

MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Steps from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Elliott School engages the Washington and global policy communities in meaningful discussions of development policy. The international development studies (IDS) graduate program is the fastest-growing program in the Elliott School of International Affairs. The program trains the next generation of development practitioners, exposing them to the latest research, best practices from the field, and experiential learning opportunities.

The MA in international development studies provides a broad understanding and appreciation of current development theories and issues, as well as the processes involved in formulating policies and implementing development projects. Students prepare for professional careers in the field of international development through interdisciplinary coursework that includes the study of economics, research methods, policy analysis, and management. In their final year, IDS students complete capstone projects, working with Elliott School faculty mentors in partnership with aid organizations around the world.

Visit the program website (<http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-development-studies/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadline: Fall: January 7th - Fellowship & Application 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 test scores: GRE and GMAT scores are not accepted and will not be considered in the review process. Please do not submit scores.

Recommendations: Two (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 International Development Studies curriculum. Course(s) must be successfully completed through an accredited institution in:

Introductory Microeconomics

Introductory Macroeconomics

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 expected 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.

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 ~ 202.994.9537 (fax)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 6 credits in core field courses, a 4-credit capstone course sequence, 12 credits in analytical courses, 18 credits in an area of specialization. In addition, all students must fulfill a language proficiency requirement*.

See notes regarding special topics and professional skills courses, the capstone, and the optional thesis**.

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Core courses (6 credits) taken in the following sequence:

IAFF 6121	International Development Studies Cornerstone (3 credits, taken in the first semester)	
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IAFF 6122	Development Policy and Practice (3 credits, taken in the second semester)	
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Analytical courses (12 credits—see below for course areas and options)

Area of specialization (18 credits—see below for potential areas of specialization and associated courses)

Capstone (4 credits)

Students are required to complete a two-semester capstone sequence that involves securing a sponsoring client outside the University and fulfilling a project with that client of mutual interest and research in international development. The capstone sequence includes a 1-credit pre-capstone course that must be taken in the fall of the student's second or third year and a 3-credit capstone course that must be taken in the spring of the student's second or third year. Both courses in the capstone sequence must be taken consecutively.

IAFF 6137	Development Studies Pre-Capstone Workshop	
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IAFF 6139	International Development Studies Capstone	
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Professional skills courses

Up to 3 credits of professional skills courses may be applied toward the student's specialization in the IDS program. The Elliott School offers a series of one-credit workshops on a variety of topics. Students are encouraged to consider taking up to three of these courses.

Optional thesis

Students who wish to continue to a PhD program or to pursue a research-oriented job may consider writing a thesis, which is an independent, in-depth research project that takes a year or more to complete. To pursue the thesis option, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and the approval of the faculty member they wish to have serve as their thesis director. The thesis must be completed in addition to the capstone requirement. Thesis students also must complete at least one research methods course. Thesis credits are counted as elective or specialization/concentration credits with program director approval. The two required thesis courses (below) must be taken in consecutive semesters.

IAFF 6998	Thesis	
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IAFF 6999	Thesis	
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Analytical courses

12 credits total. Students must take one course in each of the following four areas:

Economics (taken during the first semester)

Management

Research methods

Policy analysis or a second research methods course.

All courses for this requirement must be completed by the end of the third semester to fully prepare students for the capstone project in their final semester. In addition to the courses listed under each requirement, other appropriate courses may count towards requirements with the approval of the program director.

Economics (3 credits)

Required

ECON 6250	Survey of Economic Development
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Note: Students with a strong background in economics may substitute a more advanced development economics course alternative to ECON 6250 with program director approval.

Management (3 credits)

One course selected from the following. Courses not listed here may be used to fulfill this requirement if approved by the program director.

