THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN

ASIAN STUDIES

Georgetown University
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
FOSTERING FUTURE ASIA EXPERTS

The Asian Studies Program and the Master of Arts in Asian Studies (MASIA) are housed within Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS), the top ranked school in the United States for master’s degrees in international affairs. The goal of MASIA is to provide students with the necessary skills to meet the demands of policy, business, and scholarship in a globalizing Asia. MASIA provides students with a unique combination of traditional area studies, functional training, and strategic insights that will enhance the marketability of their degree, whether they pursue employment or further graduate study after completing the program. The degree is enriched by opportunities for internships in Washington, D.C. in government, NGOs, think tanks, and the private sector. All MASIA students are also eligible for summer stipends to support internships and intensive language study to enhance their language skills or apply their coursework to real world challenges in the region. On campus, MASIA students enjoy access to a range of high-level visitors to Washington through programs such as the Georgetown Initiative for U.S.-China Dialogue on Global Issues, the Georgetown India Initiative, and the Asia-in-Depth Lecture Series.

MASIA CAREER PATHS

“The Asian Studies Program prepared me to tackle a multitude of Asia-related issues, including economics and trade policy, sanctions, nuclear deterrence, historical tensions, and human rights concerns throughout the region. It’s hard to imagine one program could cover all of these topics, but it did for me, and this wide expertise has allowed me to excel in my current capacity and add color in discussions that would have otherwise been absent.”

– BRIAN MOORE

Brian Moore, a current Sanctions Compliance Officer in the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control, received his MASIA degree in 2017.
CURRICULUM

The Master of Arts in Asian Studies (MASIA) is an interdisciplinary, 36-credit (12 course) degree program, in which students will have the opportunity to study core disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Students will complete two-thirds of their degree credits in their first year and can elect to complete the remaining requirements either exclusively in the fall semester of the second year or throughout the course of the second year. Students will take three courses towards core requirements, three courses towards a single concentration, and remaining coursework towards an optional thesis class, a second concentration, an SFS certificate program, or electives. All students must achieve language proficiency in an Asian language prior to graduation through native proficiency or language coursework.

CORE COURSES & CONCENTRATIONS

Students enrolled in MASIA are required to take three courses in their first year of study.

- ASST 668: Theory and Policy in Asia
- ASST 511: International Political Economy of Asia
- A course that focuses on history, culture, or society of Asia

MASIA offers four functional concentrations and two sub-regional concentrations designed to offer students the formidable combination of regional skill-set and functional expertise. Students must take three courses focused on one of the concentration options listed on the right. Given the flexibility of the distribution requirements, students may be able to pursue up to two concentrations. Since MASIA offers a large emphasis on the study of East Asia, students who wish to specialize in South or Southeast Asia can pursue one of the two sub-regional concentrations.

Sample Courses
- HIST 427 Empire, Nation & Diversity in China
- INAF 496 U.S. Strategy in Asia: History & Practice
- ASST 520 Chinese Military Power
- ASST 530 Illicit Economies of Asia
- ASST 534 Negotiation in Asia
- ASST 540 U.S.-Taiwan and Cross-Strait Relations: Change and Continuity
- ASST 716 International Relations of SE Asia
- ASST 504 Modern Korean History
- ASST 701 Chinese Foreign Policy
- HIST 725 Modern Japan in Global Perspective
- ASST 516 Risks, Markets & National Security
- INAF 431 South Asia: Issues of War and Peace
- ASST 533 Ethnic Politics
- ASST 711 Politics & Societies: SE Asia

ADMISSIONS

Prospective students can apply to the MASIA program online. Requirements include:

- GU Graduate School Online Application
- Online Application Supplemental Form
- Academic Writing Sample
- Statement of Purpose
- Two to Three Letters of Recommendation
- Official College/University Transcript(s)
- Official GRE/GMAT Scores
- TOEFL/IELTS Scores
- Application Fee

Please visit asianstudies.georgetown.edu/admissions to learn more about the admissions process, schedule a campus visit, or RSVP for a recruiting event.

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships are available to both new and continuing students, and are awarded by a faculty committee on the basis of merit. The Asian Studies Program offers FLAS fellowships on East Asia and over 50 percent of the entering class receives a merit-based scholarship. 100 percent of students are eligible to receive summer funding for an internship or intensive language study. Prospective students, regardless of citizenship, who wish to be considered for financial aid should check the applicable box in the online application.

More information on financial aid, part-time employment, and graduate student loan programs is available from the Georgetown University Office of Student Financial Services at finaid.georgetown.edu. For International students, more information is available from the Georgetown University Office of Global Services atglobalservices.georgetown.edu.
Each year, over 90% of MASIA graduates go directly into full-time employment or further graduate study. Listed below are some of our major employers and educational outcomes:

**Employers:**

- The Asia Group
- Beacon Global Strategies
- Carnegie-Tsinghua Center
- Center for New American Security
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Dataminr
- Ernst & Young
- Goldman Sachs
- Heritage Foundation
- The Korea Society
- Kroll
- Lockheed Martin
- McLarty Associates
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- National Bureau of Asian Research
- The Stimson Center
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars
- The White House

**Ph.D. Programs:**

- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Michigan State University
- Princeton University
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania

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