on innovative thinking, an analytical approach, and policy expertise. Because the school sets such high standards for the quality of education it offers students, its admissions committee is looking for applicants who can match the school’s ambition to remain at the forefront of global policy shaping and policy making.

Dr. Chiedo Nwankwor, the school’s new vice dean for education and academic affairs, is quick to point out, however, that the school takes a holistic approach when reviewing potential applicants. “We need variety in the room if we’re going to achieve significant solutions for increasingly complex issues, so we’re not just looking at academic metrics,” she says.

While backgrounds, experiences, and career paths vary widely, the student body shares a core trait: an eagerness to learn. Applicants must demonstrate a passion for international relations and a propensity for thriving in collaborative environments. “We want to see a good dose of intellectual curiosity, appreciation for the complexity of the global political landscape. The school has also added a new, cutting-edge degree—the MA in Strategy, Cybersecurity, and Intelligence—to its catalog of degree programs geared toward mid-career professionals.

She also points out that the school has made considerable efforts to increase financial aid offerings, using both merit and need-based criteria.

Johns Hopkins SAIS’s flagship degree, the MA in International Relations (MAIR), has recently undergone restructuring, with a curriculum now emphasizing policy relevance, international relations and economics, and regional and language studies to address the evolving realities of the global political landscape. The school has also added a new, cutting-edge degree—the MA in Strategy, Cybersecurity, and Intelligence—to its catalog of degree programs geared toward mid-career professionals.

Graduate Degree Program Options
• MA in International Relations (Washington, DC; Bologna, Italy)
• Master of International Public Policy (Washington, DC; Bologna, Italy)
• MA in International Economics and Finance (Washington, DC)
• MA in International Affairs and Economics (Washington, DC)
• MA in Strategy, Cybersecurity, and Intelligence (Washington, DC)
• MA in Global Policy (Washington, DC)
• MA in European Public Policy (Bologna, Italy)
• MA in Global Risk (online; Bologna, Italy)
• MA in International Affairs (Bologna, Italy)
• MA in International Studies (Nanjing, China)
• MA in Sustainable Energy (online)

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Early Notification: November 1, 2022
Regular Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships:
• January 7, 2023, for all programs except the two below
• February 1, 2023, for Master of International Public Policy and MA in Global Policy

Standardized Exam Scores: GRE and GMAT optional. For non-native English speakers: TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge English.

Recommendation Letters: Two are required. Recommendations should be written by academic and professional colleagues, such as professors and work supervisors.

Application Checklist: Visit https://sais.jhu.edu/admissions-aid/master-degrees-admissions, scroll down to see campus degrees and programs, and click on the master’s degree of interest.

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At Yale, a new chapter has begun in its renowned global affairs program. In July, the program became its own school, called the Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs. Its mission is to train and equip a new generation of leaders to devise thoughtful, evidence-based solutions to challenging global problems.

“This is a big deal with a lot of fanfare,” says Asha Rangappa, assistant dean in the Office of Admissions. “It is the first independent professional school that Yale has opened since 1976, when the Yale School of Management opened.”

The transition is expected to enhance the student experience, while retaining aspects that make the school stand out from its peers. It is a small program—enrolling about 35 students per class in its Master in Public Policy in Global Affairs (MPP) program—and it offers flexibility to access other departments and schools at Yale. “This expands the resources that go to students,” Rangappa explains. “We’ll be hiring more faculty in many different disciplines, which will expand the course options for students within Jackson. We’re also going to be expanding our physical footprint on campus over the next few years.”

The reason for the change, Rangappa notes, is to strengthen the recognition of the “increasing number of interdisciplinary global problems requiring policy solutions that approach issues from a number of different angles.” The goal, she says, is to give students the academic knowledge and practical policy skills to develop and execute solutions to these global problems, whether it is climate change, global health, the rise of authoritarianism around the globe, or other urgent concerns.

Jackson’s transition to a stand-alone professional school follows a move by Yale this past year to begin offering the MPP degree. These two changes help elevate Yale to the top tier of global affairs in academia, Rangappa says.

