

School of International Service

Graduate Programs

M.A. in International Affairs

concentrations:

Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS)

International Economic Relations (IER)

International Politics (IP)

United States Foreign Policy (USFP)

M.A. in International Communication

M.A. in International Development

M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

M.A. in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs

M.A. in Global Environmental Policy

M.A. in International Media

Dual Degree Programs:

M.A. in International Affairs and J.D.

M.A. in International Affairs: *concentration in*

Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

with United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica

M.A. in International Development and

Master of Theological Studies

M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and

Master of Arts in Teaching *or* Master of Theological Studies

Master of International Service (executive program)

M.S. in Development Management

Ph.D. in International Relations

M.A. in International Affairs

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission.

The application deadline for fall admission is January 15; for spring admission October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no longer than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

All applicants except students whose degree was earned at an institution where English was not the language of instruction are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). LSAT scores will be accepted in place of the GRE for J.D./M.A. applicants. Fall applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of 6 graduate credit hours from other accredited institutions to be applied to a master's degree are considered after successful completion of 9 credit hours in the graduate program at American University. A minimum grade of B in each course is required for transfer. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission and must fulfill stated requirements of the degree program.

Degree Requirements

- 39–42 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including a minimum of 18 credit hours in a major field including one

theory course and one graduate-level economics or international economic policy course appropriate to the field, 9 credit hours in a related field selected from offerings in SIS or other teaching units of the university, 6 credit hours in social science research methodology and 6 credit hours of research.

- **Comprehensive examination in the major field**
To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) in all graduate course work. See the SIS Graduate Advising Office for comprehensive examination requirements for each field.
- **Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis, substantial research paper requirement, or research practicum.** All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.
Thesis: 6 credit hours of thesis credit and submission of the thesis.
Substantial research paper requirement: one 3 credit hour internship or cooperative education field experience and one 3 credit hour substantial research paper, or two substantial research papers
Research practicum: 6 credit hours supervised by major field faculty advisors (by permission and specific arrangement).
- **Proficiency in a modern foreign language:**
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Major Field Concentrations

Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS); International Economic Relations (IER); International Politics (IP); United States Foreign Policy (USFP), or Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (NRSDD) (through exchange program with United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica)

Course Requirements

COMPARATIVE AND REGIONAL STUDIES (CRS) (39 credit hours)

Major Field (18 credit hours)

- SIS-672 Theories of International and Comparative Studies (3)
or
approved course in comparative theory (3)
- One of the following:
SIS-589 Global Political Economy (3)
SIS-673 Comparative Political Economy (3)
or other approved course in comparative economics (3)
- 12 credit hours of course work in a regional concentration: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Central Eurasia, or Islamic Studies.
Related Field (9 credit hours)
- Three approved courses from one of the other major field groups in SIS: Global Environmental Policy (GEP), International Communication (IC), International Development (ID), International Economic Relations (IER), International

Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), International Politics (IP), and United States Foreign Policy (USFP).

or

Three courses making up an individually-tailored related field and approved by the student's faculty advisor.

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- methodology course work appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)

or

Substantial research paper requirement

Note: The thesis (or at least 3 credit hours of the substantial research paper requirement) must relate to the regional and comparative aspects of the CRS field. A practicum research course must receive prior approval from the faculty advisor.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (IER) (39-42 credit hours)

Major Field (15-18 credit hours)

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
Note: Students with a strong background in economics may have this course requirement waived without substitution with permission of advisor.
- SIS-616 International Economics (3) (prerequisite: ECON-603 or equivalent)
- SIS-665 International Trade and Investment Relations (3)
- SIS-666 International Monetary and Financial Relations (3)
- Two courses (6 credit hours) from the following or other courses in international economic relations approved by the IER field director:
SIS-504 Multinational Corporations (3)
SIS-519 Special Studies in International Politics: (3)
Global Financial Architecture
Monetary Union in Europe
SIS-565 U.S. Economic Relations with Japan and China (3)
SIS-619 Special Studies in International Politics: (3)
International Trade Law
SIS-630 Economic Policy of the European Union (3)
- **Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)**
- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- approved second methods course (3)
or
- ECON-505 Introduction to Mathematical Economics (3)
- ECON-523 Applied Econometrics (3)
or
- ECON-523 Applied Econometrics (3)
- methodology course work appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Concentration (12 credit hours)

- 12 credit hours of courses approved by the student's academic advisor form a concentration. Students may design their own concentration with approval of the academic advisor. Examples of concentrations include:

Trade and Investment

Money and Finance

International Business

Law and Policy

Development

Political Economy

Another major field in SIS

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement
Note: The thesis or substantial research paper must relate clearly to the field of international economic relations.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (IP) (39 credit hours)

Major Field (18 credit hours)

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
or
approved course in economics (3)
- SIS-601 Theory in International Relations (3)
or
SIS-604 Masterworks of International Relations (3)
- 12 credit hours in the International Politics (IP) field proposed by the student in a statement of purpose and approved by the student's faculty advisor.

Related Field (9 credit hours)

- Three courses from one of the other major field groups in SIS: Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS), Global Environmental Policy (GEP), International Communication (IC), International Development (ID), International Economic Relations (IER), International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), or United States Foreign Policy (USFP).

or

Three courses making up an individually-tailored related field approved by the student's faculty advisor or the SIS Graduate Office.

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- methodology course work appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement
Note: The thesis or substantial research paper must relate clearly to the field of international politics.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY (USFP) (39 credit hours)

Major Field (18 credit hours)

- SIS-689 Seminar in Policy Analysis (3)
- One of the following:
SIS-615 Fundamentals of U.S. Foreign Economic Policy (3)
SIS-616 International Economics (3)
approved course in economic policy (3)
- One of the following:
HIST-661 U.S. Foreign Relations since 1914 (3)
HIST-662 America and the Cold War (3)
approved course in diplomatic history (3)
- SIS-682 United States Foreign Policy (3)
- 15 credit hours from the following:
SIS-581 Schools of Thought in Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
SIS-583 United States in World Affairs (3)
SIS-588 International Security and Arms Control (3)
SIS-619 Special Studies in International Politics (3) (topic approved by advisor)
SIS-683 Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
SIS-684 National Security Policy (3)
SIS-685 United States–Russian/Eurasian Security Relations (3)
or approved SIS course in U.S. foreign policy or other SIS field

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- methodology course work appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement
Note: The thesis or substantial research paper must clearly relate to the field of U.S. foreign policy.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (42 credit hours)

Note: This concentration is available only through the exchange program with United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica. Contact the SIS Graduate Office for more information.

