



**DO GLOBAL.
DIFFERENTLY.**

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY | GRADUATE PROGRAMS

global



PURPOSE

PERSPECTIVE

CHARACTER

COMPETENCE

SERVICE

LEADERSHIP

It's time for new perspectives.

It's time to get creative.

It's time for innovative thinkers to tackle the **causes and consequences** of conflicts, climate change, security competition, and poverty—evolving challenges that won't be solved with yesterday's solutions.

It's time for new perspectives.

It's time for international relations to be truly **global** and truly **experiential**—because understanding the world from multiple perspectives is the key to transformational success.

It's time for intersections.

Cybersecurity and threats to democracy. Climate change and migration. Economic development and security. Health and human rights. Power and peace. It's time to realize that our **challenges**—and our **solutions**—don't run in parallel lines; they **intersect**.

It's time for service and leadership.

It's time for the **values** of safety, health, prosperity, security, peace, justice, and sustainability to show up in everything we do, especially how we lead.

It's time to **do global differently** because the world needs creative solutions, broad perspectives, and service-minded leaders.

The School of International Service (SIS) is a top-10 school of international affairs based in Washington, DC.

We prepare students to build successful careers of impact in government, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Since our founding in 1957, we have answered President Dwight D. Eisenhower's call to prepare students of international affairs for the work of "waging peace."

SIS is the place for people who want to **do global differently**.

Each spring, the Tidal Basin is awash in color from blossoming cherry trees. This annual pageant of spring highlights the year-round majesty of Washington's national monuments, including the Washington Monument.
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By the Numbers



... the waging of peace demands the best we have, the best young men and women that we can find to put in this great effort which must go on around the world all the time.

— President Dwight D. Eisenhower, at the ground-breaking of the School of International Service, June 9, 1957



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Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program [AU]
(Peace Corps, 2021)

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Producer of Peace Corps volunteers among medium-sized universities [AU] (2023)

#3

In US for Boren Fellows [AU]

#6

For the Presidential Management Fellows Program.
Ten of AU's 21 finalists are SIS students [AU].

#8

Ranked graduate school of international relations [SIS]
(*Foreign Policy* magazine)

#11

Green Matters: Everyone Cares About Conservation [AU]
(Princeton Review)

#14

Most Active Student Government [AU]
(Princeton Review)

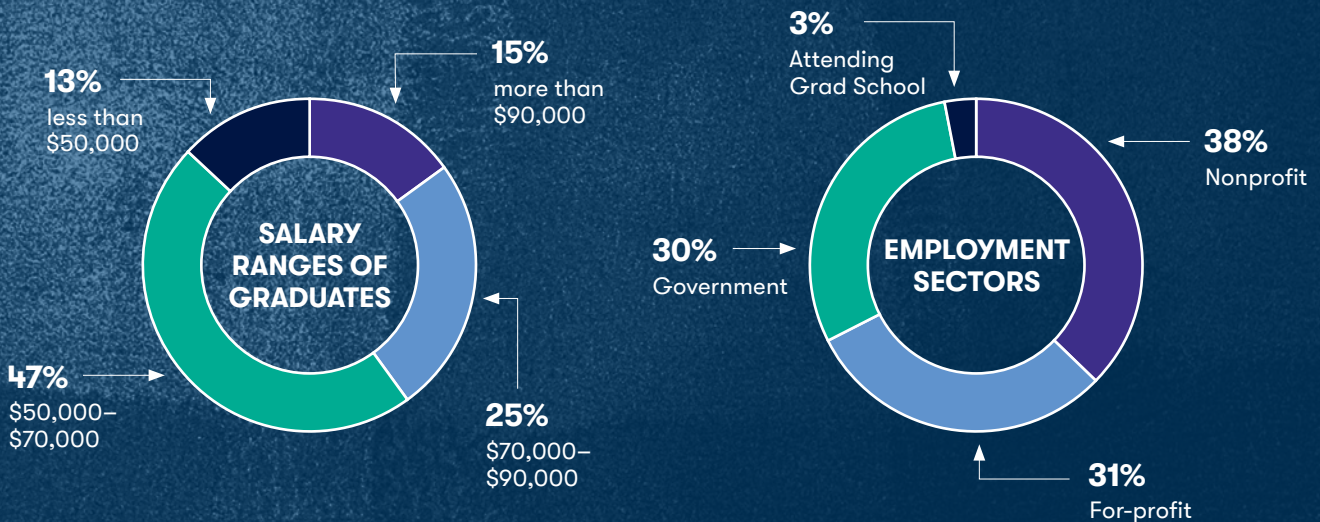
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Most Politically Active Students [AU]
(Princeton Review)