**Dean’s Vision for New School Focuses on Breaking Silos**

Opening a new global policy school at Yale helps recognize the dean’s vision of breaking the arbitrary boundaries across disciplines in addressing the world’s most pressing problems. The school has revamped its first-year curriculum to look at modern challenges through the lens of history, using the tools of economics, data science, and comparative politics to find cross-disciplinary solutions. Jackson also plans to bridge theory and practice by broadening its related centers and programs, making Jackson the epicenter of global activity on campus. For example, the Jackson School recently brought a new research hub, the International Security Studies program, under its umbrella, dedicated to bringing together scholars and practitioners in international history, grand strategy, and global security.

“Jackson brings a new approach to policy by organizing the school around problems, rather than traditional academic departments,” says inaugural Jackson School Dean Jim Levinsohn. “Our students leverage the knowledge of the best academic faculty across campus and the experience of the top international practitioners around the world.”

**Graduate Degree Program Options**

- Master in Public Policy (MPP) in Global Affairs: two-year program
- Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Global Affairs: one-year program for mid-career professionals
- The Jackson School also awards joint degrees in public health, law, business, and environmental studies.

**Deadlines for Fall 2023**

Application: January 2, 2023
Those who apply by December 1, 2022, do not have to pay the $75 application fee.
Financial Aid/Scholarships: January 2, 2023

**Standardized Exam Scores:** A GRE is required for the MPP, but not the MAS application.

**Recommendation Letters:** Three letters are required; it is recommended that students submit two academic and one professional reference.

**Application Checklist:**
https://jackson.yale.edu/admissions/mpp/application-process
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Passion, a global point of view, and past professional experience top the list of admissions criteria for the 2023–2024 school year at Arizona State University’s Thunderbird School of Global Management.

“We suggest applicants take their time in writing an application essay that allows Thunderbird’s admissions committee to understand what they can bring to their cohort,” says Sanjeev Khagram, director general and dean of the Thunderbird School.

The school was founded in the wake of World War II by Thunderbird Air Force pilots, who believed there was a better way to achieve peace. In the spirit of that mission, the school focuses on finding solutions for today’s global challenges to create a more peaceful world.

“Something we say all the time to our students is that ‘borders frequented by trade and diplomacy seldom need soldiers,’” says Khagram. “Given the state of things in Afghanistan, we can see this impact, or lack thereof, unfolding in real time.”

Khagram, himself a refugee from Uganda, says that the Thunderbird School values working with professionals who have a true dedication to public service, conflict resolution, and education for the vulnerable.

At the Thunderbird School, it’s not about focusing on high salaries and impressive titles. It’s about passion, and we’re looking for students who feel the same,” he says.

Given the ongoing pandemic, Thunderbird is working more closely with fall 2022 applicants, Khagram says.

Graduate Degree Program Options
- Master of Leadership and Management (online)
- Master of Global Management (Phoenix and Accelerated 4+1 Phoenix)
- Executive MA in Global Affairs and Management (Washington, DC)
- Executive Master of Global Management (Arizona)
- Executive Master of Global Management: Space Leadership, Business, and Policy (Phoenix)

Application Deadlines
August 2023 start, applies to: Master of Global Management; Executive Master of Global Management; Executive MA in Global Affairs and Management
Early consideration deadline: October 30, 2022
International student deadline: March 30, 2023
Final deadline: June 30, 2023

January 2024 start, applies to: Master of Global Management; Executive Master of Global Management: Space Leadership, Business, and Policy
Early Consideration Deadline: June 30, 2023
International Student Deadline: October 30, 2023
Final Deadline: November 30, 2023

Master of Leadership & Management (online)
Application Deadline: 3 weeks prior to class start

Standardized Exam Scores: GRE or GMAT required. Waivers offered to qualified applicants based on years of prior work experience and GPA. Non-native English speakers may be required to take pre-degree English instruction to meet the needed level of proficiency.

Recommendation Letters: For most programs, at least one professional or academic reference, preferably from individuals with direct and recent knowledge of the applicant’s performance and potential.