Major Field (29 credit hours)

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
or one of the following:
ECON-579 Environmental Economics (3)
SIS-616 International Economics (3)
approved economics course
- SIS-637 International Development (3)
or

- SIS-649 Environment and Development (3)
- SIS-660 Environment and Politics (3)
- 11 credit hours of SIS-602 AU-University for Peace Exchange topics courses
- additional 9 credit hours of approved SIS graduate courses
Social Science Research Methodology (7 credit hours)
- SIS-602 AU-University for Peace Exchange (topics)
Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)
- SIS-602 AU-University for Peace Exchange:
Internship (3)
- SIS-795 Master's Research Requirement (3)

M.A. in International Affairs and J.D.

Graduates receive the J.D. degree from the Washington College of Law and the M.A. in International Affairs from the School of International Service.

Admission to the Program

Students apply to both the Washington College of Law (WCL) and the School of International Service (SIS). Students may begin their studies in SIS after completing one full year of full-time study at WCL. SIS accepts LSAT scores in place of the GRE general scores normally required for admission. For specific criteria employed by SIS, see the graduate admission and degree requirements for the M.A. in International Affairs above. Admission to either WCL or SIS in no way implies that admission to the other will be granted. Students who have been admitted to the M.A. in International Affairs may apply to WCL. For more information on admission requirements, contact the WCL Admissions Office at 202-274-4101.

Degree Requirements

- 86 credit hours of WCL course work
Up to 6 credit hours of SIS course work may be credited toward the J.D. requirement.
- 39 credit hours of approved graduate course work in an SIS M.A. in International Affairs concentration: Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS), International Economic Relations (IER),

International Politics (IP), or United States Foreign Policy (USFP).

Up to 15 credit hours in WCL courses may be credited toward the M.A. requirements (see approved list in the SIS Graduate Office).

- Comprehensive examination in the major field
To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) in all graduate course work. See the SIS Graduate Advising Office for comprehensive examination requirements for each field.
- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis, substantial research paper requirement, or research practicum. All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.
- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

- approved major theory course (3)
- approved major field course (3)
- approved research methods course (3)
- approved economic or business policy course (3)
- 9 credit hours of approved related field courses
- 6 credit hours of master's thesis or substantial research paper requirement option
- Up to 15 credit hours in WCL course work including the following:
LAW-516 Legal Rhetoric: Writing and Research I (2)
LAW-517 Legal Rhetoric: Writing and Research II (2)
5 credit hours of approved international law course work

M.A. in International Communication

Admission to the Program

Students applying for admission to this program must have had a strong undergraduate major or minor in social and behavioral sciences or communication. For further information, contact the International Communication Division at 202-885-1621.

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission.

The application deadline for fall admission is January 15; for spring admission October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no longer than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

All applicants except students whose degree was earned at an institution where English was not the language of instruction are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Fall applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

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Degree Requirements

- 39 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including a minimum of 12 credit hours in the major field including one theory course and one graduate-level economics or international economic policy course appropriate to the field, 15 credit hours in a concentration/related field selected from offerings in SIS or other teaching units of the university, 6 credit hours in social science research methodology, and 6 credit hours of research.
- One oral comprehensive examination in international communication
To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) in all graduate course work.
- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis, substantial research paper requirement, or a research practicum. All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.
Thesis: 6 credit hours of thesis credit and submission of the thesis.
Substantial research paper requirement: one 3 credit hour internship or cooperative education field experience and one 3 credit hour substantial research paper taken in conjunction with a 600- or 700-level course; or two substantial research papers taken in conjunction with 600- or 700-level courses.
Research practicum: 6 credit hours supervised by major field faculty advisors (by permission and specific arrangement).
- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Major Field (12 credit hours)

- SIS-640 International Communication (3)
- SIS-642 Cross-Cultural Communication (3)
- SIS-645 International and Comparative Communication Policies (3)
- one of the following:
 - SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication:
 - Global Knowledge Economy (3)
 - Information Technology in China (3)
 - SIS-643 Political Economy of International Communication (3)
 - SIS-644 Communication and Social and Economic Development (3)

Concentration/Related Field (15 credit hours)

- Courses approved by the student's faculty advisor selected from one concentration. Students may design their own concentration with the approval of the faculty advisor. Examples of concentrations include:

Intercultural Relations

Geopolitics of Information

Global Media Studies

International Communication and Development

International and Comparative Communication Policy

Information Technology and Global Communication

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- SIS-695 Research Seminar in International Communication (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement

Note: The thesis or substantial research paper must relate to the field of International Communication.

M.A. in International Development

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission.

The application deadline for fall admission is January 15; for spring admission October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no longer than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

All applicants except students whose degree was earned at an institution where English was not the language of instruction are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Fall applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of 6 graduate credit hours from other accredited institutions to be applied to a master's degree are considered after successful completion of 9 credit hours in the graduate program at American University. A minimum grade of B in each course is required for transfer. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission and must fulfill stated requirements of the degree program.

Degree Requirements

- 39–42 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including a minimum of 12–15 credit hours in the core, 15 credit hours in a concentration/related field selected from offerings in SIS or other teaching units of the university, 6 credit hours in social science research methodology, and 6 credit hours of research.
- Comprehensive examination in the major field
To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) in all graduate course work. The comprehensive examination requirement includes research group meetings plus an oral research presentation in conjunction with a thesis, substantial research paper, or practicum.

- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis, substantial research paper requirement, or research practicum. All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.

Thesis: 6 credit hours of thesis credit and submission of the thesis.

Substantial research paper requirement: one 3 credit hour internship or cooperative education field experience and one 3 credit hour substantial research paper, or two substantial research papers.

Research practicum: 6 credit hours supervised by major field faculty advisors (by permission and specific arrangement).

- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Core (12–15 credit hours)

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
(may be waived by the division director, which reduces the total required credit hours to 39 and the core course credit hours to 12)
- ECON-661 Survey of Economic Development (3)
- SIS-636 Micropolitics of Development (3)
- SIS-637 International Development (3)
- One of the following:
 - SIS-533 Population, Migration, and Development (3)
 - SIS-616 International Economics (3)
 - SIS-650 Global Economy and Sustainable Development (3)
 - SIS-651 Managing Economic Policy Reform (3)
 - SIS-635 Advanced Topics in Development Management:
 - Community Development (3)
 - Rural Development (3)
 - Urban Development (3)

Concentration/Related Field (15 credit hours)

- Courses approved by the student's faculty advisor selected from one concentration. A maximum of 6 credit hours from SIS-633 Selected Topics in International Communication, SIS-638 Selected Topics in International Development Skills, and SIS-639 Selected Topics in International Conflict Resolution Skills may be included. Students may design their own concentration with the approval of the faculty advisor. Examples of concentrations include:

Community Development and Basic Needs

Development Finance and Banking

Development Education

Development Management

Development Policy

Economics and Finance and International Economic Policy
Entrepreneurship and Small Business
Environment and Development
Gender Studies and Development
NGOs and Development

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- approved methodology course appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement

M.A. in International Development and Master of Theological Studies

A dual master's degree program is offered by the School of International Service and Wesley Theological Seminary. Graduates receive both the M.A. in International Development and the Master of Theological Studies.

Admission and Requirements

- Applications are submitted to both SIS and Wesley. Students must be admitted separately to each program.
- Students may count up to 9 credit hours from Wesley toward the related field/concentration requirement for the M.A. in International Development, and an additional 3 credit hours toward the research requirement if they select the thesis option.

Please refer to the Wesley Theological Seminary catalog for a description of the degree requirements for the Master of Theological Studies, or call the Admissions Office at 202- 885 -8659.

M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission.

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Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours) an institution where English was not the language of instruction are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Fall applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of 6 graduate credit hours from other accredited institutions to be applied to a master's degree are considered after successful completion of 9 credit hours in the graduate program at American University. A minimum grade of B in each course is required for transfer. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission and must fulfill stated requirements of the degree program.

Degree Requirements

- 39 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including a minimum of 12 credit hours in the major field including one theory course and one 3 credit graduate-level economics or international economic policy course appropriate to the field, 12 credit hours in a concentration/related field selected from offerings in SIS or other teaching units of the university, 6 credit hours in social science research methodology, and 6 credit hours of research.
- Comprehensive examination in the major field
To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a

4.00 scale) in all graduate course work. The comprehensive examination requirement includes research group meetings plus an oral research presentation in conjunction with a thesis, substantial research paper, or practicum.

- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis, substantial research paper requirement, or research practicum. All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.

Thesis: 6 credit hours of thesis credit and submission of the thesis.

Substantial research paper requirement: one 3 credit hour internship or cooperative education field experience and one 3 credit hour substantial research paper, or two substantial research papers

Research practicum: 6 credit hours supervised by major field faculty advisors (by permission and specific arrangement).

- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Major Field (12 credit hours)

- SIS-606 Culture and Peace and Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence (3)
- SIS-607 Peace Paradigms (3)
- SIS-609 Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Theory and Practice (3)
- SIS-610 Theory of Conflict, Violence and War (3)

Economics (3 credit hours)

- One of the following:
ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
SIS-673 Comparative Political Economy (3)
approved course in economics (3)

Related Field (12 credit hours)

- Four courses approved by the IPCR faculty from one of the major field groups in SIS: Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS), Global Environmental Policy (GEP), International Communication (IC), International Development (ID), International Economic Relations (IER), International Politics (IP), or United States Foreign Policy (USFP).

or

Four courses approved by the student's faculty advisor making up an optional related field or an academically-sound concentration defined by a central concept which allows the student to focus on a particular area of interest.

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- SIS-612 Research Seminar in Peace and Conflict Resolution (3)
or
SIS-639 Selected Topics in International Conflict Resolution Skills (1-3) (total of 3 credit hours)
or other approved methodology course appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement

M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Master of Arts in Teaching

Graduates receive an M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from the School of International Service and the M.A.T. in secondary education from the School of Education.

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work specified at the time of admission.

Students must apply to both the School of International Service (SIS) and the School of Education (SOE) in the College of Arts and Sciences. Admission to either of the participating teaching units in no way implies admission to the other unit. For more information on admissions requirements, contact the SIS Admissions Office at 202-885-1646 or the SOE Teacher Education Office at 202-885-3720.

All applicants are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs and education.

Students seeking secondary education certification must have completed sufficient course work in an area traditionally taught in secondary schools. It is anticipated that students who complete the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution will have sufficient background to meet certification requirements in social studies. However, students who meet requirements for other subject areas will also be considered. Students will be notified at the time of admission concerning additional course work required for state certification.

Degree Requirements

- 57 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00
Students must complete the 9 credit hours in the education core courses, 12 credit hours in secondary education, 6 credit hours of student teaching, and at least 12 of the 15 credit hours in peace and conflict resolution to receive the M.A.T.
Students must complete 15 credit hours in peace and conflict resolution, 3 credit hours in economics, 6 credit hours in methodology, 6 credit hours in research and writing, and the 9 credit hours in the education core to receive the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

In addition to intensive course work and student teaching placements, students are also required to participate in an educational internship program. These field placements are carefully supervised and coordinated to meet state certification requirements.

- Comprehensive examination in international peace and conflict resolution
- Comprehensive examination for M.A.T.
- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Education Core (9 credit hours)

- EDU-521 Foundations of Education (3)
- EDU-541 Foundations of Special Education for Exceptional Children (3)
or
EDU-545 Overview of All Exceptionalities: The Arts in Special Education (3)
- EDU-620 Theories of Educational Psychology and Human Development (3)

Secondary Education Track (12 credit hours)

- EDU-520 Reading, Writing, and Literature across the Curriculum (3)
- EDU-522 Principles of Effective Methods and Instruction (3)
- EDU-540 Methods and Materials in Secondary Education (3) (or other approved methods course work)
- EDU-662 Classroom Management (3)

Student Teaching (6 credit hours)

- EDU-699 Student Teaching (6)

Peace and Conflict Resolution (15 credit hours)

- SIS-605 Theory of Cooperative Global Politics (3)
- SIS-606 Culture and Peace and Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence (3)
- SIS-607 Peace Paradigms (3)

- SIS-609 Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Theory and Practice (3)
- SIS-610 Theory of Conflict, Violence and War (3)
Economics (3 credit hours)
- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
or other approved economics course (3)
Methodology (6 credit hours)
- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- SIS-612 Research Seminar in Peace and Conflict Resolution (3)
or
SIS-639 Selected Topics in International Conflict Resolution Skills (1-3) (total of 3 credit hours)
or other approved methods course work (3)
Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)
- SIS-691 Internship (3)
- SIS-795 Master's Research Requirement (3)

M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Master of Theological Studies

A dual master's degree program is offered by the School of International Service and Wesley Theological Seminary. Graduates receive both the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and the Master of Theological Studies.

