MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Elliott School’s Master of Arts program in International Affairs is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of the contemporary issues in international affairs as they develop in-depth knowledge of at least one or more areas of specialization. For their concentration, students may choose from among several fields of global issues or one of the regions of the world. Graduates of the program have pursued exciting careers in diplomacy and public service, business, security, conflict resolution, development, and public health.

REQUIREMENTS

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Prerequisite: a bachelor’s degree in a related field, including introductory micro- and macroeconomics and at least two years of undergraduate study of a modern foreign language.

The multidisciplinary program requires 40 credits including:

- **9-12 credits in core field**
- **12 credits in major field**
- **9-12 credits in electives**
- **3 credits in skills courses**
- **4 credits in capstone course sequence**

Foreign language proficiency (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-affairs-masters/foreign-language)

A thesis option is available for students seeking to enhance professional research and writing skills.

Courses fulfilling requirements

Course List

### Core Field (9-12 credits):

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<tr>
<td>IAFF 6101</td>
<td>IA Cornerstone</td>
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<td>HIST 6030</td>
<td>History and Its Uses in International Affairs</td>
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<td>ECON 6280</td>
<td>Survey of International Economics</td>
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<td>or both of the following depending on economics background.</td>
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<td>ECON 6283 &amp; ECON 6284</td>
<td>Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy and Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy</td>
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### Major Field (12 credits):

A major field with a global issues or regional focus

Global Issues:

- Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- Global Gender Policy
- Global Health

International Affairs and Development

International Economic Affairs

International Law and Organizations

International Security Studies

Nuclear Policy

Technology and International Affairs

U.S. Foreign Policy

Regional Fields:

- Asia
- Europe, Eurasia, and Russia
- Middle East
- Latin America

Elective courses (9-12 credits):

May include up to 6 credits of foreign language study, a second field of expertise, or other relevant course work

Students are strongly encouraged to take IAFF 6501 (or its equivalent)

Skills Courses (3 credits):

Skill-based professional workshops (1 credit each)

Capstone (4 credits):

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Thesis Option (6 credits):
Three credits of electives may be used to pursue a thesis. To propose a thesis, a student must have a GPA of at least a 3.5 after completing 20 credit hours in the M.A. program. The thesis subject must be approved in advance by a faculty member who has agreed to direct the thesis, a second faculty member who will serve as an additional reader, and the Program Director. Thesis requirements are outlined in full in the Graduate Bulletin. Students must take an additional professional skills course (total of 4 skills courses) to complete their degree through this option.

Language Proficiency

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-affairs-masters/foreign-language). The ability to communicate across cultures in more than one language is both a distinguishing and expected skill of the international affairs professional. Therefore, completion of the M.A. in International Affairs requires a demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in a modern foreign language.

Course lists for the global issues (http://elliott.gwu.edu/major-fields-global-issues) or regional focus (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-affairs-masters/regional-focus) major fields and additional information are available on the program website (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-affairs-masters).