

MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATION

Offered jointly by GW's Elliott School of International Affairs and Columbian College of Arts and Sciences' School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA), the master of arts in global communication combines the Elliott School's globally recognized academic excellence in international affairs with SMPA's strengths as a leading school of communication and journalism.

Students in the global communication program learn about the fascinating and rapidly evolving global information environment. As future or advancing professionals in the field, they learn how to work in this environment and communicate effectively with audiences worldwide.

Students take a rigorous academic program that prepares them both intellectually and professionally for exciting careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. A core curriculum focuses on communication, international politics, international economics, and research methods. Required skills courses on topics such as developing communication strategies, cross-cultural communication, public speaking, and editing prepare students for careers in global communication. Students also choose one of twelve specializations to build expertise on a major world region or global issue. In the final year, a capstone course tests students' ability to address a real-world problem using the skills and knowledge acquired during their course of study.

Visit the program website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/global-communication/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission Fall: January 7th - Fellowship & Application Deadline deadline:

Spring: October 1st - Fellowship & Application Deadline

Applications for admission will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis after the fellowship deadlines have passed, but students will not be considered for fellowships.

Standardized GRE and GMAT scores are not accepted and will not be considered in the review process. Please do not submit scores.

Recommendations: (2) letters are required. Applicants should submit one (1) academic letter from a professor and one (1) professional reference.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are 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. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

If academic records are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translations alone should be uploaded into the online application. Official transcripts and certified English translations will be required of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

Statement of purpose: All applicants are required to submit an essay of approximately 500 words that answers one of the two questions below:

State your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals, and what unique skills, talents and/or perspectives you will bring to your program. Please be specific.

- OR -

Please discuss an issue of international importance you wish to address in your professional career. Please include how the Elliott School and the academic program to which you have applied will prepare you to address this global issue.

Additional requirements: A resumé or curriculum vitae is required. Resumés/CVs must include dates of employment (if applicable) and date of degree conferral or expected degree conferral.

Prerequisites: Academic coursework in a foreign language, which will prepare students to complete the program's language requirement*, is required at the time of application. This can be demonstrated by:

Study that is equal to four semesters of university level coursework or equivalent.

Completion of formal language training as part of employment (ex. Peace Corps, JET, etc.).

Growing up in a household where the language is spoken.

*Students need to have a strong foundation in a foreign language before enrolling to be successful in completing the language requirement during the program.

Course background in economics (micro- and macroeconomics) is a prerequisite to help prepare students to complete the graduate-level economics course(s) required within the M.A. in Global Communication curriculum. Course(s) must be successfully completed through an accredited institution in:

Introductory Microeconomics

Introductory Macroeconomics

-OR-

Principles of Economics In some cases, a student may be admitted who has not fulfilled the economics requirement*; in which case, the student is required to take course(s) at an accredited college/university prior to enrollment at the Elliott School.

*Spring applicants are required to have fulfilled this prerequisite at the time of application.

International Applicants may be required to submit official English Language tests scores with their application. Please see the Elliott School's English Language Requirements for guidance on whether you need to take the TOEFL/IELTS/PTE. Please send official TOEFL scores to institution code 5246.

International applicants only:

The minimum English Language Test Requirements can be found below:

Eligible for Admission & requires EAP Courses:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.0

TOEFL- 100 (internet test)

600 (paper test)

PTE- 68

Eligible for Admission & Exempt from EAP Courses**:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.5

TOEFL- 105 (internet test) 650 (paper test)

PTE- 72

**Spring applicants must receive at least these scores to be considered for admission.

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.

