About SAIS

SAIS is a prominent and respected graduate school of international affairs, with campuses in Washington, D.C.; Bologna, Italy; and Nanjing, China. Today, SAIS alumni are political, business, and organizational leaders in more than 140 countries around the world—including more than 130 graduates who have served as ambassadors for their nations.

The unique interdisciplinary education at SAIS provides the theoretical insight and practical tools required for a successful career in today’s global environment. A presence on three continents and a network of partnerships with leading global educational institutions set SAIS apart. SAIS students combine the study of international economics with key policy areas of global concern that span the world’s pivotal regions. Its curriculum is also complemented by a specialized, practical language proficiency program. SAIS produces innovative thinkers and problem-solvers, equipped to deal with global challenges in any context around the world.
The SAIS Programs

Five-Year Bachelors-Masters Program
The five-year BA/MA program with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) allows selected undergraduate students to pursue an intensive program in international studies at the Hopkins campus in Baltimore and also obtain a master's degree in International Affairs from SAIS.

Direct Matriculation Program: Master's in International Studies
The Direct Matriculation Program: Master's in International Studies allows qualified high school students displaying a strong interest in international studies to pursue a combined bachelor's/master's degree with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. Students apply to the program at the time of their undergraduate admissions application. See https://apply.jhu.edu/ for more information and to apply.

Application Process

The SAIS Five-Year BA/MA Program is selective. Students must demonstrate a high level of academic performance as well as the completion of significant coursework in the major. Students apply during the second semester of their sophomore year.

Applications consist of:
- The online application form which includes a statement of interest indicating motivations for studying at SAIS (including reasons for wishing to study at Bologna or Nanjing, if applicable). A link to the application form can be found on the International Studies Program website:
  http://krieger.jhu.edu/internationalstudies/
- An official transcript
- Current resume
- One letter of recommendation from a member of the Hopkins community
- For Nanjing applicants: your STAMP test score. The STAMP test must be requested directly from the Hopkins-Nanjing Office of International Admissions.

Annual Application Deadline: February 5
Selected applicants will be invited for an interview, which will take place at the SAIS D.C. campus. Admissions decisions are announced shortly thereafter.

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SAIS Campuses

SAIS Washington, DC
The city of Washington, D.C., has traditionally acted as an extension of SAIS's main campus, giving students access to the world's most influential individuals and institutions as well as unparalleled opportunities for hands-on learning and career networking. SAIS is close to the White House, U.S. Capitol and World Bank, and neighbors include think tanks, embassies, and corporate and federal offices.

SAIS Europe
Bologna, Italy is home to SAIS Europe, which for over 60 years has used its strategic position in the heart of Europe to train leaders in international affairs worldwide. One of Bologna's nicknames is “la dotta” – the learned – describing its deep academic tradition as the birthplace of university education in Europe. SAIS Europe is characterized by its international faculty and close-knit community of approximately 200 students, representing over 40 countries.

SAIS Nanjing
The Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies (HNC) opened in 1986 as a one-of-a-kind center for international studies in China. An educational collaboration between the Johns Hopkins University and Nanjing University, it is located on the downtown campus of Nanjing University. Chinese and international students live and learn international relations together in a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to free and open academic exploration and intellectual dialogue.

Bologna, Italy