

School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

The School of International and Public Affairs was launched in the Spring of 2009 to fulfill a need for an interdisciplinary approach critical to the understanding of the globalized world of the 21st century.

SIPA will:

- educate and train globally competent leaders in the fields of international and public affairs;
- produce scholarship that advances the understanding of international issues while contributing to policy solutions;
- promote international dialogue that fosters greater mutual understanding throughout the world

An integral part of the College of Arts and Sciences, SIPA will centralize most of FIU's internationally-oriented disciplines, providing cutting edge research, first-rate teaching, and innovative training. With more than 100 faculty and staff, SIPA offers innovative interdisciplinary research and teaching at the BA, MA, and PhD levels.

SIPA aspires to be recognized worldwide as a premier institution for research, education, and training in the fields of international and public affairs, as well as an essential resource for analysis and consulting for government, non-profit, and for-profit organizations alike. The School will seek accreditation by the prestigious Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA).

SIPA will be housed in a world-class facility. Located at the center of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, the SIPA building will be an architectural showpiece for the University and South Florida. A 500-seat auditorium, the centerpiece of the building, will be the largest and most technologically advanced academic space at the University. Arquitectonica, the award-winning, Miami-based firm with an international reputation for excellence and innovation, is responsible for the building's stunning design. Construction of the new facility started in May of 2009 and should be completed by the Summer of 2010.