Admission and Requirements

- Applications are submitted to both SIS and Wesley. Students must be admitted separately to each program.
- Students may count up to 12 credit hours from Wesley toward the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. With SIS faculty approval, 9 credit hours fulfill the related field requirement, and 3 credit hours count toward the research requirement.

Please refer to the Wesley Theological Seminary catalog for a description of the degree requirements for the Master of Theological Studies, or call the Admissions Office at 202-885-8659.

M.A. in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs

Admission to the Program

The M.A. in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs is an interdisciplinary program administered jointly by the School of International Service (SIS) and the Department of Philosophy and Religion in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

Students may apply to either the Department of Philosophy and Religion or the School of International Service. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Students applying to SIS must apply by January 15 for fall and October 1 for spring to be considered for merit-based aid.

Degree Requirements

- 39 credit hours of approved graduate work including 6 credit hours of research course work with grades of B or better
- Comprehensive examination requirement
CAS: submission of three qualifying papers

Course Requirements

Core (12 credit hours)

- PHIL-525 Seminar on Modern Moral Problems (3)
- PHIL-693 Global Ethics (3)
- SIS-607 Peace Paradigms (3)
- SIS-614 Ethics in International Affairs (3)

Foundation (6 credit hours)

- PHIL-520 Seminar on Ethical Theory (3)
- SIS-622 Human Rights (3)

Research Methodology (3 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
or
qualitative research seminar

Research and Writing (6 credit hours)

- 6 credit hours from the following: the thesis or substantial research paper and internship must relate clearly to the student's concentration and be supervised by faculty teaching related courses:
PHIL-797 Master's Thesis Seminar (6)
or
PHIL-691 Internship in Philosophy (3) *and*
PHIL-702 Graduate Seminar in Philosophy
or
SIS-691 Internship in International Affairs (3) *and*
SIS-795 Master's Research Requirement (3)
- 12 credit hours in one of the following areas of concentration:

Peace and Conflict Resolution

- SIS-609 Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Theory and Practice (3)
- Three courses from the following:
PHIL-613 Studies in Asian Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-515 Islamic Peace Paradigms (3)
SIS-516 Peacebuilding in Divided Societies (3)
SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)
SIS-540 Conflict and Development (3)
SIS-606 Culture and Peace and Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence (3)
SIS-611 International Negotiation (3)
SIS-613 Reconciliation and Justice (3)
SIS-619 Special Studies in International Politics: Human Rights and Conflict (3)

Human Rights and Social Justice

- Four courses from the following:
PHIL-616 Feminist Philosophy (3)
PHIL-617 Race and Philosophy (3)
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-613 Reconciliation and Justice (3)
SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)
SIS-619 Special Studies in International Politics: Human Rights and Conflict (3)
SIS-621 International Law and the Legal Order (3)

Global Environmental Justice

- SIS-660 Environment and Politics (3)
- Three courses from the following:
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-619 Special Studies in International Politics: Global Environmental Politics and Policy (3)
SIS-649 Environment and Development (3)
SIS-663 Washington Workshop: Advanced Studies and Research in Environmental Policy (3)

Ethics of Development

- SIS-637 International Development (3)
- Three courses from the following:
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-540 Conflict and Development (3)
SIS-636 Micropolitics of Development (3)
SIS-647 Governance, Democracy, and Development (3)
SIS-648 Women and Development (3)
SIS-649 Environment and Development (3)
SIS-650 Global Economy and Sustainable Development (3)

International Economic Justice

- SIS-616 International Economics (3) (prerequisite: ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory)
- Three courses from the following:
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-504 Multinational Corporations (3)
SIS-587 Globalization: Power, Production, and Culture (3)
SIS-650 Global Economy and Sustainable Development (3)
SIS-665 International Trade and Investment Relations (3)
SIS-666 International Monetary and Financial Relations (3)
SIS-673 Comparative Political Economy (3)

Global Governance and International Organizations

- SIS-621 International Law and the Legal Order (3)
- SIS-625 International Organizations (3)
- Two courses from the following:
PHIL-686 Selected Topics in Philosophy (3) (approved topic)
SIS-587 Globalization: Power, Production, and Culture (3)
SIS-605 Theory of Cooperative Global Politics (3)
SIS-647 Governance, Democracy, and Development (3)
SIS-672 Theories of Comparative and International Studies (3)

M.A. in Global Environmental Policy

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30 (on a 4.00 scale). Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission. Students should normally have several years of professional or practical experience. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Fall applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

The application deadline for fall admission is January 15; for spring admission October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no longer than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

Degree Requirements

- 39 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including 21 credit hours in the core, 3 credit hours in social science research methodology, and 6 credit hours of research

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of 6 graduate credit hours from other accredited institutions to be applied to a master's degree are considered after successful completion of 9 credit hours in the graduate program at American University. A minimum grade of B in each course is required for transfer. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission and must fulfill stated requirements of the degree program.

- Comprehensive examination; a maximum of two attempts is permitted.
- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of a master's thesis or substantial research paper requirement. All courses taken to fulfill this requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better.

Thesis: 6 credit hours of thesis credit and submission of the thesis

Substantial research paper requirement: one 3 credit hour internship or cooperative education field experience and one 3 credit hour substantial research paper, or two substantial research papers.