EDUC 6381	Program Evaluation: Theory and Practice
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EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education (Managing Study Abroad and International Students)
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EMSE 6001	The Management of Technical Organizations
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EMSE 6260	Energy Management
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EMSE 6285	Analytical Tools for Energy Management
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EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management
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EMSE 6310	Information Technology in Crisis and Emergency Management
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EMSE 6320	International Disaster Management
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EMSE 6325	Medical and Public Health Emergency Management
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EMSE 6820	Program and Project Management
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IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Development Project Implementation)
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IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (International Development Management Processes and Tools)
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IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
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MGT 6281	Small Business Management
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PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
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PPPA 6031	Governing and Managing Nonprofit Organizations
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PPPA 6032	Managing Fundraising and Philanthropy
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PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
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PPPA 6059	International Development Management Processes and Tools
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PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management
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PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation
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PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership
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PUBH 6513	Community Health Management
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SMPP 6210	Strategic Environmental Management
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Research methods (3 credits)

At least one course selected from the following. Courses not listed here may be used to fulfill this requirement if approved by the program director.

ANTH 6531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology
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EDUC 6114	Introduction to Quantitative Research
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EDUC 6116	Introduction to Educational Statistics
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EDUC 8122	Qualitative Research Methods
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GEOG 6201	Geographic Thought
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GEOG 6293	Special Topics (Qualitative Methods)
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GEOG 6305	Geospatial Statistics
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IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Applied Qualitative Methods)
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IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Research Methods in Global Gender Issues)
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IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Monitoring and Evaluation for Foreign Assistance. May be used as the second research methods course only in cases where a student has opted to take two research methods courses instead of one research methods and one policy analysis course.) *
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IAFF 6501	Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
PPPA 8022	Econometrics for Policy Research
PUBH 6247	Epidemiologic Methods I: Design of Health Studies
PUBH 6260	Applied Epidemiologic Data Analysis
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis

(Students who wish to take a public health course not listed above to fulfill their research methods requirement should consult their advisor before enrolling in the course.)

SOC 6230	Foundations of Research Methods
SOC 6232	Qualitative Methods
Policy analysis (3 credits)	

One course selected from the following. In lieu of a policy analysis course, students may opt to take a second research methods course.

EDUC 6371	Education Policy (Policy Making in Education)
EDUC 6388	Analysis of Education Policy Issues
EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education (Political Issues and International Education in Developing Countries)
IAFF 6102	Global Gender Policy
PPPA 6006	Policy Analysis
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research
PPPA 6014	Microeconomics for Public Policy II
PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy
PUBH 6310	Statistical Analysis in Health Policy
PUBH 6315	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis

PUBH 6320	Advanced Health Policy Analysis
PUBH 6325	Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy
WGSS 6221	Research Issues in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 6240	Gender and Public Policy

Areas of specialization (18 credits)

In consultation with the program director, students design their own area of specialization based on their interests and career goals. The list of specializations below is illustrative, and students' field of specialization may include a combination of more than one of these popular thematic areas in international development or may involve other issues not covered below. Courses listed, likewise, should be treated as illustrative examples, not requirements. Up to 3 credits of professional skills courses can be applied to the specialization. Students are strongly encouraged to select courses offered by schools throughout the University as well as approved courses offered by other institutions through the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area (<https://consortium.org>).

Potential areas of specialization:

Code	Title	Credits
Conflict and development		
EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management	
EMSE 6315	Risk Management, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Decision Making	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Conflict Prevention)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Gender, War, and Peace)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Law and Use of Force)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Peacekeeping)	
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Stabilization and Peacebuilding)	
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Human Trafficking)	
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Violence, Gender, and Humanitarian Assistance)	
IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues	
IAFF 6171	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	

IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Countering Violent Extremism)	IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Cross Cultural Communications)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Insurgency and Counterinsurgency)	IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Participatory Planning)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (International Organized Crime)	Democracy and governance	
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Political Risk Analysis)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Civil Society and Development)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Security in the Americas)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Democracy and Governance Development)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Power, Politics, and Development in Africa)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Poverty and Bottom-Up Development)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Conflict and Corruption: the Resource Curse)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Rule of Law and Anticorruption)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Technology for International Crisis Response)	IAFF 6208	Special Topics in Global Communication (Communication in Modern Diplomacy)
MGT 6215	Conflict Management and Negotiations	IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Restorative Justice)
SMPA 6274	Media and War	PPPA 6048	Financing State and Local Government
Culture, society, and development		PMGT 6401	Fundamentals of Political Management
ANTH 6301	The Anthropology of Development	PMGT 6410	Grassroots Engagement
ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology	PSC 6364	Comparative Governments and Politics of Central And Eastern Europe
ANTH 6508	Ethics and Cultural Property	PSC 6370	Politics of China I
GEOG 6232	Migration and Development	PSC 6377	Comparative Politics of the Middle East
GEOG 6243	Seminar: Urban Geography	PSC 6383	Comparative Politics of Latin America
GEOG 6244	Urban Sustainability	PSC 6465	The International Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
IAFF 6136	Gender and Development	PSC 6478	International Relations of the Middle East
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Civil Society and Development)	PSC 6484	International Relations of Latin America
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender and Development)	SMPA 6204	Strategic Political Communication
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Poverty Alleviation and Bottom-Up Development)	SMPA 6208	Politics and Public Relations Fundamentals
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Economic and Social Development of Latin America)	SMPA 6270	Special Topics in Media and Public Affairs (Communication in Modern Diplomacy)
IAFF 6385	Special Topics in African Studies (Power, Politics, and Development in Africa)	WGSS 6240	Gender and Public Policy
		WGSS 6241	Gender, Law, and Politics
		Economic development	

ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources
ECON 6255	Economics of Technological Change
ECON 6280	Survey of International Economics
ECON 6283	Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy
ECON 6284	Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Climate Change and Sustainable Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Poverty and Bottom-up Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Private Sector Development)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Economic and Social Development of Latin America)
IAFF 6378	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (Oil: Industry, Economy, Society)
IAFF 6378	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (Political Economy of the Middle East)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Analyzing International Economic Data)
Gender and development	
IAFF 6102	Global Gender Policy
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Gender, War, and Peace)
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Global Gender Research Methods for Practitioners)
IAFF 6136	Gender and Development
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender and Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Human Trafficking)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Violence, Gender and Humanitarian Assistance)

IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Gender Advisor: Roles and Skills)
WGSS 6220	Fundamentals of Feminist Theory
WGSS 6221	Research Issues in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 6230	Global Feminisms
WGSS 6238	Feminist Ethics and Policy Implications
WGSS 6240	Gender and Public Policy
WGSS 6241	Gender, Law, and Politics
WGSS 6268	Race, Gender, and Class
Global health	
Required course:	
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks
Supporting courses:	
ANTH 6505	Medical Anthropology
EMSE 6325	Medical and Public Health Emergency Management
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health
PUBH 6054	Community Engagement and Advocacy
PUBH 6058	Researching Violence Against Women and Girls
PUBH 6121	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
PUBH 6122	Protecting Public Health and the Environment: Policies, Politics, and Programs
PUBH 6126	Assessment and Control of Environmental Hazards
PUBH 6130	Sustainable Energy and the Environment
PUBH 6241	Nutritional Epidemiology
PUBH 6247	Epidemiologic Methods I: Design of Health Studies
PUBH 6250	Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS

PUBH 6252	Epidemiologic Methods II: Advanced Epidemiologic Methods	PUBH 6500	Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs
PUBH 6259	Epidemiology Surveillance in Public Health	PUBH 6501	Program Evaluation
PUBH 6262	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
PUBH 6263	Advanced GIS	PUBH 6504	Social and Behavioral Science Research Methods
PUBH 6310	Statistical Analysis in Health Policy	PUBH 6510	Community-Oriented Primary Care Principles and Practice
PUBH 6315	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis	PUBH 6513	Community Health Management
PUBH 6320	Advanced Health Policy Analysis	PUBH 6514	Preventing Health Disparities
PUBH 6340	Health Economics and Finance	PUBH 6516	Community Health Information Resources
PUBH 6367	Population Health, Public Health, and Health Reform	PUBH 6530	Qualitative Methods in Health Promotion
PUBH 6390	Prescription Drugs: Policy and Public Health	PUBH 6535	Promotion of Mental Health
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design	PUBH 6550	Maternal and Child Health I
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods	PUBH 6551	Maternal and Child Health II
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods	PUBH 6552	Women's Health
PUBH 6416	Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs	PUBH 6553	Adolescent Health
PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation	PUBH 6571	Social Marketing: Theory and Practice
PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership	PUBH 6572	Marketing Research for Public Health
PUBH 6441	Global Health Organizations and Regulations	PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems	Humanitarian action	
PUBH 6450	Global Health Diplomacy	ANTH 6707	Issues in Middle East Anthropology
PUBH 6462	Nutrition and Food in Large Humanitarian Emergencies	EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management
PUBH 6463	Communication Strategies and Planning in Humanitarian Settings	EMSE 6310	Information Technology in Crisis and Emergency Management
PUBH 6464	Mental Health in Humanitarian Settings	EMSE 6315	Risk Management, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Decision Making
PUBH 6465	Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings	EMSE 6320	International Disaster Management
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings	EMSE 6325	Medical and Public Health Emergency Management
PUBH 6481	Global Mental Health	EMSE 6345	Building the Resilient Organization: Continuity, Crisis and Disaster Recovery Management
		GEOG 6309	GIS for Emergency Management

IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Peacekeeping)	EMSE 6320	International Disaster Management
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Stabilization and Peacebuilding)	EMSE 6325	Medical and Public Health Emergency Management
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Care of Children in Humanitarian Emergencies)	EMSE 6820	Program and Project Management
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Human Trafficking)	GEOG 6309	GIS for Emergency Management
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Humanitarian Governance and Policy)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Managing the World's Waters)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Localizing Humanitarian Action)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Monitoring and Evaluation for Foreign Assistance Programs)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Violence, Gender, and Humanitarian Assistance)	IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Countering Violent Extremism)	PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Technology for International Crisis Response)	PPPA 6031	Governing and Managing Nonprofit Organizations
PUBH 6462	Nutrition and Food in Large Humanitarian Emergencies	PPPA 6032	Managing Fundraising and Philanthropy
PUBH 6463	Communication Strategies and Planning in Humanitarian Settings	PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
PUBH 6464	Mental Health in Humanitarian Settings	PPPA 6059	International Development Management Processes and Tools
PUBH 6465	Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings	PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings	PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation
International development management		PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership
EMSE 6001	The Management of Technical Organizations	PUBH 6513	Community Health Management
EMSE 6200	Policy Factors in Environmental and Energy Management	SMPP 6210	Strategic Environmental Management
EMSE 6220	Environmental Management	International education	
EMSE 6260	Energy Management	EDUC 6112	Foundations of Assessment, Testing, and Measurement in Education
EMSE 6285	Analytical Tools for Energy Management	EDUC 6114	Introduction to Quantitative Research
EMSE 6305	Crisis and Emergency Management	EDUC 6116	Introduction to Educational Statistics
EMSE 6310	Information Technology in Crisis and Emergency Management	EDUC 6368	Leadership and Education
		EDUC 6371	Education Policy
		EDUC 6381	Program Evaluation: Theory and Practice
		EDUC 6388	Analysis of Education Policy Issues
		EDUC 6555	Higher Education Policy

EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education (Education and Development in Africa)	IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Managing the World's Water)
EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education (Education and Equality in Latin America and the Caribbean)	IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Climate Change and Sustainable Development)
EDUC 6602	Regional Studies in International Education (Education and Tradition in the Middle East and North Africa)	IAFF 6143	Science and Technology Policy Analysis
EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education (International Education Policy Issues in Developing Countries)	IAFF 6151	Environmental Policy
EDUC 6610	Programs and Policies in International Education (International Higher Education)	IAFF 6152	Energy Policy
EDUC 6620	Strategies and Analysis in International Education (Managing Study Abroad and International Students)	IAFF 6164	Environmental Security
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education (Design and Implementing Cross Cultural Training Programs)	PPPA 6066	U.S. Environmental Policy
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education (Evaluation in International Education)	PUBH 6121	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
EDUC 6640	Selected Topics in International Education (Issues in Study Abroad)	PUBH 6122	Protecting Public Health and the Environment: Policies, Politics, and Programs
The environment, natural resources, climate change, and sustainable development		PUBH 6124	Risk Management and Communication
ECON 6237	Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources	PUBH 6126	Assessment and Control of Environmental Hazards
EMSE 6200	Policy Factors in Environmental and Energy Management	PUBH 6130	Sustainable Energy and the Environment
EMSE 6225	Air Quality Management	PUBH 6133	Social Dimensions in Climate Change and Health
EMSE 6235	Water Quality Management	SMPP 6210	Strategic Environmental Management
EMSE 6245	Analytical Tools for Environmental Management	TSTD 6249	Sustainable Destination Development
EMSE 6260	Energy Management	Courses offered at GW's Arlington Graduate Education Center:	
EMSE 6290	Climate Change: Policy, Impacts, and Response	PSUS 6201	Principles of Sustainable Urban and Regional Planning
ENRP 6101	Environmental Sciences I: Physical Sciences	PSUS 6202	Urban and Environmental Economics
ENRP 6102	Environmental Sciences II: Life Sciences	PSUS 6203	Research Methods: Geospatial and Econometric Analysis
GEOG 6244	Urban Sustainability	PSUS 6212	Sustainable Communities
GEOG 6293	Special Topics (Open Source GIS)	PSUS 6224	Sustainable Energy for Cities and the Environment
		Social enterprise and private sector development	
		ACCY 6106	Financial Statement Analysis
		ACCY 6201	Accounting for Internal Decision Making
		ACCY 6202	Advanced Strategic Cost Management
		ACCY 6601	Business Law: Contracts, Torts, and Property

ACCY 6602	Business Law: Enterprise Organization
ACCY 6900	Special Topics (Nonprofit Accounting)
FINA 6223	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
FINA 6224	Financial Management
FINA 6271	Financial Modeling and Econometrics
FINA 6277	Comparative Financial Market Regulation and Development
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Monitoring and Evaluation for Foreign Assistance Programs)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Private Sector Development)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Illicit Finance and Security)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Analyzing International Economic Data)
IBUS 6201	International Marketing
IBUS 6301	International Business Finance
IBUS 6401	International Business Strategy
IBUS 6402	Managing in Developing Countries
ISTM 6223	Technology Entrepreneurship
ISTM 6224	Management of Technology and Innovation
ISTM 6234	New Venture Financing
PPPA 6003	Economics for Public Decision Making
Students should note that many MBA program courses require instructor approval for students not enrolled in an MBA program.	
MBAD 6211	Financial Accounting
MBAD 6242	Microeconomics for the World Economy
MBAD 6284	Business and Public Policy
MGT 6252	Strategic Human Resource Management
MGT 6282	New Venture Initiation
TSTD 6249	Sustainable Destination Development
Technology and development	

ECON 6255	Economics of Technological Change
GEOG 6304	Geographical Information Systems I
GEOG 6307	Digital Image Processing
GEOG 6309	GIS for Emergency Management
IAFF 6143	Science and Technology Policy Analysis
IAFF 6152	Energy Policy
IAFF 6153	Science, Technology, and National Security
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cybersecurity)
IAFF 6358	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Latin America in Motion: Indigenous Media and Social Movements)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Technology for International Crisis Response)
ISTM 6204	Information Technology Project Management
ISTM 6223	Technology Entrepreneurship
ISTM 6224	Management of Technology and Innovation
ISTM 6233	Emerging Technologies

***Language proficiency requirement**

Students in the master of arts in the field of international development studies 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.

**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.

COMBINED PROGRAMS

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- 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/>)