SAIS Europe is one of three campuses (together with Washington, DC and Nanjing, China) that comprise Hopkins’ world renowned School of Advanced International Studies. The vision for SAIS Europe dates back to 1955 when Professor C. Grove Haines, a diplomatic historian at Johns Hopkins, together with a small group of scholars, decided to launch a pioneering experiment in international education. Haines’ goal was to offer a select group of talented students the experience of living and studying together under a multinational faculty in a global environment, thereby encouraging cross-cultural communication and fostering collaboration among future world leaders. The academic offerings at SAIS are interdisciplinary, equipping students with the analytical skills required to solve problems of real-world significance. Degree programs at SAIS emphasize international economics and international relations with options to specialize in a broad range of policy areas and geographic regions. Foreign language training at SAIS Europe is offered in seven languages: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

About SAIS

Junior Year Abroad at SAIS Europe

For students of international studies
Application Process

Participation in the junior year abroad program at SAIS Europe is selective. Students must demonstrate a high level of academic performance as well as the completion of significant coursework in their major. Students apply through the Office of Study Abroad in the second semester of their sophomore year. A complete application includes the application form, a statement of purpose, transcript, resume, passport copy, and one letter of recommendation from a member of the Hopkins community. The admissions competition is administered by the International Studies Program.

Eligibility

- Sophomore international studies or political science majors currently enrolled at JHU.
- GPA 3.5 or higher.
- No language requirement other than English

Students who spend their junior year in Bologna benefit from the option of advanced standing at SAIS if they go on to study there. JYA students who successfully complete eight courses in Bologna will receive one semester of credit at SAIS toward the MA.

Annual Application deadline: March 1

Scholarships

Hull Family Study Abroad Fund

The Hull Family Study Abroad Fund was created with the purpose of enabling Johns Hopkins undergraduate students to study abroad in Bologna, Italy. Applications are reviewed and evaluated on a rolling basis. To be considered for the Hull Family Study Abroad Fund students must demonstrate financial need and be studying abroad on a formalized program in Bologna such as the SAIS Junior Year Abroad or BA/MA program.

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