Employment Outcomes

91%

of MA graduates were employed or pursuing an advanced degree within six months of graduation.



Note: Results are for May 2021, 2022, and 2023 graduates whose status was confirmed as of six months after graduation (76% response rate).

3.58

median GPA for incoming students

20% first-generation college students

22% international students

43% US students of color

74% of incoming class have post-graduation full-time work experience

87% have international experience

more than **90%** of classes offered after 5:30 p.m., on weekends, or online

94% of incoming graduate students speak at least one foreign language

25,000+ worldwide alumni

700+ graduate students

130+ countries represented

120+ full-time faculty members

16 students, average graduate class size

13 Charles B. Rangel, Thomas R. Pickering, and Donald M. Payne Fellows attending SIS in fall 2024



Do global differently in DC.

There's no better place than Washington, DC, to develop as a global leader. **Situated at the crossroads of policy and politics, DC is a global hub for decision-making and thought leadership.** Our proximity to and relationships with bilateral and multilateral organizations, embassies, federal agencies, and countless think tanks, businesses, and nonprofit organizations offer unparalleled opportunities. Every day as an SIS student, you will encounter opportunities to do internships, learn from high-impact organizations, or engage directly with high-profile diplomats, policymakers, thought leaders, and practitioners. You will learn how to navigate Washington, DC, as one component of navigating the world.

Our 120+ full-time faculty use a multidisciplinary and intersectional approach, and they include political scientists, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, demographers, geographers, historians, and experts in international development, global health, communications, energy, and the environment among their ranks.

You'll examine international affairs through multiple lenses and define your own unique degree trajectory—whether in government, nonprofits, or the private sector—with expert guidance.

SIS offers more than 15 degree programs, including:

- two-year, on-campus master's degrees
- an accelerated degree for experienced professionals and practitioners
- a one-year master's degree from partner institutions
- online master's degrees in international relations and in international relations & business
- an interdisciplinary doctoral program for emerging scholars in international relations

Financial Aid

Each incoming cohort consists of individuals who come to SIS with a variety of academic, professional, and life accomplishments that contribute to the vibrancy of our class. SIS supports our students through internal scholarships as well as joint funding with our partners. Over 90 percent of graduate students entering in 2024 received scholarships recognizing their extraordinary achievements.

LEFT: The School of International Service (SIS) at American University is housed in a 70,000 square-foot LEED Gold-certified building on AU's campus in northwest Washington, DC. Its design, construction, and operation reflect our commitment to advancing ecological stewardship, working for social justice, and fostering transparency, human dignity, and a sense of community.

Select your degree.

SIS was born from Eisenhower's call to service, but as the world has changed, we've changed with it. Our master's degrees and certificates are highly flexible across a broad spectrum of specializations and concentrations. Along with rigorous training in the classroom, we provide fieldwork experiences for hands-on skills training and problem solving in Washington, DC, and abroad. SIS students hone their skills and use their international affairs knowledge through thematically relevant capstone courses that require deliverables for real-world clients, including multilateral and nonprofit organizations.

Our PhD program prepares those dedicated to the production of knowledge and scholarly work that will push the international studies field forward.

