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Applicable degrees: Master of Arts in International Relations
To enhance their graduate education and professional opportunities, Master of Arts in International Relations students may pursue dual-degree in business, law, public administration, public health, public policy, and international diplomacy.

To be admitted to any of the dual-degree programs, students must be accepted by both schools independently. Dual degree students reduce their time at Johns Hopkins SAIS by one full semester (16 credits) and can normally complete both degrees up to one year faster than if the degrees were completed separately.

Business (MBA)
Solving global challenges requires creative leaders who can see beyond borders and work across sectors. Students pursuing a joint MA and MBA program are able to combine the knowledge, skills and network they have gained at both institutions to advance their careers in areas such as new business development, emerging markets, global risk, and entrepreneurship.

Partner institutions:
- Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business
- Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania
- Tuck School of Business at Darmouth
- Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia
- INSEAD

Public Health (MSPH)
A dual degree with the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health prepares students for careers that require a sophisticated understanding of international, political, socioeconomic, and cultural issues related to public wellness, healthcare, international development, and more.

Law (JD)
A synthesis of knowledge on international relations and international law is valuable to understand the applicability of law in global politics. Students pursuing this joint degree are offered exciting opportunities to explore legal dynamics in the field of international relations.

Partner institutions:
- Stanford University Law School
- University of Virginia Law School

International Relations/International Law (ML)
Johns Hopkins SAIS and the Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University in Beijing, one of China's top universities, offer a groundbreaking dual-degree program. Tsinghua's president recently welcomed the first cohort and admissions are now open for the second. Each cohort will have roughly an equal number of Chinese and non-Chinese students.

Students generally spend the first academic year at Tsinghua and then three semesters at Johns Hopkins SAIS in Washington, DC (Fall/Spring/Fall). As with all dual-degree arrangements, students have the opportunity to complete the school's MAIR requirements in three instead of four semesters, but both degrees are conferred only when all requirements are met at both schools. After completion of these requirements, students will be awarded a Master of Arts in International Relations degree from Johns Hopkins SAIS and a Master of Law degree and graduation certificate from Tsinghua.

Public Administration (MPA)
A dual-degree in International Relations and Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University is a unique opportunity tailored for candidates aspiring to understand the fundamentals of public policy in a global context.

Students interested in pursuing a dual degrees not mentioned above may petition the Office of Academic Affairs for an ad-hoc program of study. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Exchange Programs
Applicable degrees: Master of Arts in International Relations, Master of Arts in International Affairs
Participating in an exchange program offers students a unique opportunity to gain new perspectives on their program of study. The school offers four exchange programs for students entering their third semester. Students are selected through an internal application process. The exchange partnerships include:

Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany
Students may enroll in courses offered in the Masters of Public Policy or Masters of International Affairs programs. Courses cover topics such as policy analysis, finance and trade, security and sustainability.

Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore at the Bukit Timah Campus.
Ranked first in Asia, NUS is a top university with strong global partnerships and faculty who bring real-life policy experience to the classroom. Students take classes taught in English in topics such as urban development, globalization and economic development.

Sciences Po in Paris, France
Students can choose English taught courses within the Paris School of International Affairs, School of Public Affairs, Urban School, European Affairs, Economics & Business, and Communications. In Paris, students can take advantage of the internationally diverse community while being in a capital city that draws leading figures from around the world.

The Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University in the Yuan, Haidian District in Beijing, China
Students can choose courses, taught in English, in subject areas ranging from security studies to public diplomacy. Study at Tsinghua affords students the opportunity to be surrounded by scholars from around the world in the international and cultural capital of Beijing.