- Proficiency in a modern foreign language
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Core (21 credit hours)

Theory (6 credit hours)

- SIS-660 Environment and Politics (3)
- One of the following:
LAW-618 International Environmental Law (3)
SIS-620 Studies in Global Environmental Politics (3) (topics)
SIS-649 Environment and Development (3)

Economics (6 credit hours)

- ECON-579 Environmental Economics (3)
- ECON-500 Microeconomics (3) *or*
ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)

Science (6 credit hours)

- ENVS-580 Environmental Science I: A Quantitative Approach (3)
- ENVS-581 Environmental Science II: A Quantitative Approach (3)

Research Methodology (3 credit hours)

- One of the following:
CSC-610 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
PUAD-601 Methods of Problem Solving I (3)
SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
An approved methods course

Capstone (3 credit hours)

- SIS-663 Washington Workshop: Advanced Studies and Research in Environmental Policy (3)

Area of Concentration (9 credit hours)

- 9 credit hours in a focused area selected in consultation with advisor

Research Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-797 Master's Thesis Supervision (6)
or
Substantial research paper requirement

M.A. in International Media

The Master of Arts in International Media offers students a unique opportunity to learn international communication theory and research while at the same time developing professional production skills. This interdisciplinary M.A. program allows students to take concurrent courses in the School of Communication (SOC) and School of International Service (SIS) that emphasize strategic communication, research, international communication, and global media. In addition, students take hands-on courses designed to hone writing skills over a broad range of media, and production classes that introduce them to filmmaking, newswriting, digital imaging, web design, photography, and public communication writing. The media studies component of the program gives students a strong background in research skills, broad knowledge of global economic and political issues, and a deep understanding of how the media works, especially in an international environment. The production portion of the program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical groundings to be professionally competent and literate managers/producers/commissioners.

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Some background knowledge of communication studies, or media/journalism professional experience, or international studies and international work experience is a plus.

All applicants are required to submit results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). In addition, international applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A strong TOEFL score is necessary to ensure that students can fully benefit from the media production courses and analytical courses. All applicants must also submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs and communication.

Students apply to either SOC or SIS. Applications will be reviewed jointly by SOC and SIS, with both schools agreeing on student admission.

Degree Requirements

- 45 credit hours of approved graduate work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including 12 credit hours of core courses, 6 credit hours of professional courses, 6 credit hours of methods courses, and 6 credit hours of research/capstone courses. Students also take 15 credit hours of electives. Students choose a concentration in either SIS or SOC and complete a total of 24 credits hours in that concentration, including their research/capstone requirement. Students may not take more than a total of 24 credit hours in either SIS or SOC to fulfill degree requirements.

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of six graduate credits will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

- One oral comprehensive examination in the School of International Service. To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average in all graduate course work.
- Demonstration of research and writing skills through completion of the research/capstone requirement courses with grades of B or better.
- Proficiency in a modern foreign language. Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Core (12 credit hours)

- COMM-549 Topics in International Media (3)
- SIS-640 International Communication (3)
- SIS-645 International Communication Policy (3)
- one of the following:
 - COMM-640 Principles of Strategic Communication (3)
 - SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication: Global Knowledge Economy (3)
 - SIS-644 Communication and Social Economic Development (3)

Students who take COMM-640 Principles of Strategic Communication for the core must take either SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication: Global Knowledge Economy or SIS-644 Communication and Social Economic Development as an elective.

Professional (6 credit hours)

- COMM-688 Media Writing (3)
- COMM-638 Production Practicum (1-3)

Methods (6 credit hours)

- SIS-695 Research Seminar in International Communication (3)
- COMM-738 Public Communication Research Methods (3)

Research/Capstone Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-795 Master's Research Requirement (1-3)
and
SIS-691 Internship (1-6)
or
 - COMM-710 Seminar in Public Affairs (3) *or*
COMM-744 Public Communication Seminar (3)
and
COMM-691 Internship (3)
- Students who take COMM-710 or COMM-744 and COMM-691 Internship for the research/capstone requirement may take only one additional 3-credit SOC (COMM-xxx) elective.

Electives and Concentration

- 15 credit hours in elective courses including 6 credit hours from one of the following concentrations (IC or SOC):

Students who take COMM-640 Principles of Strategic Communication for the core must take either SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication: Global Knowledge Economy or SIS-644 Communication and Social Economic Development as an elective.

Students who take COMM-710 or COMM-744 and COMM-691 for the research/capstone requirement may take only one SOC (COMM-xxx) elective.

International Communication (IC) (6 credit hours)

SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication (1-3) (approved topics)

SIS-566 International Communication Skills Institutes (1-3) (up to 3 credit hours of approved topics)

Approved electives in other SIS fields related to International Communication

School of Communication (SOC) (6 credit hours)

Theoretical

COMM-541 Media Relations

COMM-539 International Public Relations

COMM-511 History of Documentary

COMM-512 Social Documentary

COMM-516 Topics in Film and Media Arts

COMM-517 History of Cross-Cultural Cinema

COMM-527 History of Photography

COMM-531 Political Communication

COMM-535 Special Topics in News Media

COMM-544 Foreign Correspondence

COMM-546 Foreign Policy and the Press

COMM-548 Global Journalism

COMM-735 Communication Theory

Professional

COMM-521 Opinion Writing

COMM-630 Principles of Photography

COMM-631 Film and Video Production I

COMM-635 Introduction to Studio Television

COMM-644 Public Communication Writing

COMM-650 Digital Imaging and Design

COMM-652 Web Studio

COMM-567 Communication and Social Change

- 9 additional credit hours in approved elective courses

Students may not take more than a total of 24 credit hours in either SIS or SOC to fulfill degree requirements.

Master of International Service (M.I.S.)

The Master of International Service is specifically designed for those with significant experience in international affairs. The program's two semester intensive period of study is complemented by opportunities for participating in an array of public dialogue and ongoing research programs.

Admission to the Program

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale). Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission. Students should also have significant professional experience, typically nine years.

The application deadline for fall admission is May 1; for spring admission, October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no more than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

All applicants are required to submit official transcripts and translations from their undergraduate institutions and two letters of reference evaluating their suitability for the mid-career master's program in international service. International applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants should plan to take the TOEFL prior to December to ensure full consideration of the application by the May 1 deadline. Finally, applicants must submit an essay outlining their significant professional experience, highlighting the background they would contribute to the program, and their motivation for graduate study. The essay should also contain a brief description of their intended program of study.

Degree Requirements

- At least 30 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including 24 credit hours in residence.

Students with significant prior professional experience in international affairs may apply to the director of the MIS program to have the total program reduced by up to 6 credit hours, which will be applied to the independent study requirement. Such application must make reference to areas in which the student has acquired professional competence. Students seeking to use the significant professional experience clause are limited to a total of 6 credit hours, including any transfer credit.

