



STUDY WITH  
PURPOSE



# MAIR Curriculum

BA/MA Student Session April 2024

Washington, DC | Nanjing, China | Bologna, Italy

OFFICE OF  
ACADEMIC  
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**What we do:** Course Planning and Registration, Curriculum Questions, Long-term Planning, Requirements Tracking and Degree Clearance, Academic Policies and Procedures, and Academic Support and Resources

# DEGREE OVERVIEW

## MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MAIR)

- 2 year full-time (fall/spring) in-person program
  - Optional summer courses
- 64 credits
  - 16 credits/semester + non-credit language course (if needed)
- Same requirements for students who start in Washington, DC or at SAIS Europe
- At least 3 full-time semesters required; at least 1 full-time semester must be spent in Washington, DC



DEGREE  
SEQUENCE

Year 1



Year 2

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## CORE CURRICULUM

- Leadership, Ethics, and Decisionmaking
- World Order and Disorder
- International Economics (2 courses)
- Research Methods
- Statistics for Data Analytics

## SELF-DESIGNED PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Functional Focus Areas

- Development, Climate, and Sustainability
- International Economics and Finance
- Security, Strategy, and Statecraft
- Governance, Politics, and Society
- Technology and Innovation

### Regional Focus Areas

- Africa
- The Americas
- Asia
- China
- Europe and Eurasia
- The Middle East
- United States

## OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Capstone  
Language Proficiency  
Non-Credit Professional Development Skills Courses



# CORE CURRICULUM

## METHODOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS AND BIG PICTURE THINKING

6 courses/24 credits

### LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Leadership, Ethics, and Decision Making or American Foreign Policy Since WWII or Comparative Politics

### WORLD ORDER AND DISORDER

- Theories of International Relations or Evolution of the International System

### INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS (2 COURSES)\*

- International Economics I or Essentials of International Economics I
- International Economics II or Essentials of International Economics II

### RESEARCH METHODS

Sample courses: Econometrics, Applied Econometrics, Macro Econometrics, Theories & Methods of Qualitative Political Research, Practical Research Methods, Research Design and Causal Inference and more

### STATISTICS FOR DATA ANALYTICS\*

\* Passing a waiver exam allows student to replace a requirement with a more advanced course

# OUTRIGHT WAIVERS

Homewood Course	SAIS Equivalent	Next Steps
International Trade (AS.180.241)	International Economics I (IE I)	Pass SAIS Replacement Economics course to satisfy IE I Core
International Monetary Economics (AS.180.242)	International Economics II (IE II)	Pass SAIS Replacement Economics course to satisfy IE II Core
Statistical Analysis (EN.550.111,EN.553.111)*	Statistics for Data Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fulfills Data Analytics Core</li><li>- Must pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Research Methods Core (total 8 cr.)</li></ul>
Econometrics (AS.180.334)	Econometrics	Pass a different Research Methods Course (to satisfy RM Core)

SAIS does not accept transfer courses or credits from JHU or other institutions

# SELF- DESIGNED PROGRAM OF STUDY

## INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

10 courses/40 credits

## FOCUS AREAS

### Functional Focus Areas

- Development, Climate, and Sustainability
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- Security, Strategy, and Statecraft
- Governance, Politics, and Society
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### Regional Focus Areas

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## EXPAND YOUR EXPERTISE

- Students must complete:
  - at least 3 courses from 1 Functional Focus Area
  - at least 3 courses from 1 Regional Focus Area

\*Students who wish to pursue this focus area must complete or waiver International Economics I and II





## FOCUS AREA COMBINATIONS: — 3 EXAMPLES

### **International Economics and Finance+ The Americas**

- Economic Development
- Multinational Corporate Finance
- Economics of Immigration
- International Political Economy of Emerging Markets
- Financial Crises and Policy Dilemmas in Emerging Markets and Latin America
- Understanding Modern Latin American Politics

