

M.A.I.A./M.P.A. JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Overview

The Dual MPA/MAIA degree requires a total of **60 credits**. Students are able to count 9 credits of coursework toward both programs, allowing them to complete the dual degree in 2.5 years.

Students in the MAIA/MPA Dual Degree program must be admitted to both the MAIA and MPA programs.

MAIA Admissions

The Master of Arts in International Administration (MAIA) program accepts rolling admissions. Interested students may apply to the program at any time.

- Online Application
 - Please complete the online application by clicking here (<https://www.applyweb.com/miamigrd/>).
- Application Fee
 - An \$85.00 non-refundable application fee is paid online upon submission of the application.
- Statement of Purpose
 - The statement of purpose is the most important element of your application packet. This letter needs to reflect who you are, your goals and why you would be an asset to the MAIA program. It is very important to ensure it is grammatically correct and as detailed as possible. The statement of purpose should be no more than two pages in length. Please review before your submit.

Below is a link to help you get started:

OWL Statement of Purpose Guidelines (https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html).

- Letters of Recommendation
 - Three letters of recommendation must be provided. One letter should be from a faculty member. Two letters should be from an employer, colleague, or other professional source.
- Official Transcripts
 - You must provide official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended. Official transcripts in languages other than English must also be submitted with a certified English translation.
- Resume
 - Please provide a copy of your resume if it is available.
- Admissions Interview
 - The admissions interview may be conducted in person, over the phone, or via video conference.
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Official TOEFL (or IELTS) Score
 - All international students are required to take this exam in order to demonstrate sufficient English competency. The "**Test Of English As A Foreign Language (TOEFL)**" exam is offered as a paper-based test (PBT) or an internet-based test (IBT). A score of **550** is required for the PBT; a score of **80** is required for the IBT.
 - Students may also take the "**International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**" exam to demonstrate sufficient competency in English. A score of **6.5** or higher is required.
 - All international students must provide a copy of their results on either exam.
 - International students from countries whose primary language is English are not required to take this exam.

MPA Admission Requirements

- In cooperation with the College of Arts and Science, the Department of Political Science, the Graduate Program will review applicant files and make admissions decisions.

Requirements for Admission Include:

- Completion of an application
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution

- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0. (In order to limit class size for maximum teacher-student exchange, the MPP program will give preference to students with above average GRE scores, excellent letters of recommendation, and superior writing skills).
- GRE minimum combined score (verbal and quantitative) set by the Graduate School. The Graduate School has occasionally provided waivers for exceptional cases.
- Two letters of recommendation

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAIA REQUIREMENTS		
MAIA Core Courses		
IGS 611	International Organizations	3
IGS 612	International Administration	3
or IGS 616	International Leadership, Strategy, and Decision Making	
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
IGS 615	International Political Economy	3
MAIA Elective		3
Select one from the following courses		
IGS 644	Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability	
IGS 645	Human Security: Prevention Mitigation	
IGS 646	Civil Security Management	
IGS 647	Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance	
MAIA Practicum		3
Select one from the following courses		
IGS 617	Capstone in International Administration	
IGS 618	Internship in International Administration	
IGS 820	Research in Residence	
MPA REQUIREMENTS		
MPA Core Courses		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
MPA Specialized Courses (9 of these credits are in fulfillment of both degrees)		12
Students select an additional four courses from those listed below, with at least one course from each of the subfields:		
Organizational Management and Leadership:		
POL 619	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science	
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	
POL 652	Total Quality Public Service Management: Achieving High Performance Government	
POL 654	Politics and Ethics	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Topic: Organizational Security Management		
POL 697	Special Topics in International Relations	
Topic: Ending War and Building Peace		
Equity, Ethics, and Legal Issues in Public Administration		

POL 626	Administrative Law	
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business and Non-Profit Organization.	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Topic: Equity and Diversity in Public Administration		
Topic: Issues in Judicial Politics		
Issues in Public Policy and Administration		
POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Topic: Bureaucratic Politics		
Topic: Money, Power, and Politics in American Cities		
MPA Internship		
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
Students may elect to complete a 6-credit internship experience by taking POL 656 and IGS 618.		
Total Credit Hours		60

Sample Plan of Study

Students may complete the requirements for the MAIA and MPA degrees consecutively or in succession.

Applicants must be admitted into the MAIA and MPA programs on a separate basis, based on the admissions requirements and procedure of each individual program. Acceptance by one program does not in any way indicate or guarantee acceptance by the other degree program.

Average Program Duration: 2.5 years

Number of required credits: 60

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 608	Equity and Diversity in Public Administration	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
POL 654	Politics and Ethics	3
IGS 611	International Organizations	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
MAIA Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Year Two		
Fall		
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 616	International Leadership, Strategy, and Decision Making	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	3

POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	3
IGS 615	International Political Economy	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
MAIA Practicum		3
Students may elect to complete a 6-credit internship experience by taking POL 656 and IGS 618.		
Credit Hours		6
Total Credit Hours		60