



Elliott

# Comprehensive Action Plan

## Master of Arts in International Development Studies

### Plan of Study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GW Email: \_\_\_\_\_

GWid: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must complete 40 credits for this Master of Arts degree and I should select courses according to the IDS curriculum (available in the University Bulletin) and in consultation with my Program Director.

ENTER TOTAL CREDITS LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Course	Course Title	(Credits)/Semester	Course	Course Title	(Credits)/Semester
<b>Core Courses (10 credits)</b> <i>Classes must be completed in numerical order as part of a cohort.</i>			<b>Analytical Field (12 credits)</b>		
IAFF 6121:	IDS Cornerstone (Taken first, Fall)	(3) _____	Economics	<u>ECON6250</u> Survey of Economic Development	(3) _____
IAFF 6122:	Dev. Policy & Prac (Spring; prerequisite 6121)	(3) _____	Management	_____	( ) _____
IAFF 6137:	Capstone Workshop (Fall ; prerequisites 6121 and 6122)	(1) _____	Research Methods	_____	( ) _____
IAFF 6139:	IDS Capstone (Spring ; prerequisites 6121, 6122, & 6137)	(3) _____	Policy Analysis OR 2nd Research Methods	_____	( ) _____
<b>Area of Specialization (18 credits)</b> <i>Six 3- credit courses or five 3-credit courses if taking three 1-credit skills courses.</i>			<b>Language Requirement</b>		
Area of Specialization Title: _____			Language: _____		
_____ ( ) _____			Method of completion: _____		
_____ ( ) _____			Full descriptions of each method of assessment available online.		
_____ ( ) _____			Target Completion Semester: _____		
_____ ( ) _____			*I understand that I must complete the language proficiency requirement via one of the above methods to receive my degree.		
_____ ( ) _____			INITIAL HERE: <input type="text"/>		
_____ ( ) _____			<b>Thesis (Optional-6 credits)</b>		
_____ ( ) _____			<i>With approval from your Program Director, a thesis may be completed in addition to the capstone. In consultation with your Program Director, you can adjust the number of credits in the non-core fields of your curriculum to accommodate the 6 credits of thesis research.</i>		
_____ ( ) _____			IAFF 6998 (3 cr.): _____		
_____ ( ) _____			IAFF 6999 (3 cr.): _____		

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CAREER GOALS**

What goal or dream brought you to Elliott?

What is your goal immediately after graduation?

What is your long-term career goal?

What organizations interest you?

What are two challenges that you might face in reaching your career goals (i.e. security clearances, financial needs, visa requirements)?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

What are three things that you aim to get out of your graduate school experiences (i.e. skills, international experience, foreign language, connections, etc.)?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

List your top three current professional skills and abilities.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

How do you envision utilizing these skills/abilities in your future career?

List any current foreign language abilities and the proficiency level.

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What can you do to start building the language proficiency needed for your career? (If language proficiency is not required for your program, please write N/A.)

**ACADEMIC PLAN**

Briefly explain how your chosen academic concentration(s) or specialization(s) connect to your career goals.

**CAREER STRATEGY**

What are 1-2 action steps you will take to help you move towards achieving the goals you've outlined above?