

INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

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The University of Miami's Master of Arts in International Administration Program is a thirty (30) credit interdisciplinary graduate degree designed to prepare students for careers in the administration of public and private organizations. MAIA students learn how to identify, analyze, and manage the complex global problems that confront modern institutions, particularly in areas of security, human rights, and geopolitics. The program combines academic considerations of politics and culture with those of economics and management to provide participants with the skills necessary to pursue a range of career objectives in both domestic and international careers. MAIA students are change-agents, entrepreneurs, and leaders in both government and non-governmental sectors. Our graduates have pursued careers in the realm of non-profits and non-governmental organizations, in the fields of communication, health, emergency management and national security, as well as in the financial and business sectors. The degree is awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences.

MAIA concentrations are designed to prepare students for global leadership roles in specific fields. The MAIA program offers the following concentrations:

- Certificate in Security Management - for those who seek additional credentialing in security administration and emergency management strategies.
- Certificate in Geospatial Technology - for those who seek credentialing with spatial data, mapping, and geographic information systems (GIS)
- Concentration in Healthy Equity and Human Rights - for those who seek to study community-engagement strategies for health care, social justice, and human rights.
- Concentration in Risk Communication - for those who seek coursework on strategic communication, crisis management and assessment, and communication in high stress scenarios.
- Independent Concentration - for those who wish to propose and develop their own field of elective study

For additional program information, please visit us at [maia.miami.edu](https://maia.as.miami.edu/) (<https://maia.as.miami.edu/>)

Certificate in Security Management

The Certificate in Security Management is designed to prepare administrators of public and private organizations to meet multidimensional security challenges in the post-9/11 world. From threats posed by violent human actions to natural disasters and data security, management in times of acute crisis demands a unique array of insights and skills. The program is grounded in an academic, theoretical, understanding of security problems and emergency management strategies. It also emphasizes the development of the practitioner's arts within the strategic, tactical and operational realms of security administration. The certificate requires fifteen (15) credits. MAIA students may also complete the Certificate in Security Management as a concentration in the M.A. program.

Joint Degree Programs

MAIA and the Master of Public Health (MPH)

The Master of Arts in International Administration/Master of Public Health (MAIA/MPH) degree is offered jointly by the College of Arts and Sciences and Miller School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Sciences. The MAIA degree, with a second master's degree in public health, is designed for students who seek knowledge of public health with a broader emphasis in globalization and health, international health, international health policy and international development. Students enrolled in this joint program can expect to complete both degree requirements within two and a half (2.5) years. The dual degree requires sixty (60) credits.

MAIA and the Master of Public Administration

The Master of Arts in International Administration/Master of Public Administration (MAIA/MPA) degree is designed for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of both domestic and international aspects of policy, administration, and leadership. In addition to the professional advantage of studying public administration as part of UM's highly regarded MPA program, student will benefit from the global pedagogical perspectives of the MAIA program, including coursework on diplomacy, security, sustainability, and culture. Students enrolled in this joint program can expect to complete both degree requirements within two and a half (2.5) years. The dual degree requires sixty (60) credits.

MAIA and the Doctor of Medicine (MAIA/MD)

The Master of Arts in International Administration/Doctor of Medicine (MAIA/MD) degree is offered jointly by the College of Arts and Sciences and Miller School of Medicine. This joint degree option is exclusive to student who have already been accepted to the University of Miami's MD program. During the pre-clerkship phase, MD students may elect to add the MAIA degree, which includes a Certificate in Security Management. The MD/MAIA program is grounded in an academic, theoretical, understanding of security problems and emergency management strategies. It also emphasizes the development of the practitioner's arts within the strategic, tactical and operational realms of international security administration. For future physicians, understanding the sociocultural and geopolitical threats posed by violent human actions, natural disasters, and pandemics, is essential. Transformational leadership in times of acute crisis demands a unique array of insights and skills.

