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Master of International Policy

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School of Public &
International Affairs
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BECOME A STRATEGIC THINKER

Receive advanced instruction in strategic trade, nonproliferation, energy security, and human security.

Learn to mitigate the international transfer of sensitive and illicit technologies and materials

Elevate the charge to responsibly meet the nation's growing energy demand

Ignite your passion for issues related to protecting and empowering individuals



ENGAGE WITH EXPERTS

The MIP faculty are renowned experts in areas such as strategic trade, human rights, and energy systems and policy. Their research and real-world experience provide students with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills for leadership roles in in the national security enterprise.



Mr. Walt Sansot

Nonresident CITS Fellow

Mr. Sansot has 40 years in the nuclear field, including roles with the DOE, PNNL, Westinghouse, and the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sansot has expertise in nuclear material production and international strategic trade efforts.



Dr. Naomi Egel

*Assistant Professor
Faculty CITS Fellow*

Dr. Egel researches arms control, nonproliferation, disarmament, public opinion on nuclear weapons, and multilateral treaties. With a Ph.D. in Government, her work is published in top journals and outlets.



Dr. David Gattie

*Associate Professor
Senior CITS Fellow*

Dr. Gattie researches energy policy, resource planning, and the national security implications of U.S. nuclear power. With 14 years of industry experience and a Ph.D. in Ecology, he established the university's first environmental engineering program in 2009.



Dr. Chad Clay

*Associate Professor
Director, GLOBIS*

Dr. Clay's research focuses on the measurement, causes, and consequences of human rights, collective dissent, political violence, and economic development. Holding a PhD in political science, Dr. Clay is also the co-Founder of the Human Rights Measurement Initiative.

JOIN THE CITS TEAM



Join a dynamic community of instructors, students, practitioners, fellows, and alumni in our graduate program. Collaborate, learn, and grow as you build lasting connections.



Participating in a community to support you and celebrate your achievements



Bringing CITS research and talent to policy, practitioner, and technical communities

Staying connected with the job market and recruiters on a weekly basis



Center for International Trade & Security
CITS Opportunity Alert
Week of 8/10-16

Internships & Co-ops			
2025 Winter/Spring Session	Organizations of American States	Link to Posting	September 13
Pratt Democracy Internship	Public Citizens	Link to Posting	Rolling
Fellowships & Courses			
NSRA Graduate Fellowship Program	Pacific Northwest National Lab	Link to Posting	October 4
Thomas B. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program	U.S. Department of State	Link to Posting	September 26
Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program	U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)	Link to Posting	September 18
Charles W. Rangel International Affairs Program	U.S. Department of State	Link to Posting	September 19
NSRA Post Bachelor Fellowship	Pacific Northwest National Lab	Link to Posting	October 4
Full-Time Positions			
CISS Research Associate - Spring 2025	Lorenson Lawrence National Laboratory	Link to Posting	September 30
Social Science Student Trainee (Hatchfellow)	Department of Defense	Link to Posting	September 30
Foreign Service Contracting Officer	USAID	Link to Posting	September 1
Intelligence Analyst	Lockheed Martin	Link to Posting	Unspecified
Policy Advisor	Department of Treasury	Link to Posting	September 9
Policy Analyst	Department of Treasury	Link to Posting	September 30

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DEVELOP YOUR EXPERTISE

The MIP recruits students from diverse academic backgrounds. Driven students have the opportunity to bring unique insights into the policy and security space and apply their STEM and humanities degrees to the sensible execution of foreign policy.

“How does the MIP degree accentuate your undergraduate studies?”



Ashleigh Hays

B.B.A. International Business and Finance, B.A. Russian

“My B.B.A. facilitates my unique business perspective on international issues and my study abroad in Latvia while pursuing my Russian degree endowed me with regional expertise, narrowing my research in the MIP.”



Dylan Rechtman

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

“The MIP has broadened how I can apply my STEM education and my engineering degree allows me to contribute technical insights during our seminar discussions.”



Michael Matthews

B.A. Global Development Studies

“My undergraduate studies enrich my understanding of history of US foreign policy in the developing world. The MIP has enhanced my knowledge critical issues such as energy policy and the supply chain of critical minerals.”



Emma Brandwein

B.A. Geography, B.A. International Affairs

“With IA shaping my MIP path and Geography enhancing my spatial and interdisciplinary perspective, I approach global policy issues holistically, integrating political, economic, and geographic dimensions.”

MASTER PROFESSIONAL SKILLSETS

The Core Four

In addition to developing a subject area expertise, MIP students acquire core skills that facilitate their successful integration into a policy staff. The following four foundational courses prepare students for professional correspondence, policy writing, open-source research, data analytics, briefing techniques, and research design.

