

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MASTER OF ARTS

Offered entirely at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center (HNC), this two-year program is the only master's degree fully accredited in both China and the United States. Students must have advanced proficiency in both English and Chinese. Content courses are taught in both languages (with a majority target language component), and students in the second year conduct original research leading to a thesis written in their target language (English for Chinese nationals and Chinese for Americans and other international students).

Alumni of the Hopkins-Nanjing Center are renowned for their ability to approach topics in international affairs and China studies from multiple disciplinary perspectives and in two languages. They play key roles in government, business, journalism, NGOs, and academia and are uniquely poised to understand and manage the multiple dimensions of China's global relationships, including with the United States.

Degree Requirements

Campus: Nanjing, China

Credits: 64

Duration: Two academic years, Full-Time

Course delivery: In-person

Curriculum and Concentrations

Students in the MAIS program elect to concentrate in one of the following concentration areas:

- Chinese Studies
- Comparative and International Law
- Energy, Resources, and Environment
- International Economics
- International Politics

Degree Program Requirements

During their two years (four semesters) of study, MAIS students must complete 64 credits of coursework for the degree. At least 32 credits (excluding MAIS Tutorial and MAIS Thesis Preparation courses) must be taken in Chinese. 24 credits must count towards their area of concentration.

In addition to the courses required for their concentration, students must pass 20 credits in at least two concentrations outside the specific concentration area. All MAIS students must take at least three Area Studies (Chinese and American Studies) courses in order to fulfill the requirement for the minor. Many courses are cross-listed between concentrations and may count for multiple requirements.

MAIS Tutorial - This bilingual course, taken in the fall of the first year, provides a common intellectual foundation for advanced social science work in an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural context. Through classic theoretical readings in English and Chinese, students tackle the animating questions of the disciplines represented at HNC and refine their ability to do sophisticated analysis of social phenomena. This course is required for all MAIS students.

MAIS Thesis Preparation – This bilingual course, taken in the spring of the first year, leads students into the practicalities of research design and writing for the second-year thesis project. While students narrow down their topics and seek thesis advisers, this course covers a variety of methods and the technical requirements of writing and citation in English and Chinese. This course is required for all MAIS students.