MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS (MAGA) DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MAGA Degree

Upon completing the MAGA degree, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate leadership, communication, and research skills to conduct independent studies enabling them to understand and formulate public policy recommendations in the international arena.
2. Apply quantitative skills to data analysis to make policy recommendations.
3. Describe real-life experience in international public policy development by participating in an internship.
4. Assess the social responsibilities of governments, non-governmental organizations, corporations, and individuals in the global twenty-first century.
5. Analyze and develop new and innovative solutions to emerging challenges in the global community.

Requirements for the MAGA Degree

The MAGA degree is a non-thesis master's degree. For general university requirements, please see Non-Thesis Master's Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-non-thesis-masters-degrees). Students pursuing the MAGA degree must complete:

- A minimum of 36 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- The required Internship.
- The required Capstone project.

Note: Courses offerings may vary. Some listed courses may not be offered every year, and others may be offered that satisfy the requirements with pre-approval. Students should consult their academic advisors before enrolling and check for any course pre-requisites.

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Second-Year Area of Specialization Electives

Select 1 from the following (see below for Areas of Specialization requirements):

- International Political Development
- International Political Economy
- International Security

Internship

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Total Credit Hours 36

Footnotes and Additional Information

1 Students are required to complete a minimum eight-week extensive field experience in which they intern at one of a variety of internationally-based or internationally-focused governmental and nongovernmental organizations, international commissions, embassies, agencies, or corporations. The internship will provide students valuable real-world application of their degree with the goal of facilitating their employment in these organizations.

2 In the second year, students must select a topic of concentration and pursue in-depth research which delves into the real-world, policy aspects of the topic.

Second-Year Area of Specialization: International Political Development

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Policies for the MAGA Degree

Admission
Applicants to the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree program are required to submit:

- Statement of purpose
- Professional resume
- Three letters of recommendation

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, with official degree conferral date
- Applicants are recommended, but not required to submit scores from either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT).
- Approved TOEFL scores for applicants whose native language is not English and who did not receive a degree from a country in which English is the official language of communication.

Foreign Language Proficiency
Students who expect to complete their degree program with a particular regional focus in mind are expected to be proficient in one of the primary languages of that region. Proficiency is defined as the ability to read and speak the language. This requirement can be met in one of three ways:

- By passing a language proficiency exam administered by the Rice Language Center.
- By achieving a grade of B+ or better in an intermediate language course at Rice. Taking this class does not count toward the 36 credit hours total for degree completion.
- By graduating from a high school or university where a language other than English was the primary language of instruction.

Transfer Credit
For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-non-thesis-masters-degrees). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

For additional information, please see the Global Affairs website: http://mga.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the MAGA Degree
Fifth-Year Master’s Degree Option for Rice Undergraduate Students
Rice students have an option to achieve the Master of Arts in Global Affairs degree by adding an additional fifth year to the four undergraduate years of studies. Advanced Rice students in good academic standing may apply during their junior year to the graduate program. Upon acceptance, depending on course load, financial aid status, and other variables, they may then start taking required core courses of the global affairs program during their senior year. A plan of study based on their particular focus area will need to be approved by the program director.

As part of this option and opportunity, Rice undergraduate students:

- must complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree and the Master of Arts in Global Affairs independently of each other (i.e. no course may be counted toward the fulfillment of both degrees).
- should be aware there could be financial aid implications if the conversion of undergraduate coursework to that of graduate level reduces their earned undergraduate credit for any semester below that of full-time status (12 credit hours).

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