School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

Educating tomorrow's leaders in the fields of international and public affairs, the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) produces scholarship that advances the understanding of critical global issues, contributes to policy solutions and promotes international dialogue.

SIPA brings together FIU’s internationally oriented disciplines to provide cutting-edge research, first-rate teaching and innovative training necessary for the globalized world of the 21st century. The academic core of the school is comprised of eight major departments, including Criminal Justice, Economics, Global and Sociocultural Studies, Modern Languages, Politics and International Relations, Public Administration, and Religious Studies. SIPA also houses many of FIU’s most prominent international centers, institutes and programs. With more than 200 full-time faculty, SIPA offers innovative interdisciplinary research and teaching at the BA, MA, and PhD levels. The quality of its faculty and innovative programs has earned the school affiliate membership in the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSA).

An integral part of the College of Arts & Sciences, SIPA is one of three mission-based schools designed to enhance the experiences for our students and increase collaboration among disciplines. This includes collaboration with its sister schools, the School of Environment, Arts and Society and the School of Integrated Science and Humanity, as well as other colleges and programs at FIU to address key issues facing the world. Through its efforts and accomplishments in teaching and scholarship, SIPA is fulfilling part of FIU’s greater mission to become a major international education center that fosters mutual understanding throughout the world.

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. The program is 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. The track emphasizes security and geopolitics and critical security studies. After completion of 18 credit hours, students are encouraged to pursue internships in business, not-for-profit organizations, intergovernmental organizations, government, transnational organizations, nongovernmental organizations 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 6040 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 electives 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)
ISS 6926 Master’s Capstone Course for Global Governance 3

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.