MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE (ONLINE)

The demands of globalization are dramatically changing career and employment practices for individuals and organizations in international affairs. Professionals who want to excel in the international arena must have knowledge of international economic, political, and social trends. They must possess the analytical and management skills necessary to formulate and advocate policies on key international issues, as well as the ability to negotiate and work effectively in cross-cultural settings.

The international policy and practice program (MIPP) enhances the capacities of mid-career students to lead change and take on the challenges of the 21st century by providing them with the tools and insights of cutting-edge scholarship.

The program's interdisciplinary curriculum combines three foundation courses with a wide variety of course options that are selected to suit the student's professional goals and intellectual interests. Most courses are offered in the late afternoon and early evening to accommodate student work schedules, making it ideal for working professionals. Cohort events throughout the year provide additional venues for professional networking with other students, faculty, and guest speakers.

Students in the MIPP program also benefit from the events and programs sponsored by the Elliott School's exceptional research centers and institutes. The Elliott School's active calendar of lectures, conferences, and workshops feature leading scholars and practitioners from the national and international policy communities.

Visit the program website (https://online.gwu.edu/master-international-policy-and-practice) 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 required:	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:	Two essays are required:
	1. 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.
	- 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.
	2. MIPP applicants must also submit a second essay. The MIPP essay should be approximately 500 words addressing the following topic:
	- Identify a specific leadership challenge that you personally would like to tackle within the next five years. How will this leadership project build on your professional and life experiences to date, and how will your education in the MIPP program help you succeed in this task?
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:	Applicants must possess seven or more years of full-time professional experience or already possess an advanced degree (e.g. M.A., M.S., J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D.) to qualify for the MIPP program.
International applicants only:	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**:
	IETLS- 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: 27 credits, including 9 credits in core courses and 18 credits in courses selected to constitute a self-designed specialization.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses (6 credits)		
IAFF 6212	Strategy and Leadership	
IAFF 6213	Leadership Capstone	
Data literacy/analytic course requirement (3 credits)		
IAFF 6216	Analytic Tools for Global Policy	
Self-designed specialization		
Students select 18 credits in elective courses to form a self-designed specialization. These courses should be tailored to the individual student's interests and confirmed in consultation with an advisor and the program director. Possible specialization areas might include security, development, data analysis, or area studies.		

Elective/specialization courses can be selected from the list below; other courses can be approved by the program director. All offerings under IAFF 6138, IAFF 6186, and IAFF 6222, including the topics specified below, can be used as electives, if no topic is repeated. Up to 3 credits in 1-credit skills-based workshops can count toward the specialization. For GW courses outside the Elliott School, students should be aware of any registration restrictions and consult with their advisor and program director.

IAFF 6108	International Development Policy
IAFF 6118	Special Topics in International Affairs (Applied Qualitative Methods)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Bottom-Up Development)
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender and Development)
IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues
IAFF 6163	Transnational Security Issues (Transnational Security and Illicit Financ)
IAFF 6171	Introduction to Conflict Resolution
IAFF 6173	Security and Development
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Asian Security)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Civil–Military Relations)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cyber Threats and Policy)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Cybersecurity)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Emerging Threats)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Insurgency and Counterinsurgency)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (NATO's Strategic Challenges)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Political Risk Analysis)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Russia and International Security)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Terrorism Today)

IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Understanding US Special Operations)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (US Grand Strategy)
IAFF 6186	Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (US National Security)
IAFF 6222	Special Topics in International Policy and Practice (US Foreign Policy Decision Making)
IAFF 6501	Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners
Skills Course Elective Options:	
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Data Visualization Using R)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Introduction to GIS I)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Leadership in International Affairs)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Introduction to R)
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I (Advocacy in International Affairs)
IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Ethics in International Affairs)
IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Intro to Monitoring and Evaluation)
IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Political Risk Analysis)
IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Fundraising in International Affairs)
IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II (Strategic Communication)