

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (MAIR)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The Master of Arts in International Relations (MAIR) is designed to provide advanced coursework and applied quantitative methods training for students seeking careers as researchers in academia, as well as research analysts in the public and private sectors. The MAIR curriculum of 30 credits includes coursework in international political economy, international security, international law, and statistical methods of data analysis for international relations research questions. The curriculum emphasizes theoretical and quantitative empirical research in international relations. During the final semester, students will complete a capstone research project. The coursework does not emphasize current events or historical case studies.

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Admissions

Admission is for the fall semester only. Applicants must meet the following admission criteria:

- Applicants must have earned a four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or an equivalent degree from a non-U.S. institution.
- Applicants must have earned a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- International applicants must fulfill all requirements relating to international academic credentials, evidence of English proficiency, financial certification, and visa documentation.
- At least three undergraduate or graduate courses in international relations, international development or economics, or modern diplomatic and military history.
- Undergraduate or graduate coursework in statistics or quantitative methods will be preferred.

In addition to the admission criteria above, applicants must submit the following

- A statement of purpose that explains the applicant's interest in the program.
- Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- An official copy of a transcript for all of their post-secondary work.
- Two letters of recommendation. Professional or academic recommendations are acceptable.

Requirements

- International Relations, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/international-relations-mair/international-relations-ma/>)