

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.

Master of Arts in Global Governance

The Master of Arts in Global Governance (MAGG) is a two-year (36 credits) skills based program enhanced by interdisciplinary curriculum in area studies that will equip students to compete for and excel in employment opportunities in the global market, and designed to provide students with the ability to understand and negotiate successfully across societies and borders.

One area of specialization or 'track' is currently available: Globalization and Security, emphasizing security and geopolitics and critical security studies. After completion of 18 credit hours, internships are strongly recommended in business, not-for-profit organizations, intergovernmental organizations, government, transnational organizations, museum work and international companies. In their final semester, students will take a Capstone Course (3 credits) emphasizing team based learning, case studies and simulations, problem solving, analytical reasoning, and presentation skills.

Admission Requirements

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education, or equivalent degree from a foreign institution.

2. 3.0 GPA in the last 60 upper division credits of undergraduate degree.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. A statement of purpose (750 words) describing the candidate's academic and professional background as well as proposed area of concentration (tracks) as well as career aspirations.

In addition, foreign students must:

Official TOEFL scores (Note: unofficial scores will not be taken into consideration)

- Paper and Pencil: 550
- Internet-based: 80

The above admission requirements are minimums and not all students meeting them are assured admission. Students with a grade-point average below the above minimums may still apply and request a waiver of those scores. The student must provide a justification as to why the waiver should be approved.

Degree Requirements

The MAGG requires a total of 36 credits with the following breakdown: 15 credits of foundation required courses, 12 credits in a track, 6 credits of electives, and a 3-credit capstone course.

Foundation Required (Core) Courses: (15 credits)

ISS 6216	Foundations of Globalization	3
ECO 6025	Economic Policy Analysis for Global Governance	3
ISS 6307	Research Tools for Global Studies	3
ISS 6387	Analytical Writing and Presentation Skills	3
SYA 6655	Program Design and Evaluation	3

Track 1: Globalization and Security (12 credits)

For this track, students are required to take a total of four courses with at least one course in each of the specializations for this track: 1) Geopolitical Security and 2) Critical and Human Security.

Geopolitical Security

CCJ 5040	Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice Systems
DSC 6020	Terrorism and Homeland Security
GIS 5620	Surveillance, Intelligence, and International Relations
INR 5062	War, Peace and Conflict Resolution in INR
INR 5315	Foreign Policy Analysis
INR 6338	Seminar in Strategic Studies
LAW 6506	Foreign Relations and National Security Law

Critical and Human Security

CCJ 6620	Immigration and Crime
CCJ 6676	Transnational Crime and National Security
GEO 6478	Critical Geopolitics
INR 5012	Global Issues and Human Rights
INR 5352	Environment and Security
INR 6080	Seminar on Non-State Actors
INR 6089	International Relations and Human Rights

SYD 6236 International Migration and Refugees

Electives (6 credits)

Electives will be assigned from courses within SIPA, College of Business, College of Law, or other College of Arts and Sciences departments such as Religious Studies and Economics, as appropriate. Students may receive credit for independent study (maximum 6 credits) of study abroad courses provided they are approved by the program advisor and appropriate to the student's chosen track.

Capstone Course (3 credits)

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Internships

An internship is recommended after completion of 18 credits. The internship may be in a business, non-profit organization, intergovernmental organization, government, or a transnational organization.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

ECO-Economics; ISS-Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; SYA-Sociological Analysis

ECO 6025 Economic Policy Analysis for Global Governance (3). Designed for MA students in the Global Governance program, the course provides training in applied microeconomic and policy analysis.

ISS 6216 Foundations of Globalization (3). Advanced course to introduce students in the M.A. in Global Governance to the many nuances of globalization.

ISS 6307 Research Tools for Global Studies (3). Designed for MA students in the Global Governance program, the course provides qualitative and quantitative research methods in Global Studies. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

ISS 6387 Analytical Writing and Presentation Skills (3). Designed for MA students in the Global Governance program, the course provides training in communication skills by applying appropriate strategies for different types of writing and presentation.

ISS 6926 Master's Capstone Course for Global Governance (3). Capstone course designed for students in the final semester of the M.A. in Global Governance for students to apply the skills and methods acquired on a significant case study. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SYA 6655 Program Design and Evaluation (3). Designed for MA students in the Global Governance program, the course provides training in program design and evaluation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.