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:

esiagrad@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-7050 (phone) ~ 202.994.9537 (fax)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 15 credits in core field courses, a 4-credit capstone course sequence, 3 credits in skills courses, 9 credits in a specialization, and 9 credits in elective courses. In addition, all students must fulfill a language proficiency requirement (see below)

See note regarding special topics and skills courses, the capstone, the additional thesis option, LAW courses, and PPPA courses.*

Code	Title	Credits
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Required

Core field courses (15 credits)

ECON 6280	Survey of International Economics	
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or ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development	
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IAFF 6101	International Affairs Cornerstone	
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SMPA 6210	Media and Foreign Policy	
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SMPA 6241	Research Design	
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And one course from the following:

HIST 6030	History and Its Uses in International Affairs	
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SMPA 6202	Media Effects, Public Opinion, and Persuasion	
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SMPA 6204	Strategic Political Communication	
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Capstone (4 credits)

Students complete a two-course capstone sequence that most closely matches the thematic area of their project. The capstone sequence includes a 2-credit capstone workshop taken before the 2-credit capstone seminar. Students must have completed at least 18 credits of coursework prior to starting the capstone sequence. The two 2-credit capstone courses must be taken consecutively.

IAFF 6898	Capstone Workshop	
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IAFF 6899	Capstone Course	
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Skills courses (3 credits)

Three skills courses in any combination from the following:

IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I	
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IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II	
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Students in the global communication program may choose to take skills courses in the School of Media and Public Affairs:

SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills (Crisis Communication)	
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SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills (Developing Digital PR Skills)
SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills (Social Media)
SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills (Speechwriting)
SMPA 6201	Strategic Communications Skills (Web Essentials)
*SMPA skills courses are offered only in the spring semester and for 1.5 credits.	
Specialization (9 credits)	
Students must complete a specialization in either global issues or a regional focus in consultation with the Program Director.	
Global issues specializations	
A. Communication and information technology in international affairs	
ECON 6255	Economics of Technological Change
IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
IAFF 6153	Science, Technology, and National Security
IAFF 6158	Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy *
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cybersecurity)
IAFF 6501	Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners
LAW 6414	Telecommunications Law
PSPR 6201	Strategic Public Relations: Principles and Ethical Practice
PSPR 6204	Media Relations in a Digital World
PSPR 6208	Integrated Marketing Communications
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Changing Media Technology)
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Electronic Media Policy)
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Information, Media and National Security)
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (International Communication)

SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Public Affairs and Government Information)
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B. Conflict and conflict resolution	
ANTH 6507	Nationalism and Ethnicity
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Ethics and International Politics)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Nation Building: Theory and Practice)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Reinventing the United Nations)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Religion and International Affairs)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Theory and Practice of International Negotiations)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Food, Globalization, and Conflict)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Military and Post-Conflict Intervention)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Responses to Terrorism)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (War to Peace Transition)
MGT 6215	Conflict Management and Negotiations
SMPA 6270	Special Topics in Media and Public Affairs *
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C. Global gender policy	
Students may take IAFF 2190W or IAFF 3183 for graduate credit as a supporting course with permission from the Program Director, academic advisor, and instructor, who must agree to assign additional work:	
ANTH 6501	Gender and Sexuality
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (Women in Global Politics)

IAFF 3183	Special Topics in Development Policy *
IAFF 6102	Global Gender Policy
IAFF 6108	International Development Policy
PHIL 6238	Feminist Ethics and Policy Implications
SMPA 6205	Media, Development, and Globalization
SOC 6268	Race, Gender, and Class
WGSS 6225	Contemporary Feminist Theory
WGSS 6230	Global Feminisms
WGSS 6240	Gender and Public Policy
WGSS 6257	Gender and Sexuality
WGSS 6265	Gender, Welfare, and Poverty
WGSS 6268	Race, Gender, and Class

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D. Global health

ANTH 6302	Issues in Development *
ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
GEOG 6223	Seminar: Population and Health
PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing

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E. International development

Anthropology

ANTH 6301	The Anthropology of Development
ANTH 6302	Issues in Development *
ANTH 6391	Anthropology and Contemporary Problems

ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 6507	Nationalism and Ethnicity
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
PSPR 6204	Media Relations in a Digital World
PSPR 6208	Integrated Marketing Communications
SOC 6230	Foundations of Research Methods
SOC 6232	Qualitative Methods

Environment

EMSE 6200	Policy Factors in Environmental and Energy Management
GEOG 6223	Seminar: Population and Health
IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy
PHIL 6281	Environmental Philosophy and Policy

Humanitarian assistance

EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management
EMSE 6320	International Disaster Management
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
SMPA 6270	Special Topics in Media and Public Affairs *

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International development management

IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
SMPA 6205	Media, Development, and Globalization
SMPA 6250	Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Media in the Developing World)

International education	
EDUC 6601	International and Comparative Education
EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education
EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education
EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education*

EDUC 6650	Education and National Development
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Global health

ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing

Political economy

ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development (if not taken as core course)
ECON 6295	Special Topics (Industrial and Technology Policy in Developing Countries)
PSPR 6208	Integrated Marketing Communications

Women and development

ANTH 6501	Gender and Sexuality
GEOG 6223	Seminar: Population and Health
ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development (if not taken as core course)
WGSS 6230	Global Feminisms

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F. International economic affairs

ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development (if not taken as core course)
ECON 6255	Economics of Technological Change
ECON 6295	Special Topics (Economic Analysis of International Trade Law)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Economics of the European Union)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Economics of U.S. Trade Law)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Economics of U.S. Trade Policy)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Emerging Market Financial Crises)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Industrial and Technology Policy in Developing Countries)

ECON 6295 Special Topics (International Economic Integration)

IAFF 6138 Special Topics in International Development Studies (U.S. Aid and Trade in the Developing World)

IAFF 6318 Special Topics in Asian Studies (Political Economy of South Asia)

IAFF 6358 Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Political Economy of Latin America)

IBUS 6301 International Business Finance

IBUS 6303 External Development Financing

G. International law and organizations

ECON 6295 Special Topics (Economics of the European Union)

IAFF 6118 Special Topics in International Affairs (Reinventing the United Nations)

IAFF 6118 Special Topics in International Affairs (Theory and Practice of International Negotiations)

LAW 6520 International Law

LAW 6534 Law of the European Union

LAW 6870 National Security Law

PSC 8226 Politics and Organizations

SMPA 6250 Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Media Law)

SMPA 6250 Topics in Media Processes and Institutions (Public Affairs and Government Information)

H. Public diplomacy

Required:

SMPA 6275	Public Diplomacy
Recommended Core Course:	
SMPA 6204	Strategic Political Communication
Recommended Elective Courses:	
EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education *
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies *
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies *
IAFF 6208	Special Topics in Global Communication *
PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
PUBH 6571	Social Marketing: Theory and Practice
SMPA 6205	Media, Development, and Globalization
SMPA 6270	Special Topics in Media and Public Affairs *
SMPA 6274	Media and War
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I. U.S. foreign policy	
ANTH 6391	Anthropology and Contemporary Problems
ANTH 6507	Nationalism and Ethnicity
ECON 6295	Special Topics (Economics of U.S. Trade Policy)
HIST 6001	Special Topics (History of International Economic System)
HIST 6310	Readings in Nineteenth-Century American History
HIST 6330	Modern U.S. Foreign Policy
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (U.S. Public Diplomacy)
IAFF 6145	U.S. Space Policy
IAFF 6153	Science, Technology, and National Security

IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Covert Action and National Security)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Forward Engagement)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Globalization and National Security)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Intelligence and National Security Policymaking)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Military and Post Conflict Intervention)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (National Security Resources)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy)
IAFF 6302	Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Transatlantic Relations)
IAFF 6378	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (Mediterranean Region and U.S. Security)
IAFF 6521	U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Program
LAW 6870	National Security Law
PSC 6346	The Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy
PSC 6372	Foreign Policy of China
PSC 8229	Politics and Public Policy
J. U.S. national security policy and process	
ANTH 6507	Nationalism and Ethnicity
ANTH 6391	Anthropology and Contemporary Problems
HIST 6001	Special Topics *
HIST 6330	Modern U.S. Foreign Policy
IAFF 6145	U.S. Space Policy
IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
IAFF 6153	Science, Technology, and National Security
IAFF 6160	Defense Policy

IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Covert Action and National Security)	LAW 6552	Law of War
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Forward Engagement)	LAW 6870	National Security Law
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Health and National Security)	MGT 6215	Conflict Management and Negotiations
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Intelligence and National Security Policymaking)	PSC 6346	The Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Issues in International Criminal Law)	Regional Field Specialization Options	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Military and Post-Conflict Intervention)	A. African studies	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Military Geography)	ANTH 6301	The Anthropology of Development
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (National Security Resources)	ANTH 6591	Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Organized Crime)	ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Post-Conflict Development)	ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development *
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Responses to Terrorism)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (African Security Forces)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Strategic Planning for the 21st Century)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Gender, Peace, and Security in Africa)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Peacekeeping)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Weapons Proliferation and Nonproliferation)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Relations in Africa)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Asian Regional Security)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Re-imagining North Africa)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Transatlantic Security Issues)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Security Challenges in Africa)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (NATO and European Security)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (U.S. Policy Toward Africa)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Transatlantic Security Issues)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Women and Leadership in Africa)
IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Climate Change and Sustainable Development)
IAFF 6165	Fundamentals of Intelligence	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Democracy and Governance Development)
IAFF 6169	Homeland Security	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Foundations of Humanitarian Assistance)
IAFF 6171	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	IAFF 6171	Introduction to Conflict Resolution
		IAFF 6173	Security and Development
		IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Conflict Resolution in Africa)

IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Peace and Conflict in Africa)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Power, Politics, and Development in Africa)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Rising China in Africa)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Transnational Threats in Africa)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Violent Extremism and Transnational Crime in Africa)
IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings
*If not taken as a core course	
B. Asian studies	
HIST 6001	Special Topics (Central Asian History)
HIST 6611	Readings Seminar: Twentieth-Century China
HIST 6621	Readings Seminar: Modern Japanese History
HIST 6630	Special Topics in Korean History *
IAFF 6302	Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Asian Regional Security)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Force in Asian Politics)
IAFF 6318	Special Topics in Asian Studies (International Relations of South Asia)
PSC 6370	Politics of China I
PSC 6372	Foreign Policy of China
PSC 6475	International Politics of East Asia
PSC 8388	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (Japanese Politics)
PSC 8388	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (Political Economy of East and Southeast Asia)
PSC 8489	Selected Topics in International Politics (Japanese Foreign Policy)

PSC 8489	Selected Topics in International Politics (Politics of Asia Pacific Economic Integration)
PSC 8489	Selected Topics in International Politics (U.S.-China Relations)
PSPR 6201	Strategic Public Relations: Principles and Ethical Practice
PSPR 6204	Media Relations in a Digital World
PSPR 6208	Integrated Marketing Communications
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C. European and Eurasian studies

ECON 6295	Special Topics (East European Economies in Historical Perspective)
ECON 6295	Special Topics (Post-Communist Economic Analysis)
GEOG 6265	Geography of Russia and Its Neighbors
HIST 6001	Special Topics (Central Asian History)
HIST 6051	Re-thinking Cold War History
HIST 6170	Eastern European History I
HIST 6188	History of Modern Russia
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Caucasus in the 20th Century)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Central Asia: Issues and Challenges)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Geopolitics of Ukraine)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Mediterranean Region and U.S. Foreign Policy)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Nationalism in Ukraine and Russia)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (NATO and European Security)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Political Economy of the European Union)

IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Scandinavia and Baltic States)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Transatlantic Security Relations)
IAFF 6338	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Turkey's Place in Europe)
PSC 6364	Comparative Governments and Politics of Central And Eastern Europe
PSC 6465	The International Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
PSC 6366	Government and Politics of Russia
PSC 8388	Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (Government and Politics of Ukraine)
PSPR 6201	Strategic Public Relations: Principles and Ethical Practice
PSPR 6204	Media Relations in a Digital World
D. Latin American and hemispheric studies	
GEOG 6261	Geographical Perspectives on Latin America
IAFF 6341	Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Cornerstone
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Brazil Since Independence)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Economic Integration of the Americas)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Mexico Since Independence)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Political and Economic Development of the Southern Cone)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Political Economy of Latin America)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Remittances in Latin America)
PSC 6383	Comparative Politics of Latin America
PSC 6484	International Relations of Latin America

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E. Middle East studies

IAFF 6378	Special Topics in Middle East Studies *
PSC 6377	Comparative Politics of the Middle East
PSC 6478	International Relations of the Middle East

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Electives (9 credits)

9 credits in elective courses relating to international affairs or communication selected with approval of the Program Director. With Program Director approval, graduate students can apply a maximum of 6 credits of language courses toward the electives.

Additional thesis option

Students who wish to complete a thesis do so in addition to the capstone requirement. Students pursuing a thesis must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and approval from the faculty member who will serve as their thesis director. Thesis students also need to complete at least one research methods course. Thesis credit is counted as elective or specialization credits with Program Director approval. The two 3-credit thesis courses must be taken consecutively.

IAFF 6998	Thesis
IAFF 6999	Thesis

*Specific subject matter covered in special/selected topics courses varies by semester. Consult the Schedule of Classes (<http://my.gwu.edu/mod/pws/>) for each semester's offerings. Topics courses not listed here may be used to fulfill program requirements if approved by the Program Director.

Additional information regarding skills courses (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/professional-skills-courses/>), the capstone (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/global-capstone/>), and the thesis (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/thesis/>) is available on the Elliott School website.

Law School courses—Students may, with permission of their advisor, include courses in the Law School (<http://www.law.gwu.edu/>) in their major field. Enrolling in a LAW course also requires permission of the Law School dean of students. Students should consult the Elliott School's Graduate Student Services (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-academic-advising/>) office before enrolling in LAW courses.

PPPA courses—Students may, with permission of the Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, enroll in these courses. If not listed here, program director permission would also be required. Students should consult their academic advisor within the Elliott School's Graduate Student Services office regarding appropriate next steps for enrolling in PPPA courses.

Language proficiency requirement

Students in the master of arts in the field of global communication program are required to demonstrate proficiency in a modern language other than English. Students may fulfill this requirement in one of the following ways:

- Having earned a minimum grade of *B* in a sixth-semester university-level advanced language course completed no more than three years prior to matriculation in the Elliott School's master's degree program.
- Having earned a minimum grade of *B* in a sixth-semester university-level advanced language course at GW, or in an approved course taken at another institution of higher learning, including Elliott School exchange partner institutions, while enrolled in the Elliott School master's program.
- Passing the Elliott School-administered language proficiency reading and speaking examination at the currently-required level of proficiency (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/foreign-language-proficiency-requirement/>). The Elliott School administers language proficiency examinations once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Students should plan to take the language proficiency examination as soon as possible following their matriculation in the program. Students have three opportunities to pass the examination. Failure to pass the examination for a third time results in dismissal from the program.
- Achieving the required proficiency level in a reading and speaking examination administered by an Elliott School-approved language assessment institution, at the student's expense, while enrolled in the Elliott School's Master's Degree Program.

As of fall 2018, the above policy applies to new and current students in the Elliott School's non-regional studies master's programs with a language requirement. Consult the Program Director for more information.

COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined Programs

- Joint Master of Arts in Elliott School programs and Master of Business Administration (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-mba-ma-international-affairs/>)
- Joint Master of Arts and Juris Doctor (<https://current.bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-ma-jd/>)