Application Checklist: https://thunderbird.asu.edu

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Rice University’s School of Social Sciences takes personalized education to a level seen at very few graduate schools. The proof is in the numbers: only 20-25 students are admitted to the Master of Global Affairs program each year. “We purposely keep it small,” says Mark P. Jones, the program’s faculty director and a professor in the Department of Political Science. “It’s very much in the model of Rice. Rice is small, personal, and private. So when you put all those things together, you have a university that’s focused on the person as an individual and a program that’s tailor-made for each individual student.”

That is only one factor that makes Rice’s two-year program unique. Every cohort is a mixture of mid-career professionals—including some in the military—and students coming fresh from undergraduate studies. Many are foreign nationals. Students of color are a majority in every cohort.

Jones says that work or internship experience can help with admissions, but the primary mark of successful applicants is “a drive to improve themselves.”

Another unique element of the program is a focus on real-world application. The Master of Global Affairs program is taught jointly by the university’s School of Social Sciences and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice’s world-renowned on-campus think tank. The result is a focus on applied knowledge.

Students are required to complete a capstone research project in their second year, as well as an internship. While many do so in Texas, where the school is located, others go abroad. “They are not just learning for learning’s sake,” Jones says. “They’re learning to apply their studies to the world of action.”

**A World-Class Think Tank, Right on Campus**

Rice University’s James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy is a nonpartisan think tank. It was established by James A. Baker III, former Treasury Secretary, US Secretary of State, and White House Chief of Staff, after he left public service in 1993. In the University of Pennsylvania’s most recent think tank report, the Baker Institute ranked first among all university-affiliated think tanks in the world, and its Center for Energy Studies maintained its standing as the top energy and resource policy think tank in the world.

Faculty from the Baker Institute teach one-third of the classes in the Master of Global Affairs program and supervise half of the capstone projects that students complete to graduate, says Jones, who is also a political science fellow at the institute.

“You learn...cutting-edge research on public policy, international relations, and international conflict, but you learn it in a way that is applied to real-world issues,” Jones says. “We apply it to actual elections, actual public policy decisions, and actual business case study scenarios. Our location in the heart of Houston, Texas, is the nexus of international business and the nation’s third-largest consular corps. Students are engaging with global leaders and understanding the immediate impact of international relations around the world.”

**Graduate Degree Program Option**
- Master of Global Affairs

**Deadline for Fall 2023**
Application: February 15, 2023

**Standardized Exam Scores:** The GRE is recommended, but not required. Students with superior quantitative skills as evidenced by prior coursework or relevant work experience do not need to submit GRE scores. (Rice GRE code: 6609)

**Recommendation Letters:** Three letters of recommendation are required.

**Application Checklist:** https://mga.rice.edu/admissions

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Post-graduate success is a top priority for the Keough School of Global Affairs at Notre Dame. As such, the school heavily invests in career preparation and professional development opportunities for its students, offering personal advising, hands-on field training through internships and Integration Lab projects, post-graduate fellowships, and funding opportunities for language, research, and travel.

“The Master of Global Affairs prepares students to address global challenges through multidisciplinary, rigorous professional training and practical fieldwork alongside practitioners and our partners around the world,” says Becca Méndez, the school’s associate director.

A new, $5 million gift to the Keough School this year will be used to further support students in launching a successful career. It will be applied to initiatives such as immersion trips to Washington, DC; paid post-graduate fellowships for up to six months for alumni of the program; and career treks to other cities for professional development and networking opportunities.

Competitive applicants to the Master of Global Affairs program will have a strong academic background and letters of recommendation, ideally two years of professional experience in a global setting, and proficiency in English and a second language, Méndez explains.

Students at the Keough School come from varying backgrounds, identities, and professional career trajectories. “We continue to welcome applicants from around the world and from diverse religious, secular, and philosophical traditions,” Méndez says.

Graduate Degree Program Options
- Master of Global Affairs
- Master of Global Affairs and JD
- Master of Global Affairs and MBA

Each degree offers three concentrations: Sustainable Development, International Peace Studies, and Governance and Policy, with opportunities to specialize.

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Master of Global Affairs:
Application: December 15, 2022
Financial Aid/Scholarships: December 15, 2022

Applicants to the dual-degree MGA/JD and MGA/MBA programs must apply separately to each program, and they will be evaluated independently by each program. For detailed application requirements, see https://keough.nd.edu/mga

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE will not be required for those applying to start the Master of Global Affairs in fall 2023. Non-native English speakers must submit TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores unless they have studied at least two years at a university where instruction is in English.