### **Security, Strategy, and Statecraft + China**

- Strategy and Policy
- Kissinger Seminar: History, Strategy, and American Statecraft
- American Intelligence: Role and Practice
- China's National Security Perspectives
- Chinese Foreign Policy
- Asian Maritime Interests and Strategies

### **Development, Climate, and Sustainability + Africa**

- Renewable and Distributed Energy Policy
- Climate Change, Science Economics, and Politics
- Geopolitics of Energy
- Political Economy of African Development
- Energy, Politics, and Development in Africa
- Contemporary African Politics

# SAMPLE 2 YEAR PLAN

Four 4-credit courses + one non-credit language course each semester

## First-Year Fall

## First-Year Spring

## Second-Year Fall

## Second-Year Spring

<p>World Order and Disorder International Economics 1 or 2 Statistics for Data Analytics Functional Focus Area Non-Credit Language Course</p>	<p>Leadership, Ethics &amp; Decisionmaking International Economics 1 or 2 Functional Focus Area Regional Focus Area Non-Credit Language Course</p>	<p>Research Methods Functional Focus Area Regional Focus Area Capstone or Elective Non-Credit Language Course</p>	<p>Regional Focus Area Capstone or Elective Elective Elective Non-Credit Language Course</p>
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**First Year:** at least 4 of 6 Core courses

**Second Year:** remainder of focus area courses, electives, and capstone

# PUBLIC COURSE SEARCH



## JHU Public Course Search

Clear All Filters [Nitze School of Advanced International Studies](#) [SA Security, Strategy, and Statecraft](#) [Washington DC Center](#) [Fall 2022](#)

**SORT BY:**  
Keyword

**RESULTS:**  
30

**TERM**  
Fall 2022 (41)

SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT

LEVEL

LOCATION

STATUS

CREDITS

TIME

DAYS

AREAS

Course	Term	Location	Days & Times	Instructor(s)	Credits
> Fundamentals of International Law SA.500.110 (01)	Fall 2022	Washington DC Center	M 9:30AM - 12:00PM	Okafor, Obiora C	4.00
▼ Artificial Intelligence: The Science, Ethics, and Politics SA.501.104 (01)	Fall 2022	Washington DC Center	T 2:00PM - 4:30PM	Lopez-Gonzalez, Monica	4.00
<b>Level</b> Graduate		<b>Description</b> Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) have emerged as increasingly significant areas of inquiry and debate in science, technology, and society. From search engines, advertising, and chatbots to autonomous weapon systems, driverless vehicles, financial risk management, law enforcement, and medical diagnosis, AI and ML are being integrated within many services and products across a range of industries. At the same time, AI-enabled technologies are facilitating discrimination, raising questions on privacy and transparency, fueling fears about labor shortages, and feeding competition on the international stage. The challenge of today and tomorrow is taking a human-centered approach to filling the gap between technology, ethics, and policymaking. We will review and discuss industry use cases to better understand the complexity and evolution of AI. Students will work on a semester-long group research policy project on a topic of their choice.			
<b>Credits</b> 4.00		<b>Textbook Vendor</b>			
<b>Department</b> SA Technology and Culture, SA Security, Strategy, and Statecraft		<b>Duration   Days &amp; Times   Location</b> 08-29-2022 to 12-05-2022   T 02:00 PM - 04:30 PM   Washington DC Center, Rome Building R206			
<b>Enrollment Limit</b> 20 students					
<b>Is Writing Intensive</b> No					
<b>Instruction Delivery Method(s)</b> Lecture					
> American Intelligence: Role Practice and Impact SA.507.101 (01)	Fall 2022	Washington DC Center	T 10:00AM - 12:30PM	McLaughlin, John E	4.00
> Congress & Foreign Policy SA.502.106 (02)	Fall 2022	Washington DC Center	T 8:00AM - 10:30AM	Stevenson, Charles A	4.00

<https://courses.jhu.edu>



# FACULTY DIRECTORY

## Faculty Directory

-- Campus --

-- Program --

Enter Search Terms Here...



