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Master of
Advanced
Studies in
International
Affairs

MAS-IA



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The School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS) addresses the great societal challenges of the 21st century. The School's pioneering research builds on internationally recognized expertise on the Americas and Asia, integrates analysis of public policy and markets and explores global issues of conflict and cooperation. Leveraging UC San Diego's renowned programs in science and technology, GPS creates new analytic tools for top practitioners while supporting rigorous training of the next generation of global leaders. Through strong collaborations across the UC San Diego campus and counterparts around the globe, GPS shapes better solutions for a transforming world.

**Solution driven.
Pacific focused.
Global results.**

MAS-IA professionals featured on cover:

Neil Lokuge, Director of Operations, American Red Cross
Joseph Corbin, Consultant, Gallup
Alisha Tomita, Strategic Business & Planning Analyst,
Oracle Corporation
CPT Joseph Agius, Foreign Area Officer, U.S. Army
Eun Ok Lee, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea
Jaewoo Lee, Deputy Director, Presidential Security Service, Korea
Alfredo Martinez, Director, National Association of Universities
and Educational Institutions, Mexico
CAPT Jason Ryu, Battery Commander, U.S. Marine Corps
LT Alexis Steele, Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy
CPT Wei Yuan, Foreign Area Officer, U.S. Army



"GPS is unparalleled for delivering a high caliber curriculum with a diverse student body. Pursuing the MAS-IA degree part time enables me to strengthen my knowledge, skills and abilities to be an effective leader while working full time. Learning from my peers in the program as well as the curriculum also helps make me a more effective strategic analyst."

**Alisha Tomita,
MAS-IA 2016**

Strategic Business &
Planning Analyst,
Oracle Corporation (U.S.)



"The foundation of economics and politics that the MAS-IA provided were outstanding. This degree will help me integrate a larger strategic vision into my career, particularly in policy applications."

**LCDR Timothy Scheidler,
MAS-IA 2015**
Politico-Military Scholarship
Recipient, U.S. Navy (U.S.)



EDUCATING LEADERS

Built on strong scholarly values, our programs are designed to do much more than teach—they educate leaders, create ideas and support networks—all with an eye toward building a Pacific community.

Graduate education at GPS benefits individuals from many professional backgrounds, including local and national government, the military, private industry and nonprofit and multilateral organizations. We take advantage of our distinguished faculty and ideal location to prepare students to advance in careers that will help mold the Pacific region's economic growth, technological innovations and environmental and security challenges into instruments of peace, prosperity and democracy.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO

One of the largest and fastest growing cities in the U.S., San Diego offers a rich variety of cultural, social and recreational opportunities and enjoys an average daily temperature of 70°F.

MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The executive Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs (MAS-IA) degree is designed for professionals seeking specialized graduate education in international affairs. Participants tailor their program of study to develop a comprehensive understanding of international affairs topics related to the Pacific region.

MAS-IA career tracks provide an opportunity to focus on a course of study in a particular functional area and to work closely with other students and faculty who share similar interests.

Environmental Policy and Sustainability

Centered on concepts of energy policy, sustainable development, resource management, conservation and green technology, this track provides economic-based analytic tools that are integral to impacting environmental policy and building a more sustainable future.

International Political Economy

Deepening the understanding of the politics of international economic relations, this track builds on the analytical tools and practical implementation of the international and domestic factors influencing the global economy and foreign policies.

International Public Policy

Examining processes relevant to the public sector and policymaking, this track offers interdisciplinary study in political science, economics and finance. It explores how the institutional framework of a political system dictates the ways governments interact with the private sector.

International Relations

Focused on honing analytical skills, this interdisciplinary track examines the political, economic and security components of bilateral and multilateral relationships and explains the domestic and foreign policies of particular countries.

Security of the Asia-Pacific

Exploring security using multidisciplinary critical thinking tools to address issues related to defense strategy, conflict and cooperation, this track offers a practical approach to examining security issues, particularly of the Asia-Pacific.

"As a mid-career professional focused on economic development and sustainability, the MAS-IA degree has improved my analytic and quantitative skills on policy evaluation, environmental policy and international affairs. The program has strengthened my professional skills to lead decision-making processes on sustainable development challenges."

**Anisorc Brito Ramirez,
MAS-IA 2015**

Water and Environment
Specialist, Central American
Bank for Economic
Integration (Honduras)



Professor Stephan Haggard teaching an MAS-IA core course. Professor Haggard is an internationally renowned expert on the Korean peninsula, and on the politics of economic reform and globalization.