Recommendation Letters: Three letters of recommendation are required for the Master of Global Affairs. At least one letter should speak to the candidate’s academic ability, and one to their professional abilities. Letters attesting to the applicant’s character are also valued.

Application Checklist: https://keough.nd.edu/apply

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When President Dwight D. Eisenhower broke ground on American University’s School of International Service (SIS) during the Cold War, he charged its faculty, students, and future alumni with a simple mission: Wage peace. Sixty-five years later, that’s still a core part of the school’s DNA.

Today, more than 25,000 SIS alumni work on social justice issues and in public service roles at prominent institutions worldwide, ranging from the US Department of State to non-governmental organizations, to help build a more peaceful global community. Service is not just in the school’s name—it’s central to its spirit.

“Students come to SIS with a great degree of intentionality,” says Jia Jiang, senior director of graduate enrollment management. “They’re not just here to get a degree—they want to do a lot of good for the communities around them, and they’ve done deep research about the program and the school to make sure it’s the right choice for them.”

SIS offers nearly 20 graduate degrees and programs, including dual degrees that enable students to combine coursework, with law or business, for example, to get a complete picture of how global issues intersect. With their graduate experience taking place in Washington, DC, students at SIS have elevated access to sought-after internships and research opportunities.

“This is an interdisciplinary field,” Jiang says. “About 75 percent of our students have a broad range of post-college work experience. There is space for people who didn’t get their undergraduate degrees in social sciences or international relations to come here and do something different. That diversity of experience enriches our classrooms and is core to our mission as global citizens."

### Graduate Degree Program Options

- MA in Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights
- MA in Global Environmental Policy
- MA in Intercultural and International Communication
- MA in International Affairs: Comparative and Regional Studies
- MA in International Affairs: Global Governance, Politics, and Security
- MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- MA in International Affiliates Policy and Analysis
- MA in International Affairs: US Foreign Policy and National Security
- MA in International Development
- MA in International Economic Relations
- MA in International Economic Relations: Quantitative Methods (STEM)
- MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- MA in International Relations (online)
- MS in Development Management
- MS in International Relations and Business (online)
- Executive Master of International Service (on campus or online)
- PhD in International Relations

SIS participates in the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the matching program for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

### Application and Financial Aid/Scholarship Deadlines for Fall 2023:

- Priority deadline for on-campus two-year master’s programs: January 15, 2023
- Priority deadline for on-campus executive master’s program: March 15, 2023
- Priority deadline for online master’s programs: Rolling
- Final deadline for PhD program: December 15, 2022

### Standardized Exam Scores:

- The GRE is not required for master’s applicants, but is required of all PhD applicants. The TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo is required for all non-native English speakers.

### Recommendation Letters:

- Two are required for the master’s programs, and three are required for the PhD program. Ideally, letters should come from individuals who have close knowledge of the applicant’s academic and/or professional work and can elaborate on their past performance and potential to succeed in graduate school.

### Application Checklist:

- https://www.american.edu/sis/admissions/required-materials.cfm

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Students studying at the DC Teaching Site of Texas A&M’s Bush School of Government & Public Service get more than just classroom experience. The school’s focus on national security, defense, and intelligence policy making is greatly enhanced by its location: literally blocks from the institutions where that work is carried out every day.

“When you study that here in Washington, you can go up to Capitol Hill and meet people who are doing it,” says Yuval Weber, a research assistant professor at the Bush School DC. “You can go to a defense contractor if you want to have meetings. That’s really the value of graduate study in Washington.”

The Bush School DC allows students to complete a Master of International Policy degree (MIP), for those with at least four years of experience in the workforce, or a Master of National Security and Intelligence degree (MNSI), for early-career students. Either can be a strong match for applicants who have practical experience, a desire to specialize, and an interest in accelerating their career.

Weber says that many students at the Bush School DC are already passionate about a particular subject area and that their interests vary widely, from arms control to the future of Russia. But there is one commonality among them. “Every single person here, and I say this unironically, is really into the policy process,” Weber says. “On some basic level, everyone here is a politics and government nerd.”

