



Global Affairs

Mason's global affairs degree is designed for students who are interested in international policies and the global processes that affect all societies. As a global affairs major, you will learn about global politics, economics, culture, and international development. You will study specific geographic regions and investigate the ways in which they have been formed by history and continue to be influenced by the most pressing concerns of our time.

In global affairs, you will start with a set of courses and then choose a concentration. You can focus on a theme such as the global economy, international development, the environment, and the arts, or on a region (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, or Russia and Central Asia).

As a global affairs graduate, you will have an understanding of historical and contemporary global trends, advanced language skills, and, should you choose it, study abroad experience. You will be well prepared for an international career or advanced graduate study.

Majoring in global affairs meant that I had truly endless ... opportunities to work for the government, private sector companies, NGOs, and beyond. Anything and everything with a global connection fits into the major and opens many doors to the future.

-DAN CIANCIOLO, '08

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WHY MASON?

Our students intern at places like the U.S. Department of State, the news network Al Jazeera, and foreign embassies. Located minutes from Washington, D.C., we offer you more affordable access to learning and career opportunities than any other university in the region. With its many internationally-oriented nonprofit organizations, the D.C. area is home to influential global activity. You have unique opportunities for internships and research projects that connect the classroom to the world.





UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

Take advantage of terrific internships, a multitude of study abroad experiences, and many other opportunities to maximize the value of your time at Mason.

- **Whitney Burton, '11**, was chosen from an international applicant pool to attend the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. She gave a speech on eradicating poverty and sat in on a panel discussion with Bono and Al Gore.
- **Dan Cianciolo, '08**, interned at the Drug Enforcement Administration and Interpol in Washington, D.C. before moving on to graduate study.
- **Shannon Hoblit, '09**, focused on economic crimes during her internship at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in the Navy's Washington Field Office. She is planning to apply this knowledge to a career in intelligence analysis.

Other students have interned with Amnesty International, BlackRock, the U.S. Congress, the embassies of Lebanon and Mali, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Some students have done internships abroad with U.S. embassies in France, Syria, and Austria, and the British Parliament.

ENHANCE YOUR MAJOR

Put your electives to good use by choosing a minor that extends your areas of expertise and increases your marketability. Most minors require only three or four courses beyond the major. While any minor works well with global affairs, you might consider one of these:

- Economics
- Immigration Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Legal Studies
- Women and Gender Studies

Develop your language skills by doing a minor in a foreign language.



EXCITING CAREERS

- **Ashley Brincefield Lucas, '06**, works for the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
- **Rebecca Struwe, '06**, is a public diplomacy officer at the U.S. Department of State working in the Office of Middle East Partnerships.
- **Clarissa Bannor, '06**, developed "Inspiration Africa," an exhibit at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. that showcases African contemporary art and fashion.
- **Christiana Gurgick, '07**, is a research and visits officer for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Our graduates work at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the National Cooperation Business Association, and a host of other domestic, international, and multi-national organizations. Global affairs majors attend law school and graduate schools such as Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, and the London School of Economics.