Foundations of International Policy

Data Analytics and Presentation for Policy Professionals

Pre-seminar in International Relations

Research Methods in International Policy



Security Curriculum

The MIP prepares you with specialized knowledge from field-centered and technical courses to support a broad understanding of national security priorities. An applied focus and security-centric curriculum endow students with a broad understanding of how national security issues are related. Our program offers a wide range of targeted classes, including:

Nuclear History and Security policy

Politics of Trade and Security

Technical Background for WMD and Non-proliferation

Counterterrorism

Human Security Lab

Technical Foundations for Energy Policy Professionals

Energy Statecraft



SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

In the MIP program, learning extends beyond the classroom. Our experiential learning opportunities empower students to apply academic knowledge to real-world challenges, making meaningful contributions to global policy discussions.



Present student-led research at academic conferences



Ft: Zarina Jones, Lindsay Rappe, Larissa Lozano, and Camila Lívio present research at the annual Conference of the Americas



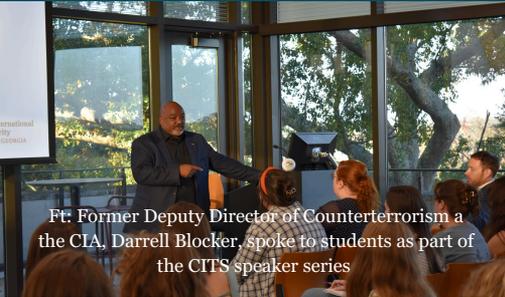
Utilize CITS relationships with professionals



Ft: Danielle Vella and Kaley Walker, reunite with internship supervisor and current mentor, Dina Molaison, from the Dept. of Commerce



Hear directly from professionals and peers about their first-hand experiences in the work force



Ft. Former Deputy Director of Counterterrorism at the CIA, Darrell Blocker, spoke to students as part of the CITS speaker series



Ft: Student speakers at the MIP internship panel



Ft: Dr. Gattie, Dr. Egel, and Mr. Sansot hosted an Oppenheimer screening for students to enjoy the evening and engage with history and policy



Build your community through social activities

Gain practical insights that will shape your career in global affairs by connecting with professionals and experts through CITS standing relationships.



Experience policy in action with a trip to Washington, D.C., where students engage with practitioners and explore key institutions at the heart of U.S. governance and policy.



Students toured the facilities at Plant Vogtle, the first new nuclear construction project in the US in the last 35 years.



Students completed a two-day Nuclear Safeguards Course jointly sponsored by Oak Ridge National Laboratory and CITS

PURSUE YOUR INTERESTS

The MIP offers an applied focus with an emphasis on post-graduation placement. Students have the opportunity to orient their curriculum to serve their career aspirations and build their brand. Here is how some of our alumni have taken advantage of their specialties and backgrounds within the MIP:



Dr. Barbara Del Castello, Class of '22
MIP Capstone: *Public Perceptions of Bioterrorism Post-COVID.*
Current Position: **Biosecurity Researcher & Associate Physical Scientist, RAND Corporation**



Sarah Quin, Class of '22
MIP Capstone: *Norm-alizing Ecocide: What the Campaign to Make Ecocide the Fifth International Crime Can Learn From Norms Literature*
Current Position: **Director, Dean Rusk International Law Center**



Karan Pol, Class of '21
MIP Capstone: *The Effect of the Fukushima-Daichi Nuclear Accident on International Nuclear Support*
Current Position: **Energy Analyst & Consultant, Daymark Energy Advisors**



Sarthak Sharma, Class of '22
MIP Capstone: *Clean Hydrogen Energy: An Assessment of the Potential for a Low-Carbon Hydrogen Economy*
Current Position: **Senior Specialist for Global Due Diligence, Boston Scientific**



Abby Then, Class of '24
MIP Capstone: *Play Defense: Analyzing North Korea and Iran's Missile Program Amidst U.S. defense systems*
Current Position: **Trade Compliance Analyst, Textron Aviation**

ALUMNI CAREER PLACEMENT

The MIP program maintains a strong network of alumni entering a variety of security policy careers in government and private industry. We stay connected with our alumni, fostering a supportive community that continues to grow and thrive.





How to Apply

A complete application includes:

\$75 fee

One unofficial transcript

Official GRE general test score report

Personal Statement

Curriculum Vitae/Resume

Three letters of recommendation.

Learn more about SPIA, see application deadlines, and apply to the MIP program by visiting QR codes below.



March 1:
*International Application
Deadline*

June
Rolling decisions completed

December 1:
*Deadline for fall applicants
who want to be considered for
an assistantship*

May 15:
Final Application Deadline

August
Classes begin

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