- Non-thesis option: SIS-686 Proseminar in International Affairs I and SIS-687 Proseminar in International Affairs II, with grades of B or better, as part of the 24 credit hours in residence; these courses also fulfill the tool of research requirement
- Comprehensive examination completed in conjunction with SIS-687 Proseminar in International Affairs II (consult program office for details)

Course Requirements (30 credit hours)

- 18 credit hours (six courses) in residence selected in consultation with and approved by the SIS associate dean or division directors
- SIS-686 Proseminar in International Affairs I (3)
- SIS-687 Proseminar in International Affairs II (3)
- SIS-690 Independent Study Project (6) approved by the SIS senior associate dean

M.S. in Development Management

The M.S. in Development Management offers a unique opportunity for combining development and public administration to provide state of the art training and practice in development management, as presently being developed both in the United States and at important centers in the Third World. American University's Washington, D.C. location provides a special opportunity to become familiar with major international development organizations and to meet with noted scholars and practitioners active in the field.

Admission to the Program

Applicants must have at least two years field experience working on development problems or projects in the United States, Western Europe, or in developing countries.

Applicants must hold an accredited bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least a B+ (3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale) and should have had at least 24 credit hours of social science course work relevant to international studies. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements, if otherwise admissible, may be assigned additional course work in excess of degree requirements specified at the time of admission.

The application deadline for fall admission is January 15; for spring admission October 1 (September 15 for international students). Admitted students may defer matriculation for no longer than two semesters provided that a written request for deferment is submitted to and approved by the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

All applicants except students whose degree was earned at an institution where English was not the language of instruction are required to submit results of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose degree was not conducted in English and/or whose native language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure full consideration of the application by the January deadline.

All applicants must submit two letters of reference evaluating undergraduate academic performance and suitability for graduate study in international affairs, at least one of which should be from an academic source. A resume should be included in the application. Applicants must submit transcripts from all institutions attended. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

Requests for the transfer of a maximum of 6 graduate credit hours from other accredited institutions to be applied to a master's degree are considered after successful completion of 9 credit hours in the graduate program at American University. A minimum grade of B in each course is required for transfer. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission and must fulfill stated requirements of the degree program.

Degree Requirements

- 39–42 credit hours of approved graduate course work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, including a minimum of 15–18 credit hours in the core, 12 credit hours in a related field selected from offerings in SIS or other teaching units of the university, 6 credit hours in social science methodology, and 6 credit hours of research.

A mid-level professional who has performed successfully in a technical or managerial role before admission to the program may apply through the director of the M.S. in Development Management program to the dean of SIS to have the total program requirements reduced by up to 6 credit hours. This application may be made after completion of 9 credit hours and must make reference to a number of areas in which the student has acquired basic competence. Credit earned as part of an internship program does not count in this provision.

- Research requirement: 6 credit hours of practicum research with grades of B or better
- Comprehensive examination requirement completed in conjunction with practicum research

To be eligible to take a comprehensive examination, students must have maintained at least a 3.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) in all graduate course work. The comprehensive examination requirement includes research group meetings plus an oral research presentation in conjunction with a thesis, substantial research paper, or practicum.

- Proficiency in a modern foreign language:
Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.

Course Requirements

Core (15–18 credit hours)

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
Note: may be waived by division director, which reduces the total credit hours required for the program to 39 and total core course credit hours to 15.
- ECON-661 Survey of Economic Development (3)
- SIS-636 Micropolitics of Development (3)
- SIS-637 International Development (3)
- PUAD-614 Development Management (3)
- One of the following:
MGMT-609 Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management (3)
PUAD-612 Public Administration in the Policy Process (3)

Concentration/Related Field (12 credit hours)

- Four courses approved by the student's faculty advisor selected from one concentration. A maximum of 6 credit hours from SIS-633 Selected Topics in International Communication, SIS-638 Selected Topics in International Development Skills, and SIS-639 Selected Topics in International Conflict Resolution Skills may be included. Students may design their own concentration with the approval of the faculty advisor and the MSDM director. Examples of concentrations include:

Development Management and Information Systems

Entrepreneurship and Small Business

Program and Project Management

Social Science Research Methodology (6 credit hours)

- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
or
other approved course in social science research methodology
- approved methodology course appropriate to the student's research interests (3)

Research and Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

- SIS-693 Practicum: Action Research in Development Management (6) (with a grade of B or better)

Ph.D. in International Relations

Admission to the Program

The Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations program is designed to prepare graduates for careers in university teaching and research. The curriculum combines core offerings in international relations, comparative social theory, comparative and regional studies, and methodology within a structure that allows students considerable flexibility. Major emphasis is placed on research. In addition to completing the dissertation, students are encouraged to present conference papers, engage in collaborative work with faculty members, and submit articles to refereed journals.

Applicants for the Ph.D. degree program must hold an accredited bachelor's or master's degree or its equivalent in a field related to international relations. Applicants should present a prior cumulative grade point average that is substantially above B (3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale) in a field relevant to international relations.

The program is designed for study on a full-time basis. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree are considered and admitted only for the fall semester each year. The school does not permit students to begin their doctoral work in the spring. Deferral of matriculation in the Ph.D. program is not permitted. In order to be considered for fall admission, applications and all supporting materials must reach the SIS Graduate Admissions Office no later than January 1.

All applicants are required to submit results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum TOEFL score for full consideration is 600 (250 on the computer version). Applicants should plan to take the appropriate test no later than December to ensure consideration of their applications by the January 1 deadline.

All applicants must submit at least three letters of reference which evaluate their academic performance and their suitability for undertaking doctoral study in international relations. Cultural factors are considered in making admissions decisions and in evaluating transcripts and examination results.

Doctoral students may transfer up to 30 credit hours of previous graduate course work earned at accredited institutions with a minimum grade of B in each course. Previously earned graduate credits are applied to Ph.D. program requirements if they are relevant to students' programs and dissertation topics. Requests for transfer of graduate credit are considered at the time of advancement to candidacy. Transfer courses must have been completed within seven years of admission.

Degree Requirements

- 72 credit hours of approved graduate course work, including at least 12 credit hours of dissertation supervision. A minimum grade point average of 3.25 in all course work is required to remain in good standing and to earn the degree. Ph.D. students may take SIS-790 Doctoral Independent Study in conjunction

with their course work with permission of instructor and the director of the Ph.D. program.

- *Proficiency in a modern foreign language:* Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.
- *Proficiency in social science research methodologies appropriate to the student's field of study and dissertation topic.* Normally this requirement is satisfied by completing 12 credit hours of courses in research methods, as described under Course Requirements, below.
- *Regular participation in the semi-monthly Ph.D. research seminar during the first three years of residency.* Students are expected to present the results of their ongoing research and to serve as discussants for papers presented by faculty and visiting scholars to the university.
- *Satisfactory completion of two written and two oral comprehensive examinations.*

The oral qualifying examination, normally given at the end of the first year, examines students on theoretical, epistemological, and methodological literature and issues in international relations, comparative social theory, and comparative and regional studies. These areas are addressed in the core seminars that students normally complete during their first year of residence, although the scope of the examination is not limited to topics covered in the seminars. The oral qualifying examination evaluates students' preparation in subjects that are considered to be an essential foundation for doctoral study and research in the School of International Service.

