



The Johns Hopkins University
The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies

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Graduate Programs in International Relations



Seven Decades of Educating Global Leaders

SAIS has always looked to the future.

When the school opened in 1943, World War II raged in Europe and Asia. But a group of visionaries—led by statesmen Christian Herter and Paul Nitze—foresaw the need for a graduate school that would prepare young men and women to assume responsibilities in the postwar era.

The world has changed since then. In this new century, economic crises, environmental threats, poverty, terrorism, human rights violations and shifting global alliances present enormous and unprecedented problems. More than ever, all nations need what SAIS offers: public servants and committed professionals who strive to make the world a better place.

The SAIS Advantage

The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), a division of The Johns Hopkins University, is known and respected around the globe.

With campuses in Washington, D.C., Bologna, Italy, and Nanjing, China, SAIS's graduate programs attract the best and brightest applicants—prepared to learn from the school's superb faculty and eager to acquire the leadership training and skills to take on the world's most demanding issues.

The SAIS education is unique for its interdisciplinary approach, in which students concentrate in either a functional area of international affairs or a region of the world while pursuing studies in economics and foreign languages.

Equipped with economic, cultural and global expertise, our graduates serve as leaders in governments, corporations, nonprofits, multilateral organizations and universities in more than 140 countries.



Foundations for Leadership

At SAIS, we educate tomorrow's leaders in the international relations field. The school offers a dynamic learning environment and supportive academic community. Students work closely with faculty to select the best path for their career objectives.

Degree Programs

Master of Arts (M.A.) Students pursue course work in international relations, functional or regional studies, economics and languages. Two years full-time.

Master of International Public Policy (M.I.P.P.) Designed for mid-career professionals with nine or more years of relevant work experience. Consists of eight non-language courses. One year full-time or two years part-time.

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Candidates choose a specialization and complete the program under the supervision of a faculty director.

Depending on their area of study, students may spend one year of the M.A. program at SAIS's Bologna Center. Individuals proficient in the Mandarin language may apply to study at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center.

Areas of Study

Functional Studies International Economics, International Relations and International Development are broadly based programs that prepare the next generation of decision-makers to think constructively about states and power in the modern age. Students gain a global perspective and understanding, along with the expertise to operate across borders or in international settings. Programs equip graduates to tackle issues ranging from economic policy to humanitarian crises to environmental concerns to war and conflict.

Regional Studies Recent global events are driving a renewed interest in regional studies, emphasizing a deep knowledge of how other societies work—knowledge that can help predict the behavior of political actors, friendly and hostile, in the broader world. SAIS offers strong programs in regional studies representing all corners of the globe. These programs provide students a thorough understanding of the culture, theory and history required for effective leadership in international affairs.

Proximity to Power

The entire city of Washington, D.C., has traditionally acted as an extension of SAIS's main campus. SAIS is close to the White House, the Capitol, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and its neighbors include think tanks, embassies, and corporate and federal offices. This proximity to power—and ready access to policymakers—creates rich academic and professional resources for students.



Joint-Degree Programs

Approximately 10 percent of SAIS students pursue joint-degree programs in business, law, public administration and public health. SAIS offers a number of options in partnership with the leading graduate schools listed below. Students may also create ad hoc joint-degree programs with other prominent universities.

- Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (M.B.A.)
- Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College (M.B.A.)
- Stanford University Law School (J.D.)
- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.)
- Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (M.H.S.)
- Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University (M.P.A. concurrent degree)



“SAIS has equipped me with the skills to be a leader in my profession while instilling the importance of being a committed public servant. A SAIS education prepares students with a quantitative and analytical grounding in both international economics and foreign relations, combined with a rigorous language program. Located in the heart of Washington, D.C., SAIS

offers access to internships with the world's policymakers and prominent organizations, providing the framework for invaluable professional connections.”

Sushmitha Narsiah

M.A., South Asia Studies
With an Emerging Markets Specialization

M.A. Curriculum Overview

SAIS students must complete two concentrations— a regional or functional program and International Economics.

First Concentration

Functional Studies

- International Relations (IR)/General
- IR/Conflict Management
- IR/Energy, Resources and Environment
- IR/Global Theory and History
- IR/International Law and Organizations
- IR/Strategic Studies
- International Development

Regional Studies

- Africa
- American Foreign Policy
- Asia/China
- Asia/Japan
- Asia/Korea
- Asia/South Asia
- Asia/Southeast Asia
- Europe
- Middle East
- Russia and Eurasia
- Western Hemisphere/Canada
- Western Hemisphere/Latin America

Second Concentration

International Economics

Required courses:

- International Monetary Theory
- International Trade Theory
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics

Electives

Electives may be chosen from courses offered by any of the functional or regional programs or the International Economics Program.

