



THE IMPORTANCE OF A GRADUATE DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

In this world of complex and interrelated political, social, and economic challenges, leaders need to understand issues from diverse viewpoints. The world is constantly changing; decision makers must be prepared to adapt and create effective policy, implement programs, and work across sectors and borders. A graduate degree in International Affairs illuminates the connections between history, politics, and culture, and enables future leaders to respond effectively to global challenges.

ABOUT US

For almost forty years, representatives from the following institutions have been traveling together to inform students about educational and career opportunities in international affairs:

- Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
- Georgetown University, The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
- Johns Hopkins University, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
- Princeton University, The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
- Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

As members of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), we understand the critical role that professional education and leadership training plays in preparing future leaders to tackle challenges. We share a common mission of preparing future policymakers, development professionals, and business leaders.

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC PREPARATION

- Two-year graduate, professional degrees in international affairs
- Interdisciplinary approach combining law, history, political science, economics, business, and regional studies
- Coursework blending theory and practice
- Joint degree programs with other professional schools
- Focus on language and cultural competency

DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATIONS

- International enrollment: 25-50%
- US minority enrollment: 20-30%
- Average age of entering students: 26
- Undergraduate preparation ranges from political science, history, international relations, and economics to language, literature, philosophy, engineering, mathematics, and more
- Students come from a range of professional backgrounds in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors (e.g., service organizations, consulting, finance, government, education, journalism, military)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Dedicated career service centers for graduate students seeking internationally focused internships and careers
- Preparation for work in all sectors (public, private, non-profit, international organizations)
- Career mentoring with professional staff and alumni
- Outreach to key employers in policy and international affairs
- Graduates pursue professional, managerial, and executive positions with international organizations; federal, state, and local governments; multinational corporations; international banking and financial institutions; policy research centers; cultural and educational exchange organizations; foundations; NGOs; and nonprofit organizations

STUDENTS' PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES PRIOR TO GRADUATE SCHOOL INCLUDE:

Banking/Finance (analysts)

Business (analysis, sales, business development)

Capitol Hill (staffers, legislative aids)

Consulting Firms (management, technology, communications, government, strategy, energy, development)

Government Agencies (local, state, federal program assistants, legislative aids, policy analysts)

Intelligence (internships, analyst positions)

International Development and Humanitarian Work (NGOs, nonprofits, volunteer)

International Organizations (internships, research)

Journalism (writers, editors, reporters)

Law Firms (case managers, paralegals)

Nonprofit Organizations (local, federal, international)

Research Assistantships (think tanks, higher education)

Teaching (Fulbright, teaching abroad, education in the U.S.)

Service Programs (Peace Corps, Teach for America, AmeriCorps)

SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GAINED DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL INCLUDE:

Business (management, financial analysis, corporate governance, microfinance)

Financial Analysis and Accounting (balance sheets, cash flow analysis, reporting)

Information and Communication Technology (cyber security, GIS, social media, public diplomacy)

International Development (economics, program design, monitoring and evaluation, log frames, results frameworks)

International Finance (financial instruments and law, monetary and exchange rate policy)

International Law (legal frameworks, comparative legal systems, human rights)

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (theory, practice, mediation)

Policy Analysis (security, health, energy and environment, decision making)

Project Management (proposal development, budgeting, financial statement analysis)

Research Methods (quantitative analysis, field data collection, survey design)

Regional Specializations and Language Studies

Statistical and Economic Analysis (regression analysis, statistical reasoning and inference)

SAMPLING OF WHERE OUR GRADUATES MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

PUBLIC:

United States Government
Central Intelligence Agency
Defense Intelligence Agency
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Reserve Bank of NY
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of the Treasury

Foreign Governments:

Ministries of Foreign Affairs
Central Banks
Ministries of Defense
Ministries of Trade and Finance

PRIVATE:

APCO Worldwide
BAE Systems
Banco Santander
Bankable Frontier Associates
Booz & Company
Boston Consulting Group
Business for Social Responsibility
Cisco
Edelman PR
Ernst & Young LLP
Eurasia Group
General Electric
Goldman Sachs
JPMorgan Chase
Proctor & Gamble
UBS
Unilever

NONPROFIT:

Accion International
Action Against Hunger
Amnesty International
Ashoka
Brookings Institution
CARE International
Catholic Relief Services
Clinton Global Initiative
Global Health Council
Human Rights Watch
International Peace & Security Institute
Mercy Corps
Nonviolent Peaceforce
Oxfam America
Overseas Development Institute
RAND Corporation
Search for Common Ground

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Council of Europe
European Commission
Inter-American Development Bank
International Financial Corporation
International Labour Corporation
International Monetary Fund
NATO
The World Bank
UN Development Programme
UN Environment Programme
World Food Programme