The Elliott School’s Master of International Policy and Practice (MIPP) is an advanced professional degree for mid-career practitioners. Combining rigorous academic training with the development of valuable career-enhancing skills, the program prepares students for leadership roles in international public policy. The MIPP program includes foundation courses in international policy and economics along with a flexible self-designed specialization drawing on the resources of a world-class university. Students develop analytical and leadership skills to formulate and implement international public policy, along with the ability to negotiate and collaborate effectively in cross-cultural settings.

OVERVIEW

The MIPP program attracts seasoned professionals who seek professional advancement or a career shift into more international topics. The program’s interdisciplinary curriculum combines foundation and elective courses tailored to the student’s individual professional goals and intellectual interests. Most classes meet in the late afternoon and early evening to accommodate the schedules of working professionals. One of the program’s assets is the ability of its students to build relationships with each other and within the Washington, DC, professional community. MIPP alumni are influential in their respective fields and remain engaged in MIPP activities. Applicants to this program must have at least eight years of professional international affairs (or related) experience or already possess an advanced degree (M.A., M.S., J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D.).

CURRICULUM

The MIPP program can be completed in 12 months of full-time study. Students also have the option of attending part-time over a longer period of study. The 27-credit-hour program includes:

- The MIPP Leadership Practicum. Through discussions with academic and policy experts, along with site visits to major institutions involved in global policy making, the practicum explores the evolving nature of international leadership in the twenty-first century. It examines the diverse ways in which power is exercised on the international stage not only by large organizations such as nation-states and transnational corporations, but also by “micro-powers” including activists, insurgents, and entrepreneurs who are shaking up the global order.

- Foundation courses in international policy and international economics.

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A self-designed specialization in a policy field, such as security, development, intelligence, economics, communications, environment, gender, education, or regional issues. Students can draw on diverse course offerings of the Elliott School and other graduate programs at George Washington University.

» Professional skills courses to supplement the MIPP academic curriculum with skills critical for professional success.

PROGRAM FEATURES

The MIPP Leadership Practicum features an extraordinary line-up of guest lecturers who lend their professional and academic expertise in international relations to the curriculum. Recent guest lecturers have included: Elizabeth Ruedy, Director of the Office of Monitoring and Evaluation at the International Republican Institute; Professor Christopher Kojm, the former Chairman of the U.S. National Intelligence Council; Homi Kharas, Deputy Director of the Global Economy and Development program at the Brookings Institution; and Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, former Dean of the Leadership and Management School at the U.S. Department of State. In addition, MIPP students take advantage of the Elliott School’s robust special events programs, which bring leading scholars, policymakers, business leaders, and members of the media and diplomatic corps to the GW campus for more than 250 public events per year. These events provide MIPP students the opportunity to expand their learning outside of the classroom while interacting with top experts in various international relations fields.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

The Elliott School offers a variety of career development programs for MIPP students and alumni who have specific needs at the mid-career level. Our Graduate Student Career Development center offers career coaching on developing a plan to make a career transition, job search strategies using social media, compensation negotiation assistance, and other long-term career planning resources. We also sponsor regular social events and networking sessions to build the community of MIPP students and alumni.

The most recent employment statistics show that MIPP alumni are employed in the public (63%), private (21%), and nonprofit (8%) sectors in the United States and abroad. Organizations that employ MIPP alumni include: Accenture, KPMG, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Defense, National Counterterrorism Center, U.S. Institute of Peace, and The World Bank Group.

ABOUT THE ELLIOTT SCHOOL

The George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs is one of the world’s leading schools of international affairs and among the largest schools of international affairs in the United States. Located in the heart of Washington, DC, its mission is to educate the next generation of international leaders, conduct research that advances understanding of important global issues, and engage the policy community in the United States and around the world.

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