Expanding Student Understanding of the Transatlantic Relationship

Roughly a year before Russia invaded Ukraine, Yuval Weber began to hear about troop movements that foreshadowed the war. As a professor studying international security, political economy and the relationship between Russia and Europe, he was in a perfect position to explain the conflict to students and add valuable context.

“One of the things that I’m starting here at the Bush School is both classes and programming on the transatlantic relationship,” he says. Weber has taught students how to understand Russia’s political culture and security interests. He’s now working on a course that addresses strategy, risk, and foresight in international affairs. “It’s about how to understand what are long-term issues and what are emergencies, and how policy makers effectively deal with both,” he explains.

MNSI students are required to study a language and participate in a capstone project, which pairs students with government agencies or other organizations to dive into an issue and present solutions. “Students get to learn how the government actually thinks about its problems, and then work through it,” Weber says. He adds: “It’s also a semester-long job interview.”

Graduate Degree Program Options
- Master of International Policy (MIP)
- Master of National Security and Intelligence (MNSI)

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Priority Application: February 1, 2023
After the priority deadlines, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the class is filled.
Financial Aid/Scholarships: February 1, 2023

Standardized Exam Scores: GRE is not required.
Recommendation Letters: Mid-career MIP students submit letters of recommendation from employers, mentors, and colleagues. MNSI students are encouraged to submit letters of recommendation from faculty members, internship sponsors, and employers.
Application Checklist: http://bush.tamu.edu/dc

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Texas A&M University has opened a new teaching site in Washington, DC featuring the Bush School of Government and Public Service, a graduate program founded by the nation’s 41st president. The Bush School DC offers a Master of National Security and Intelligence and a Master of International Policy.

The Bush School DC is a state-of-the-art facility located in downtown DC within several blocks of the White House and other key government buildings.

**ACADEMIC FOCUS**

Both the Master of National Security and Intelligence (NSI) and the Master of International Policy (MIP) aim to strengthen students’ ability to understand complex issues through rigorous coursework. Well-published scholars and seasoned practitioners from federal agencies lead in-depth classroom discussions, collaborate on research, and mentor students in and out of the classroom. The programs seek to expand students’ worldview and prepare them to advance their careers in national security, intelligence and international affairs.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Courses offered in the evenings
- Ideal location in downtown DC
- Small class sizes
- Highly qualified faculty of academics and practitioners

- **MIP Degree:** 30-credit no thesis degree designed for working professionals
- **NSI degree:** 42-credit degree for recent college graduates and early career professionals.

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**I chose the Bush School DC for my master’s degree because I wanted a high-quality education while advancing my career in the nation’s capital.**

—Erika, Department of Homeland Security

**I chose the Bush School in DC to learn from distinguished national security policy makers including CIA analysts and experts from DOD and the State Department.**

—Fabio, Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers
With its “Do Something That Matters” tagline and location in a dynamic, global city, the University of Miami’s MA in International Administration (MAIA) program seeks students who have the determination to tackle the large-scale crises that confront our world.

“We live in an environment of constant, intersecting crises, so we look for students with the potential to become what we think of as international civil servants who are equipped to manage crises that involve public health, natural disasters, and human-generated violence,” says Bradford R. McGuinn, director of the MAIA program.

McGuinn encourages applicants to submit personal statements that are “well-crafted stories” of their experience, academic interests and activities, and volunteer work. “Take yourself out of yourself and ask how you can use your time and talents for the betterment of others.”

The MAIA program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares students for careers in the administration of public and private organizations in the United States and abroad. Students take core courses in various aspects of international affairs that include economics, global health, migration, and geopolitics. Many courses include tabletop exercises designed by practitioners that put theory and research into practice—an important component of the program.

McGuinn’s “Disaster Response and Humanitarian Intervention” course includes a tabletop exercise designed by a security expert who has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It requires students to assume different roles and responsibilities in the management of a flood, tornado, or other natural disaster.

