I chose the Elliott School because the school’s mission of creating knowledge, sharing wisdom, and inspiring action to make a difference in the world resonated strongly with me. I was equally impressed with the school’s commitment to develop the next generation of global leaders.

—Chomba Chocho
M.A. candidate, International Development Studies
The Elliott School’s faculty includes some of the most renowned scholars and accomplished practitioners in the international affairs field.

University Professor Martha Finnemore, a distinguished authority on global governance, has been ranked by her peers as the scholar who has contributed the most interesting work to the field in the last five years. Professor Finnemore and University Professor Michael Barnett, an expert on humanitarianism, were both ranked among the top 20 scholars who have produced the best scholarship in the international relations field in the past two decades. Elizabeth Saunders, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, received the 2012 Jervis Schroeder Best Book Award from the American Political Science Association for Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions (Cornell University Press, 2011). Professor James Foster’s research includes work on economic inequality with Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. A review of Professor Charles Glaser’s most recent book says that Professor Glaser “has one of the finest analytical minds on the planet and it is on full display in Rational Theory of International Politics.”

Many members of our faculty have worked in government or international organizations; others have worked in non-governmental organizations or multinational corporations. Professor Stephen Biddle, a prominent expert on U.S. national security and military strategy, is one of National Journal’s “National Security Insiders,” an elite group of experts who are consulted about changes in the national security landscape. Professor Christina Fink ran a biannual capacity-building training program for civil society organizations in Burma before teaching at the Elliott School. Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Peninsula Affairs Ambassador Edward “Skip” Gnehm (B.A. ’66, M.A. ’68) served as director general of the U.S. Foreign Service; he was also U.S. ambassador to Australia, Jordan, and Kuwait. Professor Robert Sutter has had a long and distinguished career in U.S. government agencies including the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Congressional Research Service, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Professional experiences like these further enhance our programs and courses.

The Elliott School offers specialized courses that focus on practical skills to help students succeed as practitioners in their careers. These professional skills courses are designed to complement the substantive and theoretical aspects of our academic curriculum and teach additional skills applicable to the professional world.

Students select from a range of skills courses taught by international affairs professionals and valued by employers, including:

- Analyzing International Economic Data
- Critical Thinking
- Cross-Cultural Communications
- Developing Policy Options
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Formal Briefing
- Introduction to Gaming and Simulations
- Leadership and Teamwork Skills
- Micro-Enterprise Lending
- Negotiating Skills
- Nuts and Bolts of U.S. Trade Policy
- Op-Ed Writing Skills
- Principles of Financial Statement Analysis
- Policy Formulation and Advocacy Skills
- Policymaking: Congress, The Executive Branch, and NGOs
- Public Speaking
- The Art and Practice of Global Investing
- The Role of an Embassy
- Writing for International Affairs Professionals

The Elliott School offers graduate programs in regional studies and global issues.

**10 MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAMS**

- **Regional Studies**
  - Asian Studies
  - European and Eurasian Studies
  - Latin American and Hemispheric Studies
  - Middle East Studies
- **Global Issues**
  - Global Communication
  - International Affairs
  - International Development Studies
  - International Science and Technology Policy
  - International Trade and Investment Policy
  - Security Policy Studies

**UNIQUE MASTER’S PROGRAMS**

- Master of International Policy and Practice (MIPP) – An accelerated master’s program for mid-career professionals.
- Master of International Studies (MIS) – Dual-degree master’s program for students already attending our international partner schools.
- Joint and dual-degree programs with GW’s:
  - Law School (J.D./M.A.)
  - School of Business (M.A./M.B.A.)
  - School of Public Health and Health Services (M.A./M.P.H.)

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES**
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

▶ ASIAN STUDIES
The Elliott School’s Master of Arts in Asian Studies is among the most rigorous and rewarding in the United States. Our program provides a uniquely broad, interdisciplinary training in Asian studies and is taught by some of the most distinguished faculty in the field. Our newly designed, cutting-edge curriculum centers on a set of core courses that incorporates training in an array of subject areas, including domestic policy, international relations, the history of conflict, and the politics of business and economic growth. The program’s required regional specializations enable students to develop expertise in the politics of East Asia, South Asia, or Southeast Asia, while thematic and professional specializations allow students to deepen their understanding in a large number of scholarly and professional topics. Completion of the Asian Studies program requires demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in a modern Asian language.

▶ EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES
The Master of Arts in European and Eurasian Studies (EES) stands virtually alone in combining the study of Europe with the study of Eurasia. By treating these regions as an integrated whole, the program gives students unique depth in understanding the major issues that link them. Students take courses on both the Eastern and Western parts of the region and choose a professional specialization field. The curriculum combines several required courses with a wide variety of additional courses and optional fields that can be selected to suit individual professional goals and intellectual interests. EES students must demonstrate oral and reading proficiency in a modern language of the region. This multifaceted program encompasses a variety of academic approaches to European and Eurasian affairs, from economics and security to immigration and culture.

