

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MA/MPA

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The synergy between international relations and public administration allows the approved 58-credit joint degree program combining international relations expertise and public management skills to serve as an invaluable experience for students.

The coursework includes 34 credits of core coursework, 12 credits of career track coursework and 12 credits of elective coursework

The dual-degree is completed in two years of full-time study and allows for extended professional development opportunities.

Earning a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR), the joint degree program equips students to confront the management and thematic challenges facing organizations around the world.

Students complete the core curricula for both degree programs, combining advanced training in public policy analysis, quantitative and qualitative methods, organizational management, and field-specific coursework.

Upon completion of the joint degree program, students will also apply academic training to real-world problems through a required consultancy and internship experience.

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34 credits of core coursework
12 credits of career track coursework
12 credits of elective coursework

Core Requirements

(34 Credits)

Dual-degree students complete the core coursework for both the MPA and MAIR degrees, totaling 34 credits of coursework.

Statistical and Economic Analysis

(9 Credits)

Dual-degree students are trained in applying analytical techniques to identify policy changes and assess responses. Students will complete the following three courses.

Code	Title	Credits
PAI 721	Introduction to Statistics	3
PAI 722	Quantitative Analysis	3
PAI 723	Economics for Public Decisions	3

International Relations Requirement

(3 Credits)

Students apply international relations theories to explain the emergence of events and to develop policies to address international problems.

Code	Title	Credits
PAI 710	International Actors and Issues	3

Public Management and Administration

(13 Credits)

Students will understand the tools for the effective management and leadership of public and non-profit organizations.

Code	Title	Credits
PAI 734	Public Budgeting	3
PAI 753	Leadership and Public Policy	3
PAI 755	Public Administration and Democracy	3
PAI 600	Selected Topics	1-6
PAI 752	MPA Workshop	3

Management Options

(3 Credits)

Dual-degree students select the management requirement that best fits their intended career path, choosing one of the following four courses.

Code	Title	Credits
PAI 712	Public Organizations and Management	3
PAI 748	Seminar on Nonprofit Management	3
PAI 762	Challenges of International Management and Leadership	3
PAI 763	NGO Management in Developing and Transitioning Countries	3

Signature Class

(3 Credits)

As international relations is an interdisciplinary field, students develop the ability to analyze policy and programmatic challenges from a variety of social science perspectives through the choice of a signature course. A revised list of signature courses is published by the department at the beginning of the academic year.

Code	Title	Credits
PSC 783	Comparative Foreign Policy	3

Research Methodology

(3 Credits)

Students are equipped to effectively use international relations research through the use of appropriate social science research methods to evaluate policies from a data-driven perspective. Students choose which one of the following courses is a best fit for their career preparation.

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 681	Ethnographic Techniques	3
PAI 705	Research Design for IR Practitioners	3
PAI 722	Quantitative Analysis	3
PRL 611	Public Relations Research	3

International Relations Career Track

(12 Credits)

Each student must complete 12 credits of coursework in one of the following five career tracks.

- Development and Humanitarian Assistance
- Governance, Diplomacy, and International Organizations
- International Political Economy
- Peace, Security, and Conflict
- Regional Concentration (by permission)

International Relations Professional Internship

Dual-degree students develop their professional skills through a graduate internship.

The internship requirement for the international relations degree requires 250 hours of service time over a minimum of twelve weeks during the fall and spring semesters or 250 hours of service time over a minimum of seven weeks during the summer semester. The internship can count for up to three credits towards the MAIR degree and be applied as either a career track or elective course. Internships can be conducted in the United States and around the world.

Electives

(12 Credits)

Students round out their studies with four elective classes, three of which are taken in the Department of Public Administration and International Affairs.