Maryann Tatum Tobin, assistant dean for professional education, encourages applicants to be open-minded about the possibilities of an MAIA degree. “No matter where you work, you will address issues of security, sustainability, resilience, and recovery,” she says. “These are themes applicable to any profession—not just international relations.”

Intelligence Expert to Join MAIA Faculty

This fall, MAIA students have the opportunity to study with leading East Asia expert Katrin Fraser Katz, a former director for Japan, Korea, and oceanic affairs at the National Security Council. As a scholar-in-residence, Katz will teach the “Intelligence and National Security” course and share her expertise in the interplay of cooperation and conflict in East Asia’s political, economic, and security dynamics. Previously, Katz served as a special assistant at the US Department of State and an analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Graduate Degree Program Options

- MA in International Administration (MAIA)
- Graduate Certificate in Security Management
- MA in International Administration with a Graduate Certificate in Security Management
- MA in International Administration with a Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Technology
- Dual MA in International Administration/Master of Public Health
- Dual MA in International Administration/Master of Public Administration

Deadlines for Fall 2023

- Application: May 15, 2023
- Financial Aid/Scholarships: May 15, 2023
- Coverdell, Rangel, Payne, and Pickering Fellows must adhere to the deadline of those organizations as well.

For International Applicants: TOEFL or IELTS is required for all international students in order to demonstrate sufficient English competency.

Recommendation Letters: Three letters of recommendation are required. Two letters should be from a professor/faculty member. One letter should be from an employer, colleague, or other professional source.

Application Checklist:

https://maia.as.miami.edu/admission/requirements/index.html

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- International Crime & Justice
- Risk Communications

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What distinguishes the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) is that public service is central to everything it does. “Service leads our admissions process and everything we do at SPIA,” says Director of Graduate Admissions Steven F. Petric. “A demonstrated commitment to service is the single biggest thing we look for in prospective students.”

“Our graduates are leaders and agents of change in all aspects of the public policy arena,” Petric advises potential applicants. “We know that the best applicants do not all come from the same place. We care about the composition of our community.”

SPIA is committed to training policy professionals who will address the world’s most pressing policy challenges—today and tomorrow. The school offers a Master in Public Affairs (two years) and a mid-career Master in Public Policy (one year), both of which allow students to choose among four fields of concentration and three optional certificate programs.

Under the charge of Dean Amaney Jamal, SPIA is focused on enhancing its global footprint, elevating its position in policy making in the U.S. and around the world, and on utilizing innovations in the data sciences for effective public policy. The school is proud that its faculty, staff, and students develop and lead creative approaches to the challenges of public and international affairs.

To that end, SPIA offers a unique benefit: the school pays the full cost of tuition and health insurance for every admitted student. A generous stipend to cover living expenses also is available to all. This practice helps make Princeton SPIA financially accessible to students from all communities. “We work very hard to provide financial packages that ensure students can focus on their studies while at SPIA and on their public service careers after graduation,” Petric says.

Prioritizing Diversity

SPIA values diverse backgrounds and lived experiences in its applicants—individuals who demonstrate a commitment to succeed in their careers despite personal or professional challenges or financial barriers.

“Our holistic approach to admissions considers multiple indicators of success beyond those measured on a transcript, to include creativity, tenacity, and perseverance,” Petric says. “Some first-generation or lower-income students, for example, don’t think that Princeton is a place for them. We want them to know we are committed to supporting all students.”

Graduate Degree Program Options
- Master in Public Affairs
- Master in Public Policy (for mid-career professionals)
- PhD in Public Affairs

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Application: December 15, 2022
Financial Aid/Scholarships: Princeton has one application deadline and one admissions cycle. All admitted students receive full financial support for tuition and required fees.

Standardized Exam Scores: The GRE is required for the MPA. The MPP and PhD programs are test-optional.
Recommendation Letters: Three recommendation letters are required.
Application Checklist: https://spia.princeton.edu/graduate-admissions

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The interdisciplinary programs at The Fletcher School at Tufts University are a major draw for applicants considering careers in global affairs. The highly customizable degrees enable students to forge their own unique paths across disciplines and sectors with an extensive selection of classes that span an array of interest areas, including business, economics and development, climate and sustainability, diplomacy, gender, cybersecurity and technology, law and governance, and security and risk.