Written field comprehensive examinations are taken in two major fields of study selected by the student. One field must be designated from the graduate examination fields offered by the School of International Service as Ph.D. level fields of concentration. A second field may be selected from offerings of SIS or from the offerings of other teaching units of the university that provide doctoral instruction. As an alternative, students may construct a special field, with permission of the director of the Ph.D. program and the advice of at least three qualified scholars. Two of these scholars must be members of the American University faculty; all three must agree in writing to serve on an examining committee. Students are normally expected to complete their written field examinations no later than three years after entering the program.

The oral defense of the prospectus examines students on their dissertation proposals and on substantive issues, literature, theory, epistemology, and methodology relevant to the proposed dissertation research. Examiners are qualified scholars designated by the director of the Ph.D. program, who chairs the examination. Two of the examiners must be members of the American University faculty. Examiners will usually be prospective members of the student's dissertation committee. Students are normally

expected to complete their prospectus defense no later than the end of the seventh semester after entering the program.

For details on scheduling comprehensive examinations and examination procedures, consult the director of the Ph.D. program or the SIS Graduate Office.

- *Advancement to candidacy:* to be advanced to candidacy, students must remedy any deficiencies specified at the time of admission, be certified as proficient in a modern foreign language in addition to English, complete their social science research methodology requirement, declare their comprehensive examination fields of concentration, and pass the oral defense of prospectus.
- *Acceptance by the faculty of the School of International Service of a dissertation proposal.* The dissertation proposal must provide a justification for the dissertation research, review relevant literature, identify relevant theoretical, epistemological, and methodological issues, and provide a detailed research design, including a timetable for completion of the work.

The dissertation proposal is first presented at the oral defense of the prospectus. However, successful passage of the defense of the prospectus and approval of the dissertation proposal are separate but overlapping processes. After the defense of prospectus is passed, the dissertation proposal must be formally approved by the dissertation committee and by the dean.

Usually, the scholars selected as examiners also review the dissertation proposal and are the prospective members of the student's dissertation committee. Two members of the reviewing committee must be members of the American University faculty and one must be a faculty member of the School of International Service.

- *Completion of the doctoral dissertation and successful defense of the dissertation in an oral examination.* The dissertation must consist of high quality original research, directly relevant to the student's doctoral program. Dissertation committees comprise a minimum of three members, one of whom serves as chair and as the primary supervisor of the dissertation research. It is the responsibility of the student to secure the agreement of a full-time tenured or tenure track member of the School of International Service faculty to serve as the chair of his or her dissertation committee. At least two members of dissertation committees must be full-time tenured or tenure track members of the American University faculty. The members of the committee must be approved by the dean of the School of International Service. Students must successfully defend their dissertation in an oral examination on an occasion to which the entire American University community is invited, customarily with two weeks prior notice. Students must present a completed draft of their dissertation for defense. They are responsible for having the final draft of their dissertation meet university style requirements. Dissertations must be approved by the dean of the School of International Service.

- *Statute of limitations:* American University's *Academic Regulations* provide that all work for the doctorate must be completed within five years from the date of first enrollment as doctoral student (seven years if the student entered a doctoral program with a bachelor's degree). Prior to the expiration of the time limit specified (or to the expiration of approved extensions) a student may petition for an extension of candidacy. Extensions are approved by the dean of the School of International Service, upon recommendation of the student's advisor and the director of the Ph.D. program. In any event, the totality of extensions will not exceed a three year period beyond the applicable duration of five or seven years.

Course Requirements

International Relations Theory Core (9 credit hours)

- SIS-700 Comparative and Regional Studies Proseminar (3)
- SIS-701 International Relations Proseminar (3)
- SIS-705 Social Theory in Comparative and International Perspective (3)

Social Science Research Methodology (12 credit hours)

- SIS-714 Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations (3)
- SIS-715 Seminar on Advanced Research Design (3)
- SIS-716 International Relations Quantitative Methods Proseminar (3)
- One other course in social science methodology appropriate to the student's field of study and dissertation research, selected in consultation with and approved by the director of the Ph.D. program.
Graduate-level methodology courses taken at other universities may be counted in fulfilling this requirement only with permission of the director of the Ph.D. program.

Field Requirements

- Additional field requirements as described for major fields in Comparative and Regional Studies (CRS), Global Environmental Policy (GEP), International Communication (IC), International Development (ID), International Economic Relations (IER), International Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), International Politics (IP), and United States Foreign Policy (USFP).
- Doctoral-level course preparation in two other comprehensive examination fields. Other options for meeting this requirement must be made in consultation with and approved by the director of the Ph.D. program.

Research and Writing Requirement

- 12 credit hours of SIS-799 Dissertation Supervision and successful completion of the dissertation.

Graduate Certificate in Cross-Cultural Communication

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- SIS-642 Cross-Cultural Communication (3)
- SIS-641 Psychological and Cultural Bases of International Politics (3)
or
- SIS-640 International Communication (3)
- 9 credit hours of electives in a cluster of related courses as approved by the student's advisor

Graduate Certificate in European Studies

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 18 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

- Proficiency in a modern foreign language: Research competence in English and another language relevant to the student's career objectives must be certified.
- Study abroad or approved internship with a European focus
- Capstone: successful completion of a 3 credit-hour European studies research project conducted under the supervision of a faculty member associated with the European studies certificate program. A Substantial Research Paper (SRP) or graduate independent study may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Course Requirements

- 18 credit hours of approved European studies related graduate course work including study abroad or approved internship with a European focus, and a 3 credit hour capstone. Students should take at least one course outside of their main area, discipline, or field.

Graduate Certificate in Global Information Technology

This interdisciplinary certificate, offered by the Kogod School of Business (KSB) and the School of International Service (SIS), gives students the skills and knowledge to work in organizations that support information technology globally. It is designed for business professionals who work across many locations, and professionals in international organizations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations with responsibility for strategy, policy, and implementation of information technology in developing and emerging economies.