Certificate in Security Management and the Doctor of Medicine (SECM/MD)

Like the joint MAIA/MD program, the College of Arts & Sciences also offers current MD students the option to add a Certificate in Security Management to their plan of study, for those who do not wish to commit to a full master's program. Students in the Certificate in Security Management/MD program will focus specifically on the multidimensional security challenges that have faced our planet in the last two decades: from the aftermath of 9/11 to the most recent crisis of COVID-19. Security Management courses address many issues that are critical to the medical professions: human resilience, disaster relief, migration & trafficking, sustainable development, cyber security, and data privacy.

Master of Arts in International Administration

- M.A. in International Administration (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/international-administration/international-administration-ma/>)
- M.A. in International Administration with a Certificate in Security Management (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/international-administration/international-administration-ma/#curriculumtext>)
- M.A. in International Administration with a Certificate in Geospatial Technology (GIS) (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/international-administration/international-administration-ma/#curriculumtext>)
- M.A. in International Administration with a Concentration in Health Equity and Human Rights (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/international-administration/international-administration-ma/#curriculumtext>)
- M.A. in International Administration with a Concentration in Risk Communication (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/international-administration/international-administration-ma/#curriculumtext>)

The MAIA program offers three Certificate options:

- Certificate in Security Management (15 credits)
- MAIA with a Certificate in Security Management (30 credits)
- MAIA with a Certificate in Geospatial Technology (30 credits)

Certificate in Security Management

The Certificate in Security Management is designed to prepare administrators of public and private organizations to meet the various multidimensional security challenges that have faced our planet in the last two decades: from the aftermath of 9/11 to the most recent crisis of COVID-19. From threats posed by violent human actions to natural disasters and data security, management in times of acute crisis demands a unique array of insights and skills. The program is grounded in an academic, theoretical, understanding of security problems and emergency management strategies. It also emphasizes the development of the practitioner's arts within the strategic, tactical and operational realms of security administration.

To be admitted to the Certificate in Security Management, students must complete the same admission requirements for the MAIA program. For more information about the stand-alone Certificate in Security Management, click here (<https://maia.as.miami.edu/academics/certificate/>).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate in Security Management		
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 644	Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability	3
IGS 645	Human Security: Prevention & Mitigation	3
IGS 646	Civil Security Management	3
IGS 647	Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Certificate in Security Management (w/MAIA)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAIA Core Courses		
IGS 611	International Organizations	3
IGS 612	International Administration	3
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
IGS 615	International Political Economy	3
Security Management Courses		
IGS 644	Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability	3
IGS 645	Human Security: Prevention & Mitigation	3

IGS 646	Civil Security Management	3
IGS 647	Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance	3
Capstone Requirement		
IGS 617 or IGS 820	Capstone in International Administration Research in Residence	3
Total Credit Hours		30

Certificate in Geospatial Technology (w/MAIA)

The Certificate Program in Geospatial Technology (GT) is designed to benefit students who seek to enhance their skills in geospatial technology, especially Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and satellite remote sensing. MAIA students may complete the Geospatial Technology Certificate as part of the MAIA program. For information about the stand-alone Geospatial Certificate program, click here: [Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Technology \(http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/geography-regional-studies/geospatial-technology-graduate-certificate/\)](http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/geography-regional-studies/geospatial-technology-graduate-certificate/)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAIA Core Courses		
IGS 611	International Organizations	3
IGS 612	International Administration	3
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
IGS 616	International Leadership, Strategy, and Decision Making	3
Geospatial Certificate Courses		
GEG 691	Geographic Information Systems I	3
GEG 692	Remote Sensing of the Environment	3
GEG 693	Geographic Information Systems II	3
GEG 695	Web GIS	3
Capstone Requirement		
IGS 617 or IGS 820	Capstone in International Administration Research in Residence	3
Total Credit Hours		30

IGS 611. International Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.

Covers the entire spectrum of international organizations and the theoretical and practical issues relating to international organizations including peace and security, human rights, and economic development.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 612. International Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

Presents a broad overview of concepts, theories, processes, and practical global challenges confronting professional public/nonprofit managers; discusses contemporary issues facing multi-national corporations, non-government organizations, and public agencies; and analyzes the similarities and differences between public, non-profit and private management.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 613. Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security. 3 Credit Hours.