“There are so many ways to curate your degree and not only at Fletcher,” says Yaritza Peña, associate director at the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. “Students can also cross-register at Harvard and at all the Tufts graduate schools to build a one- or two-year degree program. From study abroad to a dual degree, it’s incredibly flexible.”

The school looks for applicants who demonstrate a strong and clear narrative about their goals, as well as the school’s role in them. “We want applicants to connect the dots and show us how the school and its community will get them to the places they want to be,” she says.

While prior professional experience is encouraged in most programs, the admissions committee is mindful of the pandemic’s impact on applicants’ work history. “We understand that people’s work experiences look different now,” says Peña.

“We believe students know what’s best for themselves when seeking a graduate education, and we give them the space to pursue it. Our curriculum allows students to tailor their graduate experience to serve their individual needs and interests within a supportive, intellectual, and inclusive community of scholars and professionals.”

–Yaritza Peña, Associate Director, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, The Fletcher School at Tufts University

Graduate Degree Program Options
- MA in Law and Diplomacy (MALD)
- Master in Global Affairs (MGA)
- Master of International Business (MIB)
- Master of Global Business Administration (GBA)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Laws in International Law (LLM)
- Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP)
- MS in Cybersecurity and Public Policy (CSPP)
- MA in Humanitarian Affairs (MAHA)
- MA in Transatlantic Affairs (MATA)
- PhD in International Relations

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Early Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships: November 10, 2022
Regular Application and Financial Aid/Scholarships: January 10, 2023

Standardized Exam Scores: Standardized test scores are optional.

Recommendation Letters: Two recommendations are required, with a third optional. One academic and one professional reference is recommended, though candidates should choose recommenders who know them well and can speak to their qualifications in some detail.

Application Checklist: https://fletcher.tufts.edu/admissions/how-apply

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BROAD STUDENT BODY BRINGS CURIOSITY AND ENGAGEMENT TO PROGRAMS

Based at Canada’s top-ranked university, the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy offers students access to expert faculty, a cosmopolitan city, and a wide range of diverse perspectives.

Prospective students can choose between the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program and the Master of Global Affairs (MGA) program, or apply to earn a dual degree from the Munk School and the London School of Economics, Sciences Po in Paris, or the Hertie School in Berlin.

Through a summer internship, a “January semester” dedicated to professional development, and Student Leadership Initiatives (SLI), students build their network and gain valuable work experience. The Munk School’s fellows mentorship program offers one-on-one mentoring with diplomats, politicians, and senior leaders from government, nonprofits, and the private sector.

At the Munk School, students discuss the pressing issues that shape our world, including cybersecurity, innovation, the changing world order, and the future of democracy. Whether they’re asking questions at an interactive event with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, interviewing policy makers on the student-run “Beyond the Headlines” podcast, or discussing digital surveillance with Citizen Lab founder Ron Deibert, Munk School students have a front-row seat to the conversations that shape our world.

“At the Munk School, it isn’t just about the classrooms; it is a rich experience. You have unique opportunities to engage with student peers, staff, faculty, and fellows who are passionate about ideas and solutions to address all sorts of challenges, local and global.”

–Moussa Blimpo, former Senior Economist at World Bank and Assistant Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto

Students Gain Practical Experience During Global Internships

When Munk School students break for the summer after their first year, the learning goes global. Even during the worst of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, the school had a 100 percent placement rate in summer internships, which are for-credit and required.

A dedicated staff member helps with applications to multilateral organizations, think tanks, private sector companies, nonprofits, and government agencies. Some recent placements have been with government agencies, United Nations agencies, and the professional services company KPMG. Locations are varied, too. The International Organization for Migration, for instance, placed students in Geneva and Cairo, among other cities.

“At the Munk School, we are looking for students who are creative, who think differently, are deeply engaged with the world and want to have an impact on it,” says Kristen Ligers, director of programs at the Munk School. “Our programs are designed to equip students with the tools to make real-world decisions and become leaders in their chosen field.”

Graduate Degree Program Options

• Master of Global Affairs (MGA)
• Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The Munk School also offers dual and cooperative degree programs with partner institutions.