MASTER'S DEGREES

MS in Development Management
MA in Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights
MA in Global Environmental Policy
MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security
MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security:
Quantitative Economic Methods
MA in Intercultural and International
Communication
MA in International Affairs Policy and Analysis
MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources
and Sustainable Development
(with University for Peace, Costa Rica)
MA in International Affairs: United States
Foreign Policy and National Security
MA in International Development
MA in International Peace and Conflict
Resolution
MA in International Relations (online)
MS in International Relations and Business
(online)
Master of International Service
(International Studies Track)

ACCELERATED DEGREE FOR EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

Master of International Service
(on-campus or online)

PHD DEGREE

PhD in International Relations

DUAL DEGREES

JD/MA (International Affairs)
MA/MAT (International Peace and
Conflict Resolution)
MA/MBA
MA/MTS (International Peace and Conflict
Resolution/International Development)
MS/MBA (Development Management)

Ayah Belal, SIS/MA '19, and a Peace Corps Volunteer, viewing sunset near Petra; Wadi Rum, Jordan, 2017.



Find your people.

Department of Environment, Development & Health

The SIS Department of Environment, Development & Health (EDH) defends and cares for life on Earth through research, teaching, advocacy, and policy.

- **MS in Development Management**
- **MA in Global Environmental Policy**
- **MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development**
- **MA in International Development**
- **Graduate Certificates:** Environment, Community, and Equity; Environment, Peace, and Conflict Resolution; Global Health and Culture; Humanitarian Policy and Practice; Social Innovation and Global Impact

Department of Foreign Policy & Global Security

The SIS Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security (FPGS) produces new knowledge on international policy and security challenges and trains the next generation of leaders to navigate those challenges effectively.

- **MA in International Affairs Policy and Analysis**
- **MA in International Affairs: United States Foreign Policy and National Security**
- **Master of International Service (International Studies Track)**

Department of Global Inquiry

The SIS Department of Global Inquiry (DGI) is engaged in producing knowledge and educating students in ways that contribute to the overall transformation of the world. Faculty from DGI often teach courses within graduate programs housed in other departments.

Department of Peace, Human Rights & Cultural Relations

Through ethical engagement, the SIS Department of Peace, Human Rights & Cultural Relations (PHRCR) seeks to eliminate violence, ranging from war and genocide to interpersonal and structural violence.

- **MA in Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights**
- **MA in Intercultural and International Communication**
- **MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution**
- **Graduate Certificates:** Peacebuilding; Cross-Cultural Communication

Department of Politics, Governance & Economics

In SIS's Department of Politics, Governance & Economics (PGE), our faculty of political scientists, economists, and top regional specialists investigate longstanding and emerging questions related to power, identity, and institutions.

- **MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security**
- **MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security: Quantitative Economic Methods**



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MS in Development Management

The Development Management program is an accelerated program for professionals to prepare them for leadership and management roles within communities, governments, companies, and organizations committed to making the world a better place. The DM program offers a unique combination of applied skills found in a traditional MS degree—such as project management, economics, and quantitative research methods—with an ethics-driven, multidisciplinary, and theoretically rigorous approach to the field of development. It provides skills in management, leadership, and research, with particular attention to the integrated issues of poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, social equity, and global health. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/dm

MA in Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights

Offered jointly through the School of International Service and the Department of Philosophy and Religion in AU's College of Arts and Sciences, the Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights program offers an ethical approach to contemporary global problems. The purpose is to prepare you in the practical application of ethical theory and policy analysis so you can approach difficult ethical choices in global affairs. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/ephr

MA in Global Environmental Policy

The Global Environmental Politics program provides perspectives and skills for a career that engages some of the most important and complex issues of our time. We believe that a healthy environment is required for human flourishing and that the work of environmental protection requires knowledgeable, committed, and strategic agents of change. We prepare our students with a flexible and rigorous curriculum that couples breadth with the ability to dive deeply into self-designed concentrations. Our goal is to empower our students to translate their passions for justice, ecological well-being, and humane governance into a lifetime of meaningful work.

↗ www.american.edu/sis/gep



Wendy Atieno, SIS/MA '19, Global Environmental Policy

Current Position: Senior Programme Officer, Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Climate Change Team, IUCN

“I currently work in nature-based solutions for adaptation at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). In this role, I use ecosystems and ecosystem services to reduce the vulnerability of human populations. Because nature-based solutions focus on both ecosystems and human resilience, I think of my work as both social and environmental policy.”

MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security

The Global Governance, Politics, and Security program takes a multidisciplinary approach to analyzing complex relations among states and societies. Our students are dedicated to evidence-based policy and acquire foundations in politics and economics before specializing in one of four professional tracks: global security; multilateral diplomacy and global governance; international economic policy; and states, society, and politics. Our graduates build careers in multilateral organizations, government agencies, the private sector, and NGOs. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/ggps



Corey Broschak, SIS/MA '17, Global Governance, Politics, and Security

Current Position: Global Resilience Policy Advisor, US Department of Defense

“SIS was more than an academic experience; it was a launchpad for my professional life. Despite coming from out of state with few connections to DC, I found a welcoming community, rigorous education, and impactful networking opportunities that well and truly changed the trajectory of my career.”

MA in Global Governance, Politics, and Security: Quantitative Economic Methods

The Global Governance, Politics, and Security: Quantitative Economic Methods (STEM) degree provides a focused education in quantitative methods and applied economics essential for students of global security, multilateral diplomacy, political economy, and economic development. Our graduates are well-positioned to shape policy with data-driven, effective solutions at jobs in government affairs, multilateral organizations, and international business. The STEM designation enables international students to apply for a 24-month extension of Optional Practical Training (OPT), granting them the ability to work in the US for up to three years in their major field of study.

↗ www.american.edu/sis/ggps-qem

MA in Intercultural and International Communication

The Intercultural and International Communication program prepares you to understand, analyze, and shape communication across national borders, cultures, and backgrounds. The oldest program of its kind in the United States, the program’s faculty and alumni continue to lead the field. Available concentrations include cultural and public diplomacy and global equity and inclusion. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/ic



Emily Tavenner, SIS/MA '22, Intercultural and International Communication

Current Position: Communications Director, New America’s Technology and Democracy Programs

“The Intercultural and International Communications program at SIS was integral to my career in tech policy. I have always wanted to combine my communication skills with my curiosity in emerging technologies. What I learned and the work I produced through my SIS courses helped me grow as a communications professional while gaining a deep understanding of how international relations and innovation intersect.”

MA in International Affairs Policy and Analysis

The International Affairs Policy and Analysis program is designed specifically to meet the needs of government agencies, nonprofits, and private sector organizations seeking professionals who can provide actionable analysis and options to a range of international and foreign policy problems. This program blends the analytical rigor of international affairs with a consolidated set of hard policy and management skills. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/iapa



Pamela De La Rosa, SIS/MA '22, International Affairs Policy and Analysis

Current Position: Investigative Specialist, Uber Technologies

“Studying at SIS gave me an international perspective on how intimately connected technology and world affairs are. In particular, the flexibility of the IAPA program taught me invaluable skills such as analytical thinking and writing. I was particularly fond of the wide variety of professors at SIS. From the private to the public sectors and everything in between, the professors taught me how to communicate clearly and think critically. They also taught me a range of topics, perspectives, and skills that have been the centerpiece of my career today.”

MA in International Affairs: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

The Natural Resources and Sustainable Development program is a dual MA degree program that allows students to study at and receive degrees from both American University and the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace (UPeace) in Costa Rica. Program graduates will have the knowledge and skills to manage eco-development issues in a global context and build ties that bridge the Global North and Global South. Our graduates are visionary leaders in stewarding the Earth for the benefit of all. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/nrsd

MA in International Affairs: United States Foreign Policy and National Security

The United States Foreign Policy and National Security program offers courses on defense policy; intelligence; the formulation and implementation of foreign policy; and the social, political, economic, strategic, and historical underpinnings of US foreign policy. Sample concentrations include cyber security, diplomacy, transnational security, and terrorism and political violence. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/usfp



Blair Mersinger Pasalic, SIS/MA '08, US Foreign Policy and National Security

Current Position: Director of Planning and Administration, Office of Resource Sustainability, US Department of Energy

“What I appreciate most about my experience at SIS is how well the program prepared me to successfully pursue any professional challenge or opportunity that came my way. While the academics at SIS provide the foundational knowledge to pursue a career in US foreign policy, SIS’s international perspectives, connections, and real-world experiences gave me the skills to confidently compete in a global workforce. I am grateful for a rewarding and dynamic career, and definitely have SIS to thank for that!”

