Master of International Studies
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY’S ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC

Earn a second master’s degree in nine months.
Globalization of economic, political, social, and cultural activity has created new opportunities and challenges for tomorrow’s international leaders. Given the United States’ influence upon world events, its capital Washington, DC, offers a complementary and dynamic vantage point from which to study our globalized world. In the Master of International Studies (MIS) at GW’s Elliott School of International Affairs, students experience first-hand the unique Washington, DC, viewpoint and examine the forces shaping the world today.

*The MIS program is offered exclusively to current students and alumni of Master’s degree programs at the Elliott School’s International Partners:*

- Argentina: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella
- Australia: University of Sydney
- Canada: Carleton University
- China: Fudan University
- China: University of Hong Kong
- Egypt: American University in Cairo
- France: Sciences Po, Paris
- Germany: Free University of Berlin
- India: Jawharlal Nehru University
- Japan: Waseda University
- Korea: Ewha Womans University
- Lebanon: American University of Beirut
- Netherlands: Maastricht University
- Russia: European University at St. Petersburg
- Singapore: Nanyang Technological University
- South Africa: University of the Witwatersrand
- Switzerland: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Turkey: Boğaziçi University
- United Kingdom: London School of Economics and Political Science
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CURRICULUM
Structured around a core curriculum of history, political science, and economics, the one-year Master of International Studies (MIS) is a multi-disciplinary program that enables students to take courses from throughout the George Washington University. The 28-credit program requires students to take a minimum of 19 credit hours in residence at the Elliott School during one academic year. The remaining 9 credits are transferred from the International Partner.* By complementing their previous Masters’ coursework, students can develop specialized knowledge of a related contemporary global issue or world region as well as the professional skills necessary for international careers.

CORE FIELD
The required core field consists of 9 credits, including:
- History (3 credits): the history of modern international affairs or the use of historical analogies in policymaking.
- Political Science (3 credits): international relations theory and major policy issues.
- Economics (3 credits): survey of international economics.

MAJOR FIELD
Students take at least 12 credits selected from one category of global issues or regional areas.

GLOBAL ISSUES
- Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- Global Health
- International Affairs and Development
- International Economic Affairs
- International Law and Organizations
- International Security Studies
- Technology and International Affairs
- U.S. Foreign Policy

REGIONAL AREAS
- Asia
- Europe and Eurasia (including Russia)
- Latin America
- Middle East
ELECTIVES
Electives (6 credits) may include a second field of expertise, or other relevant coursework. Electives may also include professional skills courses which provide practical skills and knowledge that will enhance the students’ ability to excel in their careers. Elliott School skills courses are developed in consultation with employers and taught by seasoned practitioners.

CAPSTONE COURSE
In lieu of a thesis, during the final semester MIS students complete a capstone requirement (1 credit), applying the analytical frameworks and professional writing, research, and leadership skills acquired during their Masters’ studies.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
The ability to communicate across cultures in more than one language is a distinguishing and expected skill of an international professional. Completion of the MIS degree requires demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in a modern foreign language.

* A total of 9 credits are transferred from the International Partner transcript. MIS students work closely with the Program Director to identify International Partner credits to satisfy core, major field, or elective credit as relevant.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT
The Elliott School’s Office of Graduate Student Career Development provides career advising services from the day of arrival through graduation and beyond. In addition to assisting students find internships, write résumés, and prepare for interviews, the Career Development staff maintains important relationships with employers and arranges career fairs and networking sessions with employers, students, and alumni.

SPECIAL EVENTS
The Elliott School’s location in the heart of Washington, DC, puts MIS students at the nexus of the U.S. and international policymaking communities. We offer more than 250 public events each year, hosting renowned scholars and policymakers from around the world and giving students a chance to engage directly with these leading international affairs experts.

FACULTY
A key to the success of all Elliott School programs is our distinguished faculty. The scope of their experience and knowledge covers the full spectrum of international affairs, giving students a rich and diverse field of choices when building their academic programs. A full listing of Elliott School faculty can be found on our website.

To learn more about this International Partners Master’s Degree (MIS) at GW’s Elliott School of International Affairs, please visit our website at elliott.gwu.edu.