Deadlines for Fall 2023

Priority Application: January 25, 2023
Final Application: For MPP, January 25, 2023. For MGA, April 1, 2023
Financial Aid/Scholarships: January 25, 2023

Standardized Exam Scores: None are required for MGA applicants. MPP students who received their undergraduate degree outside of Canada must submit GRE scores.

Recommendation Letters: Two are required. They are often most effective coming from past professors who can speak to a student’s strengths and passion for the subject.

Application Checklist:

MGA: https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/mga/admissions
MPP: https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/munk-programs/masters-programs/masters-of-public-policy

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The Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies prepares its graduates with advanced knowledge of at least one world language as well as multidisciplinary expertise in either international affairs or a strategic world region.

One of the largest international affairs schools in the country, the Hamilton Lugar School leads the United States in Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships, with more than 80 languages offered at the school and across Indiana University. The prestigious US Department of Education-funded FLAS fellowships carry generous stipends and tuition benefits and support the development of cultural fluency and global expertise in nearly every area of the world, including Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Russia and Central Asia.

With 66 pathways at the Hamilton Lugar School, including master's degrees, certificates, PhD programs, and dual-degree options with professional schools, students have the opportunity to create their own path.

Training the next generation of leaders committed to global engagement is the central aim of the school, named for former Rep. Lee H. Hamilton and the late Sen. Richard G. Lugar.

In making our admissions decisions, we look for intellectually curious leaders who are passionate about world languages, regional cultures, and global engagement, and are seeking a unique opportunity to develop deep expertise in their chosen field.”

–Shruti Rana, Senior Assistant Dean for Curricular and Undergraduate Affairs, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University

Graduate Degree Program Options

Master's Degrees:
- African Studies, MA
- Central Eurasian Studies, MA
- Chinese, MA
- East Asian Studies, MA
- European Studies, MA
- International Affairs, MA
- International Studies, MA, MS
- Japanese, MA
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies, MA
- Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, MA
- Russian and East European Studies, MA

Doctoral Degrees:
- Central Eurasian Studies, PhD
- Chinese, PhD
- Japanese, PhD
- Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures, PhD

Deadlines for Fall 2023
Application Deadline: December 1, 2022*
*Deadline varies by program. Visit the school’s website for details.

Standardized Exam Scores: GRE requirements vary by each program. The TOEFL/IELTS is required for non-native English speakers.

Recommendation Letters: Three are required.

Application: https://hls.indiana.edu/graduate

Gain Mastery in Languages and Area Studies

The Hamilton Lugar School’s MA and MS degrees in International Studies prepare students for careers of international scope in the public and private sectors. International Studies students develop social awareness, foreign language competency, quantitative skills, and deep knowledge of critical world issues. Graduates also pursue academic and research-oriented careers. In addition, the Hamilton Lugar School offers an MA in 11 specific area studies programs to gain mastery of languages and areas critical to the U.S. government. Graduates of the MA in Russian and East European Studies program, for example, become intelligence and foreign area officers for the U.S. military, hold key positions in the State Department and FBI, serve on congressional staffs, and are employed by global consultancies, companies, and think tanks.

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“Students graduate as emerging leaders and experts in their areas of study, with a remarkable depth of knowledge and experience in some of the most sought-after fields. Our graduates are among the top recipients of Boren Awards and other government fellowships, including Fulbrights. They hold positions in foreign, defense, and intelligence policy, and play leading roles at nongovernmental organizations, research organizations, and in the private sector,” says Shruti Rana, senior assistant dean for curricular and undergraduate affairs and diversity officer.

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Central Eurasian Studies, MA
Chinese, MA
East Asian Studies, MA
European Studies, MA
International Affairs, MIA
International Studies, MA, MS
Japanese, MA
Latin American & Caribbean Studies, MA
Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures, MA
Russian & East European Studies, MA

GRADUATE AREA STUDIES CERTIFICATES
European Studies
Inner Asian & Uralic Studies
Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Russian & East European Area Studies

DOCTORAL DEGREES
Central Eurasian Studies, PhD
Chinese, PhD
Japanese, PhD
Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures, PhD

*Many more dual degree options are offered.