MA in International Development

For nearly 50 years, the MA in International Development program has trained graduates to work toward addressing the world's most pressing economic, environmental, health, and humanitarian challenges. This program is unique in its focus on essential job skills, rigorous research methods, and critical histories and theories of development. The program emphasizes links between global and local action, acknowledges the interrelatedness of environmental, political, economic, and global health challenges, and equips graduates to become effective and ethical agents of change.

➤ www.american.edu/sis/id



Gessye G. Safou-Mat, SIS/MA '15, International Development *Current Position: Communications Officer-IFC NextGen Co-Lead, IFC*

“My time at SIS allowed me to customize my concentration and explore all my interests, including creating my first documentary as a student, *The Africa We Know*, which highlighted the positive aspects of the continent. This documentary launched my eight-year career at the World Bank Group in the communications field, leading me to make significant impacts such as jumpstarting IFC's exploration of the Creative Industries with the IFC UpNext series. I discovered my skills and career in international development communications through this journey, and I encourage all students to take advantage of the flexibility that SIS provides to explore their potential and make a meaningful impact in the world.”



SIS graduate students conducting research and interviews in the field during their practicum course, Rural Livelihoods and Food Systems, in Brazil in summer 2015.

MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

The International Peace and Conflict Resolution program prepares graduates to be peacebuilders in a wide variety of professional settings and political contexts. The program is committed to contributing to sustainable peace by addressing root causes and overt manifestations of violent conflict. ↗ www.american.edu/sis/ipcr

MS in International Relations and Business (Online)

Offered jointly with the Kogod School of Business, the MS in International Relations and Business equips students with the skills to navigate complex business environments across borders and cultures to produce effective outcomes. Combining foundational knowledge in both business and international affairs, the program is delivered online to meet the needs of part-time students.

↗ kogod.american.edu/programs-admissions/online-programs/international-relations-and-business



Students in the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development program during their year at the University for Peace in Costa Rica.
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MA in International Relations (Online)

International Relations Online offers you a foundation in international relations and specialized expertise through concentrations in global security, international development, international negotiation and conflict resolution, and US foreign policy and national security. Classes are delivered on an engaging learning platform—wherever you are located around the globe—and combine self-paced content with live virtual class sessions.

➤ www.american.edu/online/online-program/master-of-arts-in-international-relations/

Master of International Service

The executive track is the accelerated international affairs degree for experienced professionals with at least seven years of work experience. The program prepares students to analyze foreign politics, culture, and society and emphasizes decision-making, leading multicultural workforces, and change management. Students can align their coursework with their desired career trajectory by selecting from a variety of concentrations or create their own. All course offerings are available after business hours to accommodate the needs of part-time students. Both on-campus and online options are available. ➤ www.american.edu/sis/mis



Eric Lies, SIS/MIS '23, Master of International Service online

Current Position: Policy Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

“There is such diversity amongst the students in terms of professional careers and social and cultural backgrounds. You have people from the different branches of the military; people in the intelligence community, private sector, NGOs; and more. You also have people from all over the US and from different countries. You can really complement each other’s learning.”

Master of International Service (International Studies Track)

The international studies track is designed for you if you are currently enrolled or have recently completed a master’s level program in international affairs or a related field at a partner institution. You’ll benefit from cross-continental academic experiences that augment your educational and personal development. Graduates from the program are conferred a double degree from SIS and the partner institution. ➤ www.american.edu/sis/mis

PhD in International Relations

The PhD program trains you to produce new knowledge of the highest scholarly caliber. The program prepares you for a career as a scholar-teacher at universities and research institutes in both the private and public sectors. The core curriculum covers the foundational fields of international studies: international relations, comparative politics, and social theory. You will pick one of eight concentrations and also take a three-course, multiple-methodology sequence that introduces you to the major qualitative and quantitative research techniques used in the social sciences today. You will affiliate with one of our departments for in-depth work on an area of concentration. SIS provides you with generous financial support, which includes tuition remission and a research stipend, both of which can be renewed for up to four years. ➤ www.american.edu/sis/phd