"The outstanding faculty and helpful staff enriched my academic experiences, and the interaction with the classmates from various professions enabled me to understand policy analysis from a diverse of perspectives."

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The MAS-IA degree consists of 12 courses (48 degree units) and allows participants to customize a unique program to meet their professional needs.

The program can be completed in one academic year of full-time study. A part-time enrollment option (two academic years) is also available to domestic professionals with flexible work schedules.

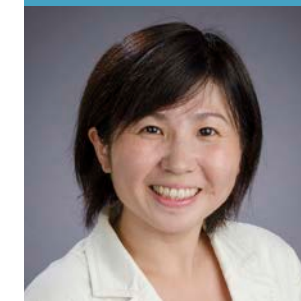
Core and Capstone Requirement

Core courses must be completed in the first fall quarter. The capstone course is taken in the final spring quarter of study.

Regional Electives Requirement

Two courses focusing on one of the GPS regions—China, Japan, Korea, Latin America or Southeast Asia—must be completed. Some tracks limit elective options to particular regions or courses.

The MAS-IA is an approved civilian degree for the Navy's Politico-Military 680 Curriculum (National Security/International Relations and Diplomacy) and Foreign Area Officers (FAOs) specializing in the Americas and the Asia-Pacific.



**Akiko Kawakami,
MAS-IA 2015**
Ministry of Education,
Culture, Sports,
Science and
Technology (Japan)

Career Track Requirement

Each career track requires students to take three courses. Some tracks offer broad lists of track electives and others are more closely prescribed.

Electives Requirement

In addition to the courses that fulfill career track requirements, students must take four elective courses. Some career tracks have specific sets of elective course options.

UC SAN DIEGO

UC San Diego is one of the nation's most accomplished research universities and has among the highest ranked departments in the world in both political science and economics. The university has also been named one of the greenest universities in the nation in its implementation of sustainability solutions.

"The MAS-IA significantly impacted my professional development as an Army FAO. The Security of the Asia-Pacific track supported my professional objectives by providing clear context, perspective and a better framework in which to view my future operating environment. The MAS-IA was instrumental in preparing me for my role and responsibilities working in Southeast Asia."



Major Pete Roongsang,
MAS-IA 2014
Foreign Area Officer,
U.S. Army (U.S.)

FACULTY

An important component of the MAS-IA degree is unmatched access to internationally-renowned faculty.

With our campus strengths in STEMM fields (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine), our faculty are experts at creating better design and evaluation methodology for public policy around the globe. Participants in far-reaching networks of government, industry and nongovernmental organizations, our faculty are dedicated to delivering bold new ideas in the classroom and through scholarship.

See information about all our faculty at our website:
gps.ucsd.edu/faculty-research

Some of our outstanding faculty experts include:

- Richard Feinberg, Ph.D., Stanford University
- Joshua Graff Zivin, Ph.D., UC Berkeley
- Stephan Haggard, Ph.D., UC Berkeley
- Ellis Krauss, Ph.D., Stanford University
- Krislert Samphantharak, Ph.D., University of Chicago
- Barbara Walter, Ph.D., University of Chicago
- Emilie Hafner-Burton, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin—Madison
- David Victor, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Ulrike Schaeede, Ph.D., Philipps-Universität Marburg
- Tai Ming Cheung, Ph.D., King's College, London University



"My one-year in the MAS-IA degree was an experience of a lifetime. It enabled me to share insightful perspectives over various global issues with prominent professors and colleagues from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds."



Jin Um Hong,
MAS-IA 2015
Second Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs (Korea)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of five years of professional work experience
- Relevant international experience
- Bachelor's degree with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume
- International applicants must have a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the iBT or 550 on the PBT, or an IELTS band of 7.0

Visit gps.ucsd.edu/mas-ia for additional information about admissions and program requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Early response: Oct. 30
- Regular: Jan. 15
- Applications will be considered through May 31, contingent on space availability

The Global Leadership Institute (GLI) is the executive education unit in GPS and provides student advising, programming and administrative oversight for the MAS-IA. [Contact us for program information at 858-534-7420 or via email at \[gps-masia@ucsd.edu\]\(mailto:gps-masia@ucsd.edu\). For MAS-IA admissions information, contact \[gps-apply@ucsd.edu\]\(mailto:gps-apply@ucsd.edu\).](https://gps.ucsd.edu/mas-ia)

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