▶ GLOBAL COMMUNICATION
One of the Elliott School’s newest graduate programs, the Master of Arts in Global Communication, is offered jointly with GW’s School of Media and Public Affairs. This program helps students understand the complex global information environment, its implications for governance, security, and business; and how to communicate effectively to global audiences. Students undertake a rigorous academic program that prepares them both intellectually and professionally for exciting careers in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Participants choose an area of specialty in topics ranging from security studies to specific regions of the world to public diplomacy. Students are required to be proficient in a modern foreign language to receive the degree. 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.

▶ INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Globalization of economic, political, social, and cultural activity has created new opportunities and challenges for tomorrow’s leaders in international affairs. The Elliott School’s flagship program, the Master of Arts in International Affairs (IA), prepares students for a wide variety of exciting careers in diplomacy and public service, business, security, conflict resolution, development, and public health. This program attracts students who seek a broad-based training, as well as in-depth expertise in a specific field of study through one of many concentrations. A key feature of the program is a cornerstone course that bridges the theory and practice of international affairs, taught by two of the leading experts in the field of international relations theory. Students are required to be proficient in a modern foreign language to receive the degree.

▶ INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
The Master of Arts in International Development Studies (IDS) provides students with a broad understanding and appreciation of current development theories, ethics, and issues, as well as a grounding in the skills needed to formulate development policy and implementation of 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. Students are required to be proficient in a modern foreign language to receive the degree. In consultation with the program director and faculty advisors, students can design their own concentrations based on an area of interest in the field of development. In their final year, students complete capstone projects, working with Elliott School faculty mentors in partnership with aid organizations to contribute to ongoing development projects around the world.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
The Master of Arts in International Science and Technology Policy (ISTP) focuses on the interactions among advances in science, technology, innovation, industrial strategy, and public policy. The ability to create, adapt, and adopt new technologies, such as information technology, biotechnology, advanced materials, and nanotechnology, defines modern societies. In today’s global environment, the need for innovation is essential for solving societal challenges such as security, space exploration, economic development, poverty, energy, environment, manufacturing, and international investment. Developments in knowledge-intensive fields are governed and shaped by institutions that set science and technology policy. The ISTP program emphasizes an international comparative approach to science and technology policy, which is based upon an in-depth understanding of U.S. policies and policy developments around the world.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY
The Master of Arts in International Trade and Investment Policy (ITIP) prepares students with the complex skills needed for economics- and business-related careers in the increasingly interconnected international economy. Students complete an interdisciplinary core curriculum spanning political science and international economics coupled with proficiency in a foreign language. ITIP’s distinction is its emphasis on international trade, international macroeconomics, and international political economy, along with quantitative analysis involving econometric applications. ITIP students choose a major field in one of the following fields: economic policy analysis, development economics, international business, or finance. Graduates pursue challenging careers in the private and public sectors, including government agencies, consultancies, development organizations, and financial institutions.

LATIN AMERICAN AND HEMISPHERIC STUDIES
The Master of Arts in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (LAHS) prepares future leaders who will develop innovative approaches to enduring problems in the Western Hemisphere. The program’s internationally recognized faculty provide insiders’ perspectives on key institutions and policies. It incorporates a dynamic series of events that brings leading policymakers from throughout the world to engage with students. A hallmark of the LAHS program is the strong sense of community among students, faculty, and members of the Latin American policymaking community, complemented by a field-based capstone experience. The program offers students an interdisciplinary curriculum based on sound theory and practice. Completion of the LAHS program requires demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in Spanish.

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES
International attention remains riveted on the Middle East as familiar issues related to conflict, oil, and social change unfold against the region’s rich and diverse cultural heritage. The Master of Arts in Middle East Studies (MES) combines a rigorous academic foundation in the study of the Middle East with a strong professional orientation. The curriculum includes a range of courses covering the history, politics, economics, international relations, and cultures of the societies and nations of the Middle East. In consultation with the program director, students develop a program of study that combines a broad overview of the region through a set of core courses with a more specialized field based on the student’s specific academic and career interests. In addition, completion of the MES program requires demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in a language of the Middle East region.