An overview of world religions and cultures as a backdrop of effective communication for international professionals. Religious and political conflicts have increasingly become a staple of our complex, globalized world. As a result, it is important for professionals working with international and non-governmental organizations to understand the religions and the cultures of the world to better facilitate their work in different societies in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas. Since religion is an integral part of many cultures, understanding the religious implications of certain activities is important in navigating certain societies and facilitating the work of professionals, especially in regions where religion and political violence dominate foreign relations and foreign policy.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 614. World Affairs and Diplomacy. 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces the conceptual basics of international relations and trains students in analytical and critical thinking skills through familiarity with the broad palette of issues and actors that make up today's world politics. Topics include the origins of the state and its changing role in today's world and an examination of the actors in international relations and the issues before them.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 615. International Political Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

Reviews the essentials of International Economics. It then provides students with an operational understanding of the theory of comparative advantage and its application to policy issues.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 616. International Leadership, Strategy, and Decision Making. 3 Credit Hours.

Explores organizations from the strategic perspective of the leader, identifying common elements of thinking, structure, measures, outcomes, issues, and challenges faced by those who seek leadership roles in international administration.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 617. Capstone in International Administration. 3 Credit Hours.

The capstone experience gives students the opportunity to apply academic theory and acquired skills through a professional project in international administration. The capstone project must reflect the student's area of concentration, as applicable, and should be completed in a single semester.

Components: PRA.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 618. Internship in International Administration. 1-6 Credit Hours.

The MAIA internship experience gives students the opportunity to apply academic theory and acquired skills in international administration under real world conditions. Students in any MAIA track may complete an internship experience to satisfy the MAIA practicum requirement.

Requisite: Students must complete at least 18 credits prior to enrolling in the internship course.

Components: PRA.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 644. Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability. 3 Credit Hours.

The concepts of environmental sustainability and energy security will be explored. The importance of energy and the mitigation of climate change in formulation of country strategies, advancement of national interests and shaping of the international system will be stressed.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

IGS 645. Human Security: Prevention & Mitigation. 3 Credit Hours.

Theoretical approaches and the major global threats to human security along with some of the most promising policy solutions will be explored. Some of these human security threats are well known, like genocide, and others, like cybersecurity, are newly emerging. Focus will be placed on key human security topics such as war, terrorism, human trafficking, climate change, famine, violence against women, and infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall.

IGS 646. Civil Security Management. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the management of civil crisis issuing from violent human actions. In the first section of the course, a framework will be developed that addresses the security of civil space, emphasizing actions threatening public order and individual safety. Emphasis will be placed on the burdens of critical incident management? and the elements central to its success. These elements—planning and contingency, leadership and management, intelligence and analysis as well as operations and communication—will be engaged further in the second section. The final section of the course will examine specific threats to civil order and the management of systems designed to mitigate their effects.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 647. Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance. 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines the management of disasters from natural causes. It is focused primarily on the theory and practice of response. At the center of this investigation is a difficult question: how to help? The answers are not obvious. Through the vocabularies of practitioners and the frameworks offered by academic literature, we will explore the ways in which responders respond, the lessons learned and the best practices that have emerged in the field of disaster response and humanitarian intervention.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 648. International Business Finance for MAIA. 3 Credit Hours.

International Finance provides a working knowledge of international financial issues, theories, concepts and practice. The first part of the course examines the mechanics of the foreign exchange market, reviewing spot, forwards, futures and options. The second part of the course constructs the four building blocks of international finance: interest rate parity (covered and uncovered interest rate arbitrage), purchasing power parity, the international Fisher (expectations) effect, and asset market equilibrium (money market and exchange market equilibrium). The role of the money supply in exchange rate and price level determination according to interest rate parity is stressed. The case for common currencies is reviewed. In the third part of the course, currency risk management is explored in detail. We then analyze Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent financial practices. We conclude with a review of financial leverage, moral hazard and the financial crisis of 2008-2009.

Components: DIL.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 699. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Special topics related to international administration. Content varies by semester and is indicated in parentheses following course number and title in Class Schedule.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 820. Research in Residence. 1-9 Credit Hours.

For students conducting additional research, practice, field experience or special projects as part of their graduate experience.

Components: THI.

Grading: SUS.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.