

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, DIPLOMA

The one-year Diploma in International Studies, offered at SAIS Europe in Bologna, Italy, gives students the flexibility to select courses based on their academic interests. The school's multidisciplinary curriculum is rooted in economics, political science, history, and foreign language proficiency and students are taught under the American system of graduate education.

The close-knit international academic environment of SAIS Europe fosters a sense of community and collaboration and enables students to learn to communicate across borders and cultures.

Johns Hopkins SAIS graduates are sought after by employers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Their knowledge of economics, analytical abilities, regional expertise, diplomatic skills, international experience, language proficiency, as well as capacity to apply theory to real-world problems, give students a distinct professional advantage.

- Arabic
- French
- German
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish

Non-native English speakers must pass the English proficiency exam prior to graduation.

Non-credit language courses do not count toward the number of courses or credits needed for the Diploma.

Degree Requirements

Campus: Bologna, Italy

Credits: 32

Duration: One academic year, Full-time

Course delivery: In-person

In order to earn the Diploma, students must fulfill all requirements and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.67 or above.

Curriculum

Students pursuing the one-year Diploma in International Studies must complete a minimum of eight non-language courses (32 credits) over two consecutive semesters. Students must also demonstrate competence in one of the foreign languages offered at SAIS Europe.

The curriculum emphasizes international economics and international relations with options to focus in a broad range of policy areas and geographic regions. Students who wish to pursue international economics coursework must have completed introductory level Micro- and Macroeconomics prior to the start of the program.

Each year, approximately 70 courses are offered at SAIS Europe on a wide variety of international relations topics, including but not limited to:

- Development, Climate, and Sustainability
- the European and Eurasian region
- Governance, Politics, and Society
- International Economics and Finance
- the Middle East region
- Security, Strategy, and Statecraft

Language Requirements

Native English speakers must pass a foreign-language proficiency examination or successfully complete two semester-long courses in one of the foreign languages offered at SAIS Europe: