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Master of Arts degree in

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**“The compelling changes in our economy, the dawning of the information age, and the horrible events of September 11, 2001, and their aftermath have created an unprecedented need to focus on international knowledge and skills.”**

*- Colin Powell, Former U.S. Secretary of State*

The M.A. in International Affairs offers preparation to students for careers in an increasingly globalized world by providing them with a unique combination of analytic research and practical applications tools for employment in international affairs; international business; domestic and international non-governmental organizations focusing on poverty alleviation, human rights, or environmental policies; foreign policy organizations; government; analysis and risk management firms; homeland security; and the military.

## For students with

- an intense interest in and desire to work in the professional fields related to international affairs;
- a capacity to think critically and engage in analysis;
- a willingness to develop research and practical skills;
- a strong initiative to develop professionally; and
- an undergraduate degree with at least 18 hours in political science, international relations, or a related discipline.

## Providing students with

- a deep understanding of the latest research and methods in international issues;
- the skills to organize practical field projects, work in interdisciplinary teams, and prepare and conduct professional presentations;
- the theoretical and methodological tools to evaluate national or international policies;
- creativity, self-reflection, and a complete understanding of foreign cultures; and
- the foundations for a professional international career and/or doctoral level study.

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For more application information and to fill out an application online, visit [www.mtsu.edu/graduate/apply.shtml](http://www.mtsu.edu/graduate/apply.shtml).

## College admission criteria

1. A baccalaureate degree
2. For unconditional admission as a degree seeking student, an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75

For entrance into the M.A. program in International Affairs and **in addition to the criteria above:**

3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all college work taken for unconditional admission.
4. Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
5. A minimum of 18 hours of undergraduate courses in political science, international relations, or related disciplines
6. Submission of letter of interest stating the reason for applying to the program, academic interest, and professional goals, along with two letters of recommendation.

**Application deadlines:** October 1 (for spring semester); April 15 (for fall semester)

All MTSU graduate degrees are awarded through the College of Graduate Studies, which provides academic, financial, and other support services to students while upholding academic standards and ensuring that each program provides optimal experiences. In consultation with faculty, the college establishes policies and procedures to ensure judicious and selective admission decisions, rigorous adherence to academic standards, excellence in curricula, and selective faculty appointments.



## About MTSU

The 500 acres of Middle Tennessee State University make up the oldest and largest public campus in the area. **Easy to access** because of its location at Tennessee's geographic center, the university is only 30 miles from Nashville, the state capital.

MTSU is proud of its status as a comprehensive doctoral/research-intensive university. The College of Graduate Studies oversees more than 70 programs, including graduate certificates, master's, specialist's, and doctoral degrees. Total student enrollment is over 26,000; there are approximately 3,100 graduate students.

An example of the many university resources supporting graduate study is the James E. Walker Library, which has resources for reading, research, and group study. More than 350 computers are available for accessing local and international information and searching electronic databases. The Center for Educational Media in McWherter Learning Resources Center provides facilities, equipment, training, and support for multimedia presentations, satellite downlinking, video, and classroom presentations.

## Academic Common Market

The SREB Academic Common Market is a program that allows students to study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college while paying in-state tuition. Students from such states as Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and other states in the south may be eligible. For more information, go to: [www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic\\_common\\_market.html](http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html)

## Requirements

**Total minimum required hours: 36**

### 1. Core requirements (12 hrs):

Seminar in International Relations  
Seminar in Comparative Politics  
Global Governance  
Research Methods for International Affairs

### 2. Choose and complete a concentration (12 hrs):

#### A) International Security and Peace Studies

International Security in a Changing World  
Peace & Conflict Resolution: Concepts, Processes, and Consequences  
And 6 hours of electives

**OR**

#### B) International Development and Globalization

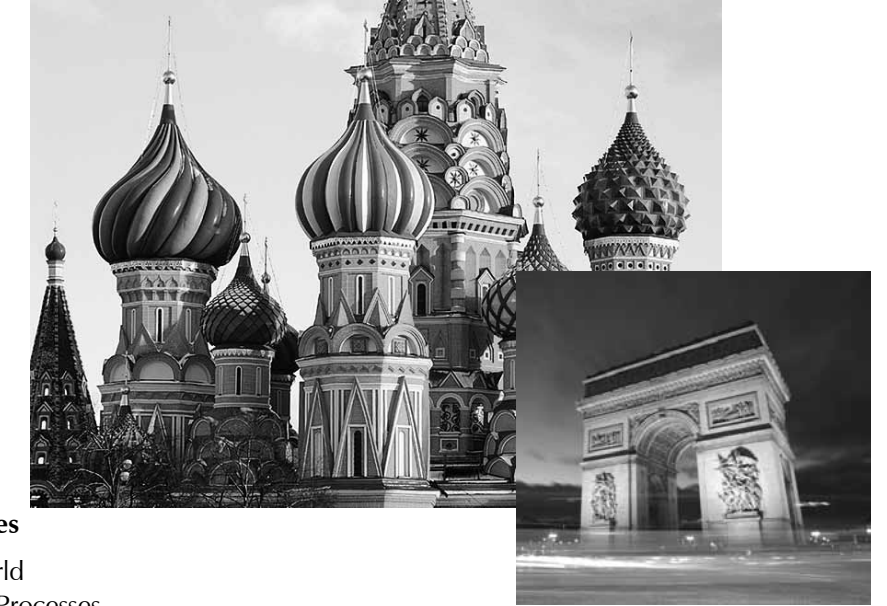
Global Political Economy and Globalization  
International Development  
And 6 hours of electives

### 3. Complete Interdisciplinary Electives (6 hrs)

### 4. Complete Thesis or Professional Internship (6 hrs)

## Foreign language and international training

International Affairs candidates must fulfill a foreign language requirement in a language relevant to career goals or geographic area of interest (see the Graduate Catalog for ways to fulfill this option). Candidates in International Affairs are also strongly encouraged to include an international education or field experience in their program.



## Financial aid

Limited numbers of graduate teaching assistantships, research assistantships and scholarships are available in addition to other forms of aid. Applications may be obtained from the College of Graduate Studies website. Students must meet the requirements for admission to graduate school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. The Student Financial Aid Office in 218 Cope Administration Building has information on various kinds of financial aid online at [financialaid.web.mtsu.edu/](http://financialaid.web.mtsu.edu/).

## For information

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