SECURITY POLICY STUDIES
Security Policy Studies (SPS) is a policy-oriented Master of Arts degree focusing on international security issues, with a particular emphasis on the security challenges for the 21st century and how to respond to them. These challenges include but are not limited to: weapons of mass destruction proliferation, transnational threats, terrorism, changing regional power dynamics, weak and failing states, international crime, effectively linking security and development, and ensuring U.S. national security. The program’s faculty includes internationally recognized authorities in international security, defense policy, foreign policy, the national security policy process, and regional and transnational security issues. Through its academic and professional skills courses, this program can open doors to future employment in the security policy institutions of the federal government, in the private sector, in international organizations such as NATO, and in the many think tanks and non-profit institutions engaged in security policy work. In order to receive the degree, SPS students have the option of either demonstrating proficiency in a modern foreign language or demonstrating proficiency in graduate-level statistics.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE (MID-CAREER PROGRAM)
The 27-credit-hour Master of International Policy and Practice (MIPP) prepares mid-career professionals for the challenges of globalization by developing highly valuable, career-enhancing skills and a broad knowledge of national and international policies and issues. Cohort events throughout the year provide additional venues for professional networking with other students, faculty, and guest speakers. The MIPP program provides participants with advanced academic training, analytic skills, and international credentials. It accomplishes these goals through a flexible, yet structured approach to learning. MIPP students must have eight or more years of professional international affairs (or related) experience. In recent years, MIPP students included military personnel, diplomats, NGO personnel, and private sector professionals. A hallmark of the program is the MIPP seminar, which hosts GW faculty and outside experts who lecture on topics ranging from the role of Congress in foreign policymaking to the latest research tools.

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (STUDENTS FROM PARTNER SCHOOLS)
The Master of International Studies (MIS) program is a unique degree open only to students and recent alumni from master’s programs at Elliott School partner institutions around the globe. The 28-credit-hour master’s degree includes 19 credits in residence and 9 credits to be transferred from an international partner. Built on the foundation of coursework at the partner school, students complete a year of full-time study in Washington, DC, to prepare for careers in diplomacy, public service, global trade, security, development, public health, and international, non-governmental, and multinational organizations. Students are required to be proficient in a modern foreign language to receive the degree.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES
Students can complete an 18-credit-hour graduate certificate in the following fields of study: Asian Studies, European and Eurasian Studies, Latin American and Hemispheric Studies, Middle East Studies, International Economic Policy, International Science and Technology Policy, International Security Policy, Political Psychology, and U.S. Foreign Policy. Graduate certificate applicants must already have an advanced degree or at least eight years of work experience for all but the Political Psychology program, which requires a bachelor’s degree. For more information on Graduate Certificates, please visit elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-certificates.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS
The Elliott School offers joint and dual degree programs in cooperation with GW’s Law School, School of Business, and School of Public Health and Health Services, allowing students to combine their interests in international affairs with these other professional programs. For highly qualified students, the Master of Arts degrees offered at the Elliott School can be combined with an M.P.H., M.B.A., or J.D. degree. Students must apply separately and be accepted for admission by both schools.
Elliott School graduate students have superb opportunities for international education. These can include a semester at one of our many international partners; short-term programs abroad with GW faculty; and international internships, capstone projects, and individual research projects.

This first-hand exposure to politics, economics, and culture deepens the understanding of international issues and strengthens the cross-cultural skills and professional networks critical to professional success.

The Elliott School’s network of international partners enables a robust exchange of graduate students between the Elliott School and partner institutions, expanding our students’ educational opportunities and enriching GW classrooms with diverse perspectives. Elliott School students can also participate in programs offered by other accredited institutions, or they can design a study abroad experience in consultation with the director of international programs and education.

Each year, GW offers faculty-led, short-term study abroad courses ranging from two weeks to one month in duration. Courses change each year, and have included Sustainable Tourism Development (Peru), Non-State Actors (Israel), and Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship (India).

The professional and language skills developed during study and internships abroad are attractive to future employers. The Elliott School Graduate Student Career Development center provides information on internships abroad and awards International Internship Grants each semester.

For more information on study abroad opportunities at the Elliott School, please visit elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-study-abroad.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Elliott School’s Graduate Student Career Development (GSCD) center provides career coaching to all graduate students, from the day of enrollment through graduation and beyond. This full-service center helps students and alumni develop the skills they need to find exciting careers in international affairs.

In today’s dynamic economy, it is critical for students to leverage all available resources in advancing their career goals. GSCD offers an array of services, including career coaching, job, internship, and co-op listings; an alumni networking directory; on-campus presentations and interviews; career panels; site visits; and more. More than 80% of graduate students work or intern during their studies. Those who study abroad often add an internship abroad as well.

For more information and links to our employment data surveys, please visit elliott.gwu.edu/career-development.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Elliott School brings prominent scholars, global leaders, and international affairs experts to campus to discuss and debate matters of international importance.

