

International Affairs, M.A.

The M.A. in International Affairs prepares students to confront the challenges of an increasingly globalized world. The program is well-suited for students considering or presently pursuing a military or national security career, as well as those interested in international public service or policy work. The curriculum emphasizes international politics, including relations between countries, trade and diplomatic negotiations between countries, foreign policy, strategy, security, intelligence, and military conflict. Several courses emphasize policy-making and decision-making processes, institutions, national and regional politics, culture, and diplomatic relations. The program consists of 33 semester hours plus successful completion of a comprehensive examination or a thesis. All new students should be advised by the departmental advisor. In addition to the university requirement that students maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, students must also make a 3.0 or higher GPA in five of their six core courses.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the [Admissions section](#) of the catalog, the department bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Submission of a sample research paper
- Completion of Supplemental Questions on Graduate Application

Degree Requirements

International Affairs

Core		
CPO 6006	Seminar in Comparative Politics	3
INR 6007	Seminar in International Relations	3
POS 6006	The Study of Politics	3
POS 6045	Seminar in American Politics	3
POS 6704	Political Science Research Methods	3
POT 5016	Seminar in Political Theory	3
Total Hours		18

Non-Thesis Option

Five CPO or INR prefix 5000/6000 level courses approved by the Chair or Advisor	15
Chair and Advisor-approved comprehensive examination	0
Total Hours	15

Thesis Option

Students may choose to complete a thesis in lieu of completing 6 semester hours (sh) of electives and the comprehensive exam.

POS 6971	Thesis	6
9 sh of CPO or INR prefix 5000/6000 courses approved by the Chair or Advisor		9
Total Hours		15