Core Exams

All students must pass two of the following four core exams or may take these core courses for credit in lieu of the exam:

- American Foreign Policy Since World War II
- Comparative National Systems
- Evolution of the International System
- Theories of International Relations

Oral Exams

All candidates must pass a comprehensive oral exam that covers their area of concentration and International Economics.

Languages

All students must demonstrate proficiency in speaking, listening and reading a modern language other than their native tongue. SAIS offers instruction in the following languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Hindi-Urdu
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian (Farsi)
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Thai
- Vietnamese

For more information about the SAIS curriculum, visit www.sais-jhu.edu/academics.

The SAIS Graduate

In these demanding times, the world needs leaders who are skilled and innovative problem-solvers. Recognized for their economics and analytical abilities, regional expertise, diplomatic and language proficiency, and the capacity to apply theory to real-world problems, SAIS graduates are a valued commodity in the international relations arena.

A Career-Building Edge

SAIS's graduate programs are designed to prepare students for successful and fulfilling careers in international relations. As part of that preparation, SAIS is committed to serving students' professional development needs. The Career Services staff works with individuals to explore careers and set goals, secure internships, strengthen leadership abilities, pursue job opportunities and link to SAIS alumni.

Career Services sponsors various job-hunting workshops, employment fairs and career treks featuring employer site visits hosted by alumni. To help students gain the practical skills to succeed as leaders in their field, Career Services conducts non-credit professional development classes in presentation skills, consulting, grant writing, negotiation tactics and financial modeling.

Connections for Life

SAIS offers a superior graduate education in international affairs and a lifetime network of colleagues.

The Alumni Relations Office maintains contact with graduates through SAIS alumni clubs in key locations around the world. Through these clubs, alumni stay connected with each other and the school, participate in student recruitment, provide career guidance and employment opportunities to current students, and help sustain the global SAIS community.

SAIS alumni are also part of The Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association, with chapters in more than 20 U.S. cities and a dozen international clubs.



“SAIS has a unique multidisciplinary approach to international studies, and as a business leader I have personally benefited enormously from my time at the school. I think the SAIS approach is going to become even more relevant and more valuable to future business leaders as the world becomes more globalized, and politics and economics continue to coalesce.”

Michael White

Vice Chairman of PepsiCo, CEO of PepsiCo International and 1976 SAIS Graduate

How SAIS Graduates Put Their Degrees to Work



40%
Private
Sector

24%
Public
Sector

16%
Nonprofit
Sector

14%
Multilateral
Organizations

4%
Further Study

2%
Fellowships

Teaching, Scholarship and Research

SAIS Faculty

The school's respected faculty of scholars and practitioners bring impressive professional experience in government and the private sector to the classroom. Their teaching mission is enhanced by advising leaders, conducting research, publishing influential books, and offering commentary through op-ed pages and TV and radio broadcasts.

Our part-time instructors hold positions in federal agencies, research firms, international organizations, corporations and other universities—contributing their real-world experience to the campuses. In addition, visiting scholars from other prominent U.S. and international institutions lecture and lead research at the school.

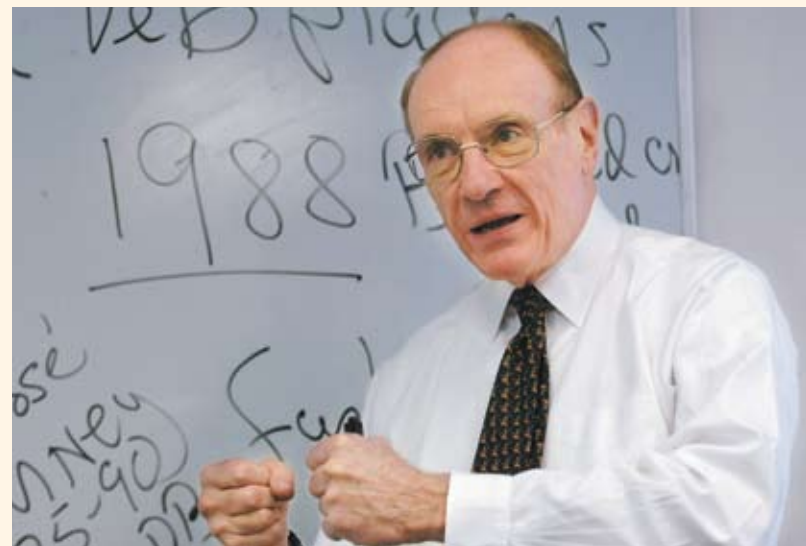
All of these individuals teach at SAIS because they are dedicated to preparing the next generation of leaders who will make enlightened policy choices and shape a better world.

