Executive Master’s in
International Relations
Washington, D.C.
Define the Future

Program Highlights
For experienced professionals who are ready to take the next steps in their career, look no further than the executive master’s in international relations D.C. from the nation’s #1-ranked school of public affairs and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), one of the most influential think tanks in the world. Designed for working professionals with at least seven years of professional experience, this master’s degree can be completed efficiently alongside a full-time work schedule.

Curriculum Overview

Program Format
With part-time study, you can complete the 10-course program (30 credits) in 18-20 months. You may also take a full-time load of courses to finish in less than a calendar year. We match academic interests to professional experience to help you master the competencies required for the next steps in your career:
• leadership and management;
• anticipating and coping with uncertainty, and
• policy design and implementation

Customizable Degree Options
The interdisciplinary nature of the Maxwell School provides a cross-cultural and collaborative learning environment. The executive master’s degree attracts students from around the nation and over 15 countries. Students have professional experience from private, public, and non-profit sectors in mid-career or senior roles.

You will participate in two core seminars and an additional course focusing on a region of the world (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East). Students can customize their learning through one of five specialized career tracks:
• Foreign Policy
• Global Development
• Global Markets
• Global Security and Intelligence
• Public Diplomacy

You will complete a capstone project under the mentorship of CSIS fellows to learn to examine complex problems, analyze and use data to provide clear, concise, realistic and innovative courses of action. Final presentations are given to the dean of the Maxwell School and president of CSIS, providing you with valuable real-world feedback.

Seminars and Instructors
Courses are taught by scholar-practitioners who are leaders in their respective fields. Courses are designed to give you a solid academic footing while focusing on the practical and actionable application of concepts. Case studies, simulations and guest speakers augment seminar-style discussions so you gain familiarity with the latest thinking on topics such as U.S. foreign policy, strategic foresight, disinformation in the digital age, great power competition, fragile states, regional security challenges and economic statecraft.

Career Advancement
Alumni share the common vision of bettering the world through leadership and collaboration. Graduates work as leaders of nongovernmental organizations, directors of ministries, city and county managers, senior policy directors and analysts, elected officials, nonprofit executive directors, civil society leaders and C-suite executives in the private sector.
**Admission Information**

Applicants are encouraged to apply by the priority deadlines. After these dates, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Priority Application Deadlines:**
- July 1 for fall admission
- November 1 for spring admission
- May 1 for summer admission

**Admission Criteria**

You must demonstrate:
- seven years of professional work experience in a position with significant organizational responsibility, including managerial positions in the public or nonprofit sectors or related public policy development;
- hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution;
- international applicants must submit proof of English proficiency such as TOEFL or IELTS exam scores
- GRE scores are not required.

**Financing Your Education**

This flexible program may be completed part-time or full-time. You are only billed for the number of credits you take each semester.

The 2023-24 tuition is $1,872 per credit hour. Many students may offset their tuition costs through employer reimbursement, GI Bill, external scholarships, grants and loans. Additionally, the Maxwell School has a limited amount of need and merit-based scholarship funding and grants.

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*This degree is extremely flexible. If you need to accelerate and take an extra class, there are online options. If you need to slow down, you can take just one course at a time.*

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