



MASTER OF ARTS IN
**INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS**

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The **Master of Arts in International Affairs** program at MTSU, the only one of its kind in Tennessee, is designed to prepare students for international relations-related careers and pursuits. Develop your knowledge of international affairs in theory and practice, gaining skills with applications in a wide range of career tracks. Motivated students from different countries and backgrounds work closely with accomplished faculty to learn the fundamentals and specialize in one of four emphasis areas:

- International development, human security, and globalization
- International security and peace studies
- Area studies, with a regional or country-specific focus (e.g., China, Russia, Middle East)
- Global justice, human rights, and civil advocacy

Customized specializations in environmental politics, human migration, and political corruption are possible contingent on the breadth of faculty expertise in the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Faculty advisors also can guide students to relevant courses offered by other academic units to round out their studies in multidisciplinary sub-areas (such as cybersecurity).

This **30-credit-hour program** may be completed in as little as 18 months and does not require language training. Practical skills and academic knowledge are emphasized, and students must supplement their coursework with a practicum or a thesis (6 credit hours).

- The practicum is a credit-bearing internship with an organization that has an international affairs focus. Students can obtain real-world experience, gain professional socialization, and cultivate career-ready skills useful in résumé-building and networking.
- Students intending to pursue a Ph.D. in a related discipline may opt to write and defend a thesis using original research on an international affairs topic.

Internships

MTSU's Department of Political Science and International Relations has placed interns at governmental entities, non-government organizations (NGOs), and nonprofits such as:

- Catholic Charities
- Doctors Without Borders
- Jubilee USA Network
- NASA
- Tennessee Department of Economics and Development
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. State Department
- United Nations
- Youth Global Network

“After my first year in the International Affairs program, I accepted an internship as a policy analyst. I was tasked with creating a very specific policy in a short amount of time . . . Thanks to the courses I had already taken at MTSU, I was able to complete my tasks ahead of schedule and later end my internship with multiple job offers.”

—Recent graduate who completed a practicum with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service

Looking for a career in international affairs?

MTSU's M.A. in International Affairs graduates are engaged in career pursuits within various organizations, government agencies, and companies with an international affairs focus. Our graduates include officers in the U.S. military, a regional program director with the American Red Cross, and the executive director of the Nashville-based NGO Free for Life International. Additionally, we have graduates spread throughout the world in places such as Ghana, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Switzerland.

Core Classes (12 hours)	Elective Specialization Areas (12 hours)	Thesis or Practicum (6 hours)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Affairs II: Governance and Transnational Issues• International Affairs III: Professional Skills and Methods• Theory and Practice I: International Relations• Theory and Practice II: Comparative Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International development, human security, and globalization• International security and peace studies• Area studies, with a regional or country-specific focus (e.g., China, Russia, Middle East)• Global justice, human rights, and civil advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practicum—credit-bearing internship• Thesis—original research on an international affairs topic

Admission requirements: mtsu.edu/MAIA

GRE test scores are optional for applicants, and the department awards a limited number of graduate teaching assistantships to highly qualified students on a competitive basis.

Apply at mtsu.edu/graduate

Submit:

Application and fee

Statement of purpose

Official college transcripts

Three letters of recommendation

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