To learn more about the backgrounds and expertise of SAIS faculty members, visit www.sais-jhu.edu/faculty.

Research at SAIS

SAIS serves as a nexus of scholarship in international relations. The school's research centers tap the expertise of the faculty while drawing on insights from outside experts. The centers enrich classroom learning, provide a forum for students to meet decision-makers and encounter the policy process, and offer internship and part-time job opportunities. Research centers at SAIS include:

- JHU Foreign Policy Institute
- Bernard L. Schwartz Forum on Constructive Capitalism
- Center for Canadian Studies
- Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (Bologna)
- Center for International Business and Public Policy
- Center for Transatlantic Relations
- Center on Politics and Foreign Relations
- Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
- Cultural Conversations
- Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies
- Global Energy and Environment Initiative
- Global Health and Foreign Policy Initiative
- Grassroots China Initiative
- International Reporting Project
- Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies
- Protection Project
- U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS





“Washington, D.C., is an ideal place in the world to prepare for a leadership role in global affairs because of the opportunities to engage with key players in the public, private and nonprofit arenas. Our students’ access to networking resources is unlimited.”

Francis Fukuyama
Director of the International Development Program



Selected Books by SAIS Faculty and Scholars

- **Fouad Ajami**, *The Foreigner's Gift: The Americans, the Arabs and the Iraqis in Iraq*
- **Eliot Cohen**, *Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen and Leadership in Wartime*
- **Francis Fukuyama**, *America at the Crossroads: Democracy, Power and the Neoconservative Legacy*
- **Michael Mandelbaum**, *The Case for Goliath: How America Acts as the World's Government in the 21st Century*
- **James Mann**, *Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet*
- **Azar Nafisi**, *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*

Life at SAIS

A Sense of Community

Approximately 600 full-time students study at the main campus in Washington, D.C. The small classes foster supportive relationships between students and faculty. Professional contacts and lifelong friendships are formed within the close-knit SAIS community.



Thirty-seven percent of the SAIS student body is international, representing more than 70 nations—making for a dynamic, diverse academic and social environment. Students say they learn as much from their accomplished peers as in the classroom.

Extracurricular excursions deliver real-life perspectives that help students prepare for future leadership roles—from monitoring elections in Nigeria to seeking conflict resolution in Haiti to walking battlefields in Germany to examining water policies in China.

On campus, students get to know each other at Friday happy hours, international dinners, the annual talent show and other gatherings. The Student Government Association helps develop and manage the school's professional, cultural and social clubs. Many students participate in community service projects in Washington, Bologna and Nanjing.

Recent Speakers at SAIS

- **Madeleine Albright**, U.S. secretary of State and former SAIS student
- **Ban Ki-moon**, U.N. secretary-general
- **Joseph Biden**, then-U.S. senator from Delaware
- **George W. Bush**, president of the United States
- **Bill Clinton**, president of the United States
- **Helene Gayle**, president and CEO of CARE USA
- **Timothy Geithner**, then-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and 1985 SAIS graduate
- **Newt Gingrich**, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- **Stephen Hadley**, U.S. national security advisor
- **Hamid Karzai**, president of Afghanistan
- **Henry Paulson**, U.S. secretary of the Treasury
- **Peter G. Peterson**, co-founder of The Blackstone Group
- **David Petraeus**, U.S. Army general
- **Dominique Strauss-Kahn**, managing director of the International Monetary Fund
- **Martin Wolf**, *Financial Times* associate editor and chief economics commentator
- **Robert Zoellick**, president of the World Bank

SAIS at a Glance

- **School founded:** 1943
- **Number of students:** 600 in Washington, D.C. 190 in Bologna, Italy 160 in Nanjing, China
- **International students:** 37 percent, representing 70+ countries
- **Average GPA:** 3.5
- **Average GRE:** 710 (quantitative) 650 (verbal)
- **Average GMAT:** 45 (quantitative) 40 (verbal)
- **Average TOEFL:** 112 (Internet-based test)
- **Average age of M.A. students:** 27
- **Average age of mid-career M.I.P.P. students:** 38
- **Median class size:** 16
- **Faculty-to-student ratio:** 1-to-16
- **Alumni:** 15,000+



“I use the information that I learned at SAIS on a regular basis. I studied international relations, international economics and American foreign policy, and I use that knowledge almost every single day as a journalist in Washington, D.C.”

