

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

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- CV/Resume
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	March 13, 2026
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 16, 2026

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: <https://exst.umd.edu/professionals-post-baccalaureates/professional-graduate-programs/international-relations/>

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Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

REQUIREMENTS

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