Each year, the Elliott School hosts more than 250 public events on critical issues such as nuclear arms control, global gender issues, international economic policy, and important regional topics. These conversations enable scholars, policymakers, analysts, and other experts to share knowledge, discuss ideas, and debate current events for audiences comprised of GW students, faculty, alumni, members of the broader international affairs community, and the media.

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—Carolyn French
M.A. ’09, Latin American and Hemispheric Studies

2006–2012 GRADUATE SURVEY EMPLOYMENT REPORTS

Public Sector (41%)
Non-profit Sector (31%)
Private Sector (28%)

Research centers and institutes include:

- Center for International Science and Technology Policy
- Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
- Institute for Global and International Studies
- Institute for International Economic Policy
- Institute for Middle East Studies
- Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication
- Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
- Sigur Center for Asian Studies
- Space Policy Institute

RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

The Elliott School’s nine institutes and centers support individual and collaborative research and underpin our teaching programs. The research and analysis done by faculty and students in our institutes and centers are a large part of what makes the Elliott School a leader in the study of international affairs. Specifically, our institutes:

- Facilitate faculty and student research
- Host prominent scholars and policy experts from around the world
- Sponsor seminars, conferences, and lectures
- Publish papers, articles, and books on important global issues

- Center for International Science and Technology Policy
- Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
- Institute for Global and International Studies
- Institute for International Economic Policy
- Institute for Middle East Studies
- Institute for Public Diplomacy and Global Communication
- Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
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Admission to the Elliott School is highly selective. To apply, a complete online application is necessary by the appropriate deadlines. Admission is to a specific program. Please review all of the program options and apply to only one program. To learn more about our programs and how you can apply, visit elliott.gwu.edu/admissions.

A general overview of the admissions process, as well as program-specific admissions requirements and access to our online application system, is available at graduate.admissions.gwu.edu.

**ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES**

Most M.A. programs at the Elliott School have prerequisite courses. Please read carefully the necessary background preparation information regarding each individual program online at elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions/preparation.

**Economics:** Students enrolling in most programs need to have a background in both microeconomics and macroeconomics prior to beginning an Elliott School graduate program. If you do not have these courses, please plan to take them at an accredited college or university before enrolling. It is recommended that you include a note in your file alerting the admissions committee of your plans to take these courses.

**Foreign language:** Most M.A. programs at the Elliott School require proficiency in a second language. At the time of admission, applicants should have a minimum of four semesters (or the equivalent) of a foreign language. For global-issue programs, students can choose any modern foreign language and for regional studies programs, they must elect a modern language from that region. If you are an applicant whose native tongue is not English, English is considered your second language.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

All requirements for the application must be received by the deadlines noted to the left. Please plan accordingly.

**Application Checklist:**
- Online application form
- Application fee
- Résumé
- Statement of Purpose
- Three letters of recommendation (two for graduate certificates)
- Transcripts
- Official GRE scores
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable)
- MIPP essay (if applicable)

**GRE Test:** Applicants to the Elliott School’s M.A. programs are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE scores are strongly encouraged but not required for the MIPP and MIS programs or for applicants who hold an advanced degree. Please request that your official scores be sent to GW code 5246.

**TOEFL and IELTS Tests:** Applicants from a country where English is not the official language or who have not earned a degree at a regionally-accredited institution in the United States must submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores. To be considered for admission to the Elliott School, applicants must have a minimum TOEFL score of 100 Internet-based (600 paper-based), or an overall score of at least 7.0 on the academic IELTS with no band score below 6.0.

**International Applicants:** Information related to visa requests, foreign credential evaluation, and English language proficiency is provided at graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-applicants. Transcripts that are not in English need to be submitted with a certified translation.

**COSTS AND FUNDING**

Current information about tuition, fees, and estimated living expenses is provided at elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions/tuition-fees.

A wide range of graduate-student support is available for qualified candidates, including fellowships, grants, loans, and work-study. All applications that are submitted by the January 15 deadline are considered for Elliott School merit-based fellowships. General information about other funding options is available at elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-fellowships-financial-aid.

**VISIT**

The Office of Graduate Admissions is available to answer your questions about the Elliott School. We invite you to visit us in Foggy Bottom to attend an information session, campus tour, or open house. To register for a visit or to find out where we will be traveling in the fall, go to elliott.gwu.edu/visit.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FALL ADMISSION**
- Application Deadline: January 15 – fellowship consideration
- February 1 - final deadline
- Decision Notification: Mid-March

**SPRING ADMISSION**
- Spring applications are open only for select programs. No fellowship consideration is given to spring applications.
- Application Deadline: October 1
- Decision Notification: Mid-November
The university is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) employer committed to maintaining a non-discriminatory, diverse work environment. The university does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or on any other basis prohibited by applicable law in any of its programs or activities.