Wolf Blitzer
CNN Anchor and 1972 SAIS Graduate

International Campuses

BOLOGNA

Studying International Relations in Europe

Established in 1955, the SAIS Bologna Center provides the perfect setting to study international affairs in Europe. Home to the continent's oldest university, Bologna shines as the center of political, economic and cultural movements.

About 190 graduate students enroll each year—half from the United States and half from Europe and elsewhere. Small classes create an intimate, cohesive community. The center offers an interdisciplinary program of studies that parallels the SAIS Washington, D.C., curriculum, with courses taught in English. Approximately half of all entering SAIS students spend their first year of study in Bologna. More than 6,000 graduates of the center work in dozens of countries around the world.

For information, visit www.jhubc.it or e-mail admissions@jhubc.it.



Bologna Center Degree and Diploma Programs

- Master of Arts (M.A.)—Washington/Bologna
- Master of Arts in International Affairs (M.A.I.A.)—Bologna
- Master of International Public Policy (M.I.P.P.)—Bologna
- Bologna Center Diploma in International Studies
- M.A.I.A.–M.B.A. Program: Bologna Center and Luigi Bocconi University in Milan
- M.A.I.A.–M.A.I.S. Program: Bologna Center and the Diplomatiche Akademie Wien in Vienna



NANJING

An Innovative Approach to China Studies

For more than 20 years, the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies has pioneered programs of intellectual inquiry and cultural exchange, deepening understanding between Chinese students and those from other nations.

Each year, approximately 160 individuals attend classes at the center's state-of-the-art facilities in Nanjing, a gateway city strategically located between the North and South. American and international students take the majority of their courses in Mandarin, while Chinese students study mostly in English. Nearly 2,000 center graduates work throughout the world, contributing to the multifaceted relations between the United States and China.

For information, visit www.nanjing.jhu.edu or e-mail nanjing@jhu.edu.



Hopkins-Nanjing Center Degree and Certificate Programs

- Master of Arts in International Studies (M.A.I.S.)—offers students the opportunity to matriculate into the center's two-year master's program, with a degree awarded jointly by SAIS and Nanjing University
- Certificate in Chinese and American Studies—a one-year program that gives students flexibility in their course selection while deepening their knowledge of China and strengthening their Mandarin language skills
- SAIS M.A./Certificate in Chinese and American Studies—a five-semester option that allows students admitted to both campuses to spend two semesters in Nanjing and three semesters at SAIS's Washington, D.C., campus

Graduate Admissions

What We Look For in an Applicant

SAIS attracts highly motivated students from all over the world who are dedicated to mastering the practice of international relations and making a difference in the world. The SAIS student body is extremely diverse, and admission to the school is competitive. The Admissions Committee seeks applicants with demonstrated leadership ability, practical professional experience, international exposure, solid academic preparation and foreign language aptitude.

Visit SAIS in Washington, D.C.

To learn more about SAIS and its graduate degree programs in international relations, we invite you to make a virtual visit or personally tour the Washington, D.C., campus.

Our “Discover SAIS” video features students, faculty and alumni discussing the school’s academic programs, campus options, extracurricular activities and post-graduation opportunities.

Those who are able to visit SAIS can arrange to participate in a student-led campus tour and attend a class and/or information session. The Admissions staff is available to answer questions during walk-in hours (Monday through Friday, 2–5 p.m.) or by appointment.

To view the video and the schedule for information sessions and tours, go to www.sais-jhu.edu/admissions.

Admissions Requirements

For the most up-to-date information on application requirements, deadlines, financial assistance and other related topics, visit our Web site at www.sais-jhu.edu/admissions.

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Nondiscriminatory Policy

The Johns Hopkins University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to recruiting, supporting and fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff and students. All applicants who share this goal are encouraged to apply.

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“I believe a SAIS education is both a national and global resource that allows our students to discover essential knowledge for professionals who are embarking on careers in this era of globalization. By combining studies in economics, regional and functional areas, and foreign languages, we enable students to attain an excellent foundation for engagement in the international domain—whether in the public, private or nonprofit sector.”

Jessica P. Einhorn
Dean of SAIS and
1970 SAIS Graduate



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