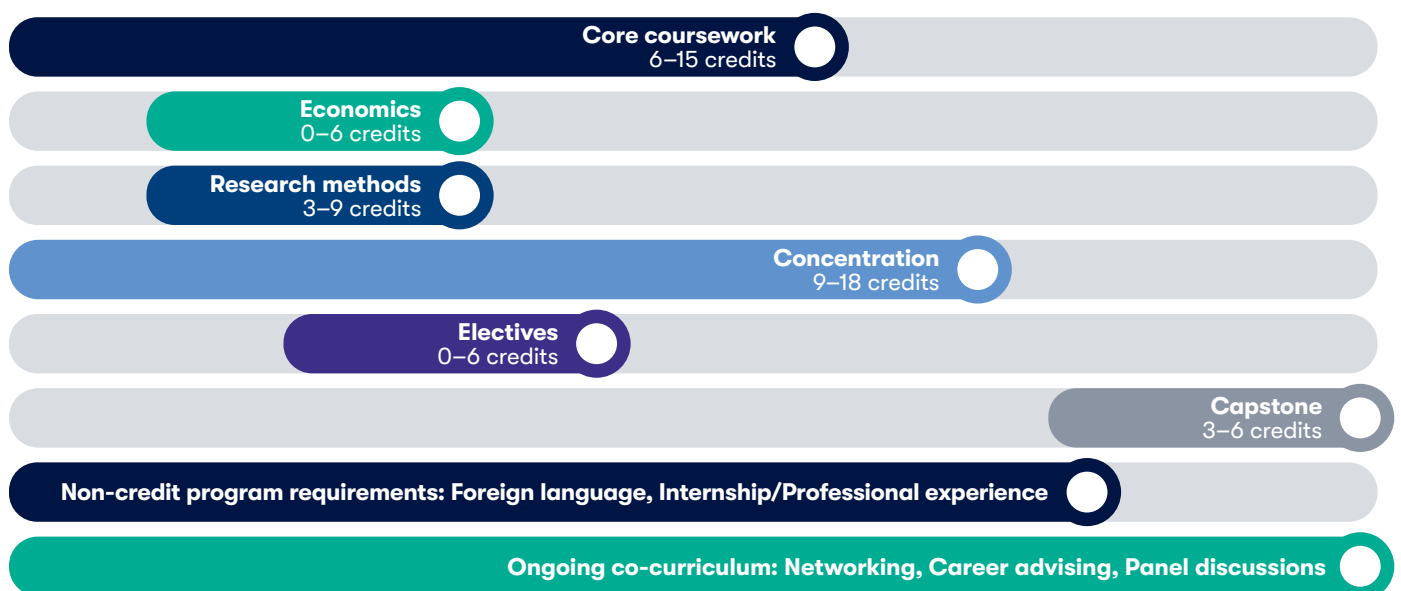
Dual Degrees

Students interested in a pursuing a career at the intersection of international affairs and business, law, teaching, or theology have the opportunity to pair their master’s with a JD, MBA, MAT, or MTS degree via an SIS dual-degree partner school. Contact our Graduate Admissions team for more information.

A challenging curriculum that encourages critical thinking is the foundation for doing global differently.

Our master's curriculum is focused on preparing you for a career in global service and enhancing your current career path. Each master's degree is grounded in a set of core courses alongside economics and research methods. You also will select a specialized concentration to focus your program on your unique interest in a particular aspect of international affairs. The final component of the program is a capstone project, which can include an applied practicum, a substantial research paper, or a master's thesis.

Building your degree, from core to capstone



Our doctoral program curriculum provides training in international relations that is both multidisciplinary and policy-relevant. This scholarly program enables our graduates to go on to careers in university teaching and research, government, and non-governmental organizations in the United States as well as around the globe.

Note: Requirements vary slightly depending on the degree program. For details, visit www.american.edu/sis.



Doing global differently means access to a graduate education without boundaries or borders.

It's no secret that our experiences help shape us. Experiential learning at SIS also will enhance your progress over the course of your graduate studies. Professional internships, study abroad opportunities, and applied practicum projects abound in Washington, DC, and around the world.