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**James Steinberg**

Dean



**Veronica Anghel**

Lecturer of Risk in International  
Politics



**Anne Applebaum**

SAIS Senior Fellow of International  
Affairs, Senior Fellow at the SNF  
Agora Institute



**David Arase**

Resident Professor of International  
Politics



**Paul Armstrong-Taylor**

Resident Professor of International  
Economics



**Cristino R. Arroyo**

Senior Lecturer in International  
Economics



**Narges Bajoghli**

Assistant Professor



**John P. Banks**

Practitioner in Residence

<https://sais.jhu.edu/faculty-research>

# LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

- Students must demonstrate proficiency in a non-native language by passing proficiency exams
- SAIS offers language courses (non-credit) to help students prepare for proficiency exams; included in full-time tuition
- Possible to reach proficiency in a new language within 4 semesters of full-time study
- Non-native English speakers\* may use English as their proficiency language

\*Since English is of medium of instruction, non-native English speakers must take a diagnostic test to determine they have sufficient language skills and may be required to enroll in additional English language courses if not



# LANGUAGE COURSES

## BOTH CAMPUSES

- Arabic
- English
- French
- Russian
- Spanish

## WASHINGTON DC ONLY

- Chinese
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian (Farsi)

## SAIS EUROPE ONLY\*

- German
- Italian
- Portuguese

\*Students who begin instruction in these languages at SAIS Europe may continue with virtual instruction after they transition to Washington, DC campus.



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



## CAPSTONE OPTIONS (SECOND YEAR)

- Students must complete 1:
  - Practicum Course
  - Study Trip Course
  - Research Seminar Course
  - Expanded Research Paper (non-credit)
  - Approved Internship Research Paper (non-credit)

## NON-CREDIT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES

- Students must complete 2:
  - Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Excel
  - Introduction to R
  - Introduction to Tableau
  - Corporate Valuation
  - Introduction to Intelligence Analysis
  - Business Lessons in Leadership
  - Writing Skills for a Policy Career
  - Preparing and Delivering a Briefing and many more...



# SAMPLE CAPSTONE COURSES IN 2022-2023

## PRACTICUM COURSES

- Energy & Environment Practicum
- International Development Practicum
- SAIS Women Lead Practicum
- Central Asia Practicum
- International Human Rights Law Clinic
- National Security and Emerging Technology Practicum
- Technology and Geopolitical Risk Practicum

## STUDY TRIP COURSES

- Technology and Security in Asia: India Study Trip
- US-Japan Relations in a Global Context
- International Staff Ride Leadership Seminar
- Conflict Management Field Trip
- Latin American Research Seminar and Study Trip

## RESEARCH SEMINARS

- Advanced Topics in Chinese Foreign Policy: China at the Borders
- Political Economy in the Shadow of Conflict
- Strategic Studies Research Seminar



SEMESTER  
EXCHANGE





# SUMMER PREPARATION

## ONLINE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (OPE)

- Introductory course in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- Fulfills MAIR economics entry requirement
- 9 weeks fully online; asynchronous

## PRE-TERM

- Optional hybrid (virtual + in-person) program prior to the start of the fall semester
- Acclimate to campus, meet fellow students, improve skills and fulfill requirements

**Washington, DC:** Statistics and English

**SAIS Europe:** Statistics, English, and Survival & Intensive Italian

# LEARN MORE

Questions?

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# TRANSITIONING TO SAIS – WHAT TO EXPECT

## ONBOARDING PROCESS

- Matriculate to SAIS in mid-May
- Gain access to SAIS systems
- Receive welcome message and checklist from SAIS Advising
- Review Canvas and SAIS Portal pages
- Group Advising Sessions
- Academic preparation and planning resources
- Available Support (Advising, Faculty, Student Life, SEAM)

## REGISTRATION

- Review past syllabi and evaluations
- Registration process
- Different timelines for SAIS DC and SAIS Europe
- Waitlists

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Visas for int'l students and SAIS Europe
- Pre-Term and/or summer course registration
- Financial Aid and Housing