The Master of Arts in Global Affairs offers a rigorous curriculum of 30 multidisciplinary credits that prepare graduates for careers in governance, development, security, and global justice. Students complete a core curriculum that focuses on the complex processes of globalization and select an area for further specialization, depending upon the student’s individual interests and professional goals.

The graduate program in Global Affairs has a renowned faculty committed to teaching and research, a diverse and accomplished student body, and Washington DC area campuses at the hub of globalization. Students benefit from the numerous career development resources and networking opportunities available at Mason and within the MA program.

Curriculum Requirements

Core Courses (18 credits)
- GLOA 600: Global Competencies
- GLOA 605: Interdisciplinary Research Methods
- GLOA 610: Economic Globalization and Development
- GLOA 615: Case Studies in Globalization
- GLOA 710: Seminar Abroad
- GLOA 720: Capstone Seminar

Specialization (12 credits)
Select from one thematic area:
- Global Conflict and Security
- Global Culture and Society
- Global Economics and Development
- Global Education
- Global Governance and Public Management
- Global Health
- Global Media and Technology
- Global Population and Geography

Degree Total: 30 credits

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Application Requirements

- Complete the online application for graduate study
- Application fee
- College Transcripts from all institutions attended
- Goals statement (two pages in length)
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Evidence of proficiency in a foreign language other than English
- Optional Writing Sample (five pages in length)

Application FAQs

Contact Us

What does a potential graduate study plan look like?

We look forward to hearing from you!

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You can also schedule a virtual appointment with the Graduate Program Coordinator by sending an email to globalma@gmu.edu

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