In recent years, students have interned at organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, Save the Children, the US Department of State, the Embassy of France, the Stimson Center, Open Society Foundations, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the Wilson Center, Amnesty International, and the Stern Group.

Skills Institutes

Skills institutes are intensive workshops designed to introduce you to professional skills relevant to careers in international affairs. Taught by experienced practitioners from many fields, the courses allow participants to translate theory into practice and gain relevant skills and experiences sought by today's employers.

Approximately 15 weekend skills institutes are offered each semester to help you gain practical tools necessary for effective global leadership. These workshops take place over two to three days during one or two weekends, typically a Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

Sample Skills Institutes Include:

- Acquiring and Managing Consulting Projects
- Cultural Diplomacy & Protocol
- Data Visualization
- Designing Intercultural Training Programs
- Finance and Accounting Fundamentals
- Fundraising and Grant Writing
- Gender Analysis & Development
- Media Relations in Conflict Zones
- Mediating Evolving Conflicts
- Project Management: Leading Projects with Agility
- Public Speaking
- Writing Op-Eds



Saji Prelis, SIS/MA '01, International Peace and Conflict Resolution

Current Position: Director, Children & Youth Programs at Search for Common Ground and Co-Chair, Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security

“The skills institute courses helped me meet extraordinary practitioners from the DC area who were doing amazing work. Their cutting-edge thinking helped me learn the importance of taking risks and failing. It also helped me learn the importance of networking and forging friendships. In a city filled with transactional relationships, the friendships I was forging helped me become a better practitioner.”

Skills Institute In-Depth: Briefing Policymakers

Taught by Craig Schmall, senior analyst for the CIA, this course provides students with the tools to construct and deliver a memorable and impactful briefing for policymakers. Students gain the skills and confidence to handle a briefing at any level in the policy world through a combination of presentations and group discussion, real-life examples of policy briefings, and challenging practical exercises. The course is a great place for students to reveal and understand their strengths and weaknesses with verbal presentations while also analyzing the policymaker's level of knowledge, biases, and needs.

Practicum Program

As an SIS student, you will have the chance to apply to participate in a practicum course as your masters' capstone. The practicum is a one-semester, 3-credit team-based course in which you serve as a consultant for agencies and organizations, gaining real-world experience. Other capstone options include writing a substantial research project or thesis.

The client presents a challenge, and your student team works together to produce deliverables that meet the client's needs, with the professor acting as a coach and facilitator. Some practicum courses (typically summer courses) include domestic or international travel.

Sample Practicum Courses Include:

- **Conflict Mitigation and Peacebuilding**, Client: Labor Department, Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)
- **Education in Emergencies**, Client: Save the Children
- **Intelligence and Analysis**, Client: State Department, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR)
- **Peace and Security in the Middle East and Africa**, Client: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

SIS Practicum In-Depth

Conflict and Climate Migration

Professor: Victoria Kiechel

Client: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Issues surrounding global human migration are among the wickedest of wicked problems. As such, they require integrating methods and perspectives from many disciplines to address questions of human rights, resource access and sustainability, climate change impacts, peacebuilding and security, and more. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, this practicum will engage in research and the proposed recommendations for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on topics and geographies of their choosing. In previous years, the practicum has focused our work for IOM on Chad, Nigeria, and Costa Rica; our diverse foci have included circular (labor) migration, food insecurity and changing migration patterns, vulnerability to trafficking, potential means and methods of community stabilization, and increasing the agency of migrants.

Students participate in a communal ritual at a local Balinese guide's home in 2016.



SIS International Programs and Partnerships

Doing global differently includes valuable time spent in places outside Washington, DC. To help you further develop a global perspective, SIS offers numerous opportunities to study and conduct research abroad, including short-term experiences, semester-long programs, and dual degree programs. Funding is available through SIS to support these research and study abroad initiatives.



SIS grad students at a tobacco farm in Cuba during an Alternative Break to study race.

