


MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY



School of Public &
International Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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*“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world.
Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

– Margaret Mead

ABOUT

The School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) at the University of Georgia is committed to training the next small group of thoughtful people who will change the world. The School’s Master of International Policy (MIP) is the vehicle for driving that change.

The MIP prepares students for policy-oriented careers in government, multinational corporations, and consultancies, as well as intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations. The MIP seeks applicants from diverse educational and professional backgrounds.

The MIP is offered jointly by SPIA’s Department of International Affairs and Center for International Trade and Security (CITS). CITS was established in 1987 with encouragement of former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and since its founding has advised policymakers across the globe on security and trade issues.



STUDY HERE

Security is the organizing principle of the MIP. Students in the program explore a range of contemporary global and human security issues and examine how political, economic, and social forces affect policy formation and implementation. Conventional, but also non-conventional threats to security are central concerns, and include:

- Nuclear proliferation
- Energy security
- Resource scarcity
- Cybersecurity
- Terrorism
- Population displacement



Additionally, the MIP emphasizes systems-thinking and interagency coordination, preparing students to be effective participants in complex networks of actors and organizations that promote security and wellbeing nationally, regionally, and globally.

PROGRAM FACULTY

MIP courses are taught by nuclear security experts at CITS, as well as by scholars in SPIA and the College of Engineering. A sample of program faculty:



Dr. Igor Khripunov is a leading expert on nuclear security, security culture, and CBRN proliferation. Dr. Khripunov has published widely on these topics and currently serves as a consultant and training instructor for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He is also the editor-in-chief of the *1540 Compass* published in cooperation with the U.N. Office for Disarmament Affairs.



Dr. Amanda Murdie is the Dean Rusk Scholar of International Relations and Professor of International Affairs. Dr. Murdie specializes in the behavior of international non-governmental organizations and their interactions with states, local populations, and IGOs. She is the editor-in-chief of *International Studies Review*.



Dr. Seema Gahlaut is a Senior Research Associate at the Center for International Trade and Security. Dr. Gahlaut directs all CITS programs aimed at assisting government officials, legislators, industry, and universities on issues related to implementation and enforcement of controls over WMD-relevant technologies.



Dr. Loch K. Johnson is the Regents Professor of Public and International Affairs, as well as a Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor. He is the author of over 200 articles and essays, and the author or editor of thirty books examining U.S. national security. He is the editor-in-chief of *Intelligence and National Security*.

A man in a dark suit and tie is standing at a podium, presenting to an audience. The audience members' heads are visible in the foreground, looking towards the speaker. The background shows a large screen displaying a presentation slide with a photo of two men in suits.

CURRICULUM

The MIP prepares students to prosper in professional careers across the foreign policy spectrum. The curriculum builds on foundations of theory, method, and practice, addressing a range of contemporary security concerns with an emphasis on interagency collaboration. Specialized tracks focusing on nonproliferation and human security prepare students for policy-oriented positions inside and outside of the government.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Foundations of International Policy
- Data Analytics and Presentation Skills
- International Relations Theory
- Comparative Political Violence
- Energy Systems Security and Policy
- Nuclear History and Security Policy
- The Human Factor Role in (CBRN) Security
- Strategic Intelligence
- Technical Background for WMD Non-proliferation Policy Practitioners
- Terrorism and Transnational Security
- International Non-proliferation Regimes
- Interventions and Human Security
- Job Skills/Preparation Training Workshop

OF NOTE

MIP students have many opportunities outside of the classroom to expand their knowledge of international policy and politics. Opportunities include attending distinguished speaker events and participation in the Strategic Trade and Management Academy—a biannual State Department-sponsored workshop for security professionals, worldwide.

2001

Mikhail Gorbachev
Former President of the Soviet Union

2007

Jimmy Carter
Former US President

2009

Mohamed ElBaradei
Former Director General of the UN International Atomic Energy Agency

2014

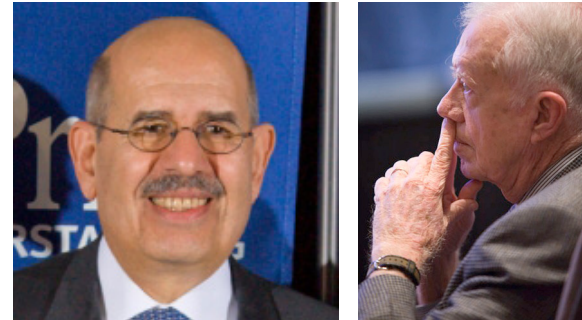
James R. Clapper, Jr.
Director of National Intelligence

2015

Michael Leiter
Former Director of the US National Counterterrorism Center

2016

Sam Nunn and William Perry
Former US Senator and Former Secretary of Defense



HOW TO APPLY

The MIP program admits students each fall. The application deadline is May 1 for admission to the program in the following fall semester.

To learn more, visit
spia.uga.edu/degree/mip/

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AFTER GRADUATION

The MIP program trains students for policy-oriented careers domestically and internationally. Recent career placements include:

- CRDF Global
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security
- James Martin Center for Nonproliferation
- National Nuclear Security Administration
- Sandia National Laboratories
- Savannah River National Laboratory



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