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution and preferably at least one year of work experience. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose to either Kogod or SIS. Both schools will review applications. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15.5 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above and grades of B or above. Grades of C or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- ITEC-630 Business Analysis and Data Design (3)
or
ITEC-643 Consulting Project Management and the Enterprise Process (3)
- 4.5 credit hours from approved ITEC-5xx, 6xx, or 7xx courses
- SIS-628 Advanced Topics in International Communication (3):
Global Knowledge Economy
or
SIS-644 Communication and Social and Economic Development (3)
- SIS-633 Selected Topics in International Communication (1)
(taken twice for a total of 2 credit hours)
- SIS-642 Cross-Cultural Communication (3)

Graduate Certificate in International Development Management

Admission to the Program

Open to graduate level students in special contract programs approved by the director of the International Development Program who have successfully completed the special prerequisite program in English, mathematics/statistics, computers, and economics.

Certificate Requirements

- 21 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 6 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

Core (15 credit hours)

- ECON-505 Introduction to Mathematical Economics (3)
or
SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)

- SIS-636 Micropolitics of Development (3)
or
SIS-637 International Development (3)
- SIS-638 Selected Topics in International Development Skills (1) (a total of 3 credit hours)
PUAD-614 Development Management (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)

- Two courses from the following:
ECON-661 Survey of Economic Development (3)
SIS-636 Micropolitics of Development (3) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
SIS-637 International Development (3) (if not taken to fulfill requirement above)
PUAD-613 Administration of International Programs (3)
Other courses may be substituted with prior approval of the director of the International Development Program.

Graduate Certificate in International Economic Relations

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above, with grades of C or better
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

Core

- ECON-603 Introduction to Economic Theory (3)
(students with sufficient background in economics may substitute an additional economics course from the list of electives, below)
- SIS-600 Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (3)
- ECON-611 Survey of International Economics (3)
or
SIS-616 International Economics (3)

Electives

- 3 credit hours from the following:
ECON-551 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
ECON-552 Economics of Transition (3)
ECON-658 Economics of the World Regions (3) (topics)
ECON-661 Survey of Economic Development (3)

- 3 credit hours from the following:
 - SIS-565 U.S. Economic Relations with Japan and China (3)
 - SIS-630 Economic Policy of the European Union (3)
 - SIS-651 Managing Economic Policy Reform (3)
 - SIS-665 International Trade and Investment Relations (3)
 - SIS-666 International Monetary and Financial Relations (3)

Graduate Certificate in Peacebuilding

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

The certificate includes three concentrations—conflict resolution, conflict and development, and human rights—corresponding to summer institutes. Institute courses cover both theory (concepts, models) and practice (analytical and behavioral skills) necessary for professional practitioners. Students must complete at least one summer institute to fulfill the requirements of the certificate.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

Conflict Resolution

- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Conflict Resolution and Human Rights (3)
- SIS-609 Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Theory and Practice (3)
- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Applied Conflict Resolution (2)
Religion and Culture in Conflict Resolution (2)
Training for Trainers (2)
- At least 3 credit hours from the following or other approved courses:
 - SIS-516 Peacebuilding in Divided Societies (3)
 - SIS-517 Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict (3)
 - SIS-606 Culture and Peace and Conflict Resolution: Alternatives to Violence (3)
 - SIS-611 International Negotiation (3)

Conflict and Development

- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Conflict Resolution and Human Rights (3)
- SIS-540 Conflict and Development (3)
- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Peacebuilding and Development in Conflict Resolution (2)
Innovative Strategies for Change (2)
Gender and Peacebuilding in Development Context (2)
- At least 3 credit hours from the following or other approved courses:
 - SIS-539 Comparative Development Strategies (3)
 - SIS-637 International Development (3)
 - SIS-647 Governance, Democracy, and Development (3)

Human Rights

- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Conflict Resolution and Human Rights (3)
- SIS-622 Human Rights (3)
- SIS-603 Special Institute in International Affairs: Introduction to Human Rights (3)
Religion, Culture, and Human Rights (2)
Legislative Advocacy (1)
- At least 3 credit hours from the following or other approved courses:
 - SIS-614 Ethics in International Affairs (3)
 - SIS-621 International Law and the Legal Order (3)

Graduate Certificate in The Americas

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 6 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better. Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- One of the following:
 - ANTH-639 Culture Area Analysis (3) (approved topics)
 - HIST-640 Latin American Studies (3) (topics)
 - SIS-676 Selected Topics in Cross-National Studies:
Americas in Comparative Perspective (3)
 - SPAN-554 Classics of Latin American Literature (3) (topics)
- 12 credit hours from the following or other approved courses
 - GOVT-550 Politics in Cuba
 - SIS-577 International Relations of the Americas (3)
 - SIS-579 Selected Regional and Country Studies (3) (topics)
 - SIS-582 United States Policy toward Latin America (3)
 - SIS-618 Topics in North American Studies (3)
 - SPAN-559 Colloquium on Latin America (3) (topics)
 - SPAN-656 Spanish Topics (3)
 - SPAN-658 Introduction to Spanish Translation (3)
 - SPAN-659 Advanced Spanish Translation (3)
 - SPAN-705 Seminar in Spanish and Latin American Studies (3) (topics)

Graduate Professional Development Certificates

Comparative and Regional Studies

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.
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Course Requirements

- SIS-672 Theories of International and Comparative Studies (3)
or
other approved major field course
- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

Global Environmental Policy

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.
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Course Requirements

- SIS-660 Environment and Politics (3)
or
other approved major field course
- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

International Communication

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.
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Course Requirements

- SIS-640 International Communication (3)
or
other approved major field course

- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

International Development

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.

Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- SIS-637 International Development (3)
or
other approved major field course

- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

International Economic Policy

Admission to the Program

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Certificate Requirements

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hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- SIS-616 International Economics (3) (prerequisite: ECON-603 or equivalent)
or

other approved major field course

- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

International Peace and Conflict Resolution

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.

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Course Requirements

- SIS-607 Peace Paradigms (3)
or

other approved major field course

- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

International Politics

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.

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although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- SIS-601 Theory in International Relations (3)
or
SIS-604 Masterworks of International Relations (3)
or
other approved major field course
- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor

United States Foreign Policy

Admission to the Program

Open to students with a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. Applicants must submit their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 15 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 600-level or above with grades of C or better.

Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- SIS-583 United States in World Affairs (3)
or
other approved major field course
- 12 credit hours as approved by advisor