Semester and Year-Long Programs Abroad

DUAL DEGREE

- Costa Rica: UN University for Peace
- Japan: Ritsumeikan University
- Korea: Korea University

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

- Belgium: KU Leuven
- Costa Rica: UN University for Peace
- France: Sciences Po
- Germany: Freie Universität Berlin
- Italy: American University of Rome
- Japan: Ritsumeikan University
- Norway: University of Life Sciences
- Peru: Peruvian Diplomatic Academy
- Switzerland: Graduate Institute Geneva

Summer and Intersession Programs Abroad

SUMMER PROGRAMS HOSTED BY SIS PARTNER SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS*

- Baku, Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy – Summer Energy School
- Cambridge, United Kingdom: International Security and Intelligence
- Geneva, Switzerland: International Affairs at the Graduate Institute
- Tbilisi, Georgia: Geopolitics and Security: Case of the Black Sea-Caspian Region

SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES LED BY SIS FACULTY

Seminar Style:

- Belgium: NATO at 75 – What’s Next for the Atlantic Alliance?
- Malaysia and Singapore: ASEAN Studies – Globalization, Governance, and Security in Southeast Asia
- Sierra Leone: Understanding Development Partnerships in Sierra Leone
- Kenya: Development, Health & Environment in the Informal Settlements

Practicum Courses led by SIS Faculty (consultancy based):

- The Bahamas: Youth, Development, and Global Education
- Costa Rica: Political Ecology of Land Use Conflict
- Northern Ireland: Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland – Assessing the Impact of WAVE
- Philippines: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accreditation for Women and Child Protection

➤ www.american.edu/sis/sisabroad

*Summer programs and practica abroad listed are samples and may not always be available.

Doing global differently means never being far from SIS, no matter where you are.

Thanks to our robust network of over 25,000 alumni around the world, you'll never be far from SIS. Our alumni serve at the forefront of building global alliances, negotiating climate solutions, preventing conflict and promoting stability, and much more. By joining our community, you can find and make connections wherever you are, receive mentorship and guidance whenever you need it, and volunteer to serve as a career resource for others.

The SIS Office of Career Development provides personalized career education and guidance to enrich your collegiate experience and prepare you for life after graduation. From exploring career options to expanding your network and from first résumé review to mid-career strategy setting, our advisors are prepared to share thoughtful advice and strategic support—at any point during your program and beyond—to help you achieve your goals, whether you come to us directly from earning your bachelor's degree or with 10 years of work experience on your résumé. SIS also conducts regular surveys with international relations employers about the top skills needed in industry right now to inform your graduate education and career support.

Career Services Available to Graduate Students Include:

- **Expert advisors**, both in person and virtual, who offer continuous support tailored to your professional development needs and goals
- **Opportunities to engage** with our diverse and remarkable community of alumni
- **Access to thousands of internships and jobs** posted by employers for AU students
- **An expansive library of online career resources** available 24/7 to SIS students and alumni
- **A full calendar of innovative programs and events** for you to explore career possibilities, develop professional skills, integrate academic learning with work, and connect with alumni and other industry contacts. Examples include:
 - **SIS Mentoring Program**, in which alumni mentors help students explore post-graduation pathways and learn how to create networks that support their goals
 - **Employer Site Visits**, to introduce you to various workplaces and career paths through conversations with different employers at their offices downtown and in the DC metro area
 - **Group sessions with career experts**, in person and virtual, which will prepare you with tangible skills and competencies from résumé writing and job search strategy to learning about key fellowship opportunities to start your career

Notable Employers

Government:

- US Department of State
- US Department of Defense
- US Agency for International Development

Private:

- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Chemonics
- EY

Nonprofit:

- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Conservation International

Global Multilateral Organizations:

- World Bank
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- International Monetary Fund

Admissions

Required Materials

- online application
- transcripts
- résumé
- personal statement
- letters of recommendation
- applicable test scores
- application fee

Priority Application Deadline

PhD (Fall admission only)	Final deadline	December 15
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Master's Programs*	Fall semester	January 15
	Spring semester	October 1

Accelerated Degree for Experienced Professionals

On campus	Fall semester	March 15
	Spring semester	October 1

International Studies Track	Please check with partner institution on the respective deadline.	
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Online Master's Programs	Refer to ironline.american.edu for all online degree deadlines.	
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* Master's applications are accepted on a seat-available basis after the priority deadline.

General Contact Information

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