

Bachelor & Master's of International Affairs Workshop

Political Science

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Introduction

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What is the BA-MIA Program?

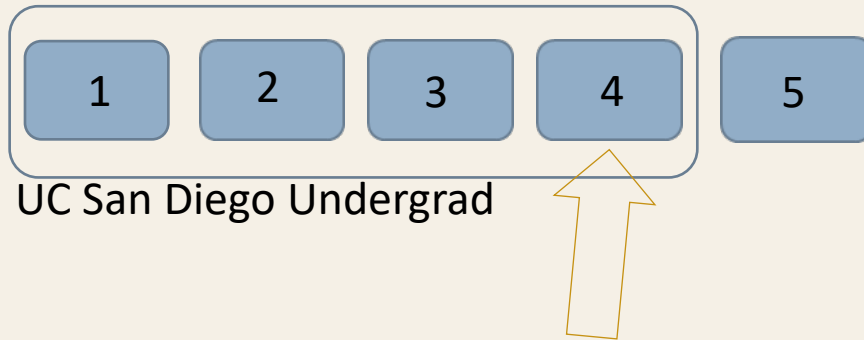
- Combined degree program offered by the School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS) and the Department of Political Science
 - Builds on the Political Science training in how institutions work and the politics of regulation and law
 - Integrates the hard skill training of GPS
- Designed for students seeking advanced training in policy making, international affairs, and business reinvention in the context of international economics, management, development, and politics
- Degrees Earned:
 - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science-International Affairs (BA) - end of senior year
 - Master of International Affairs (MIA) - with one additional year



Joint BA-MIA Degree Program

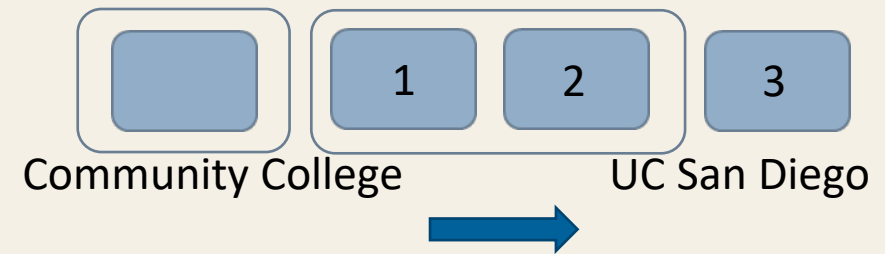
The joint degree program includes the same curriculum as the two year master's program but with only one additional year of classes.

Freshman entry



In your senior year, you start the GPS Core while completing your major and GE requirements.

Transfer entry



The School of Global Policy and Strategy

- The curriculum blends politics, policy making, domestic and international regulation, economics, international development, and international management with a deep expertise in Asia and the Americas.
- The program prepares students to develop effective policy solutions for some of the world's most pressing issues, for example population growth, economic development, a balanced trade and business climate, climate change, security, natural resource use, health policy, energy, corporate social responsibility, the response to business disruptions, and technological advances.

BA-MIA Program Overview



- The BA-MIA Program is open to any political science major but has a different set of requirements than any of the tracks within the Department of Political Science.
- It also requires that admits be able to show third quarter proficiency in a GPS language by the end of the senior year.
 - The GPS MIA degree requires sixth quarter proficiency by the end of the graduate year.
 - Your language must align with your regional/country interest.

BA-MA Program Eligibility

- You must be a current Political Science Major
- At the time of application, you must have a:
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.0 or higher
 - Major GPA: 3.4 or higher
- You must be able to demonstrate that you are able to complete nearly all of your upper division PS requirements and college GEs before beginning the GPS core in your senior year
- You must be able to demonstrate that you will be able to reach sixth (6th) quarter proficiency in a GPS language by the time you graduate with your MIA.
- Some students may be required to attend summer prep courses in microeconomics and quantitative methods.

BA-MA Program Overview

Lower Division Requirements

- Asia Pacific Relevant Language Courses
- Four (4) Political Science Courses

Upper Division Requirements

- A specialized set of courses for the Political Science-International Affairs major

GPS MIA Requirements

- First Year Core Sequence
- Regional Specialization
- Language Requirement
- Career Track
- Capstone Research Class

Lower Division Requirements: Political Science

Applicants must have completed these with a C- or better by the time of applying:

POLI 5 or 5D: Data Analytics for the Social Sciences

POLI 11 or 11D: Introduction to Comparative Politics

POLI 12 or 12D: Introduction to International Relations

POLI 30 or 30D: Political Inquiry

Political Science Courses

➤ **Nine Courses from the following Upper Division Political Science disciplinary categories:**

Two (2) Upper Division Courses in International Political Economy

Two (2) Upper Division Courses in American Political Institutions or Regulatory Process

Two (2) from *either* International Relations OR Comparative Politics

Three (3) elective courses from the Upper Division Political Science curriculum

****Courses that meet these requirements must be chosen from lists curated by the Department of Political Science. You can find these on the department's website page for the BA-MIA program.**

https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/major-and-minor-requirements/International_affairs.html

Senior Year: GPS Core Courses

Fall Quarter

- GPCO 401: Microeconomics for Policy and Management
- GPCO 412: Globalization, the World System, and the Pacific
- GPCO 453: Quantitative Methods I

Winter Quarter

- GPCO 400: Policy Making Process
- GPCO 415: Accounting and Finance
- GPCO 454: Quantitative Methods II

Spring Quarter

- GPCO 403: International Economics
- GPCO 410: International Politics and Security

GPS Language Requirement

Lower Division Requirements

GPS Regional Specialization	Language Accepted for Region
Latin America	Spanish or Brazilian Portuguese
China	Chinese (Mandarin)
Japan	Japanese
Korea	Korean
Southeast Asia	Chinese, Bahasa

Other languages allowed with prior approval by petition from GPS Student Affairs

- Sixth quarter proficiency of an Asia Pacific language for MIA.
- THIRD quarter proficiency must be proven by the end of your senior year.
- Language proficiency exams are available to satisfy the language requirement.

Sample Academic Plan – Freshmen Admit

1st Year

FALL 20__	Units	WINTER 20__	Units	SPRING 20__	Units	SUMMER 20__	Units	Transfer Total:
GE	4	GE	4	GE	4			
GE	4	GE	4	GE	4			
POLI LD	4	POLI LD	4	POLI LD	4			
		GE	4	GE	4			
Unit Total	12	Unit Total	16	Unit Total	16	Unit Total	0	44

2nd Year

FALL 20__	Units	WINTER 20__	Units	SPRING 20__	Units	SUMMER 20__	Units	Yearly Total:
POLI LD	4	GE	4	POLI UD	4	GE	4	
GE/DEI	4	GE	4	POLI UD	4	GE	4	
GE	4	GE	4	GE	4			
GE	4			GE	4			
Unit Total	16	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	16	Unit Total	8	52

3rd Year

FALL 20 ₂₀	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₀	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₁	Units	SUMMER 20__	Units	Yearly Total:
POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4			
POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4			
GE	4	POLI UD	4	GE	4			
GE	4	GE	4	Apply in April*				
Unit Total	16	Unit Total	16	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	0	44

4th Year

FALL 20 ₂₁	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₂	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₂	Units	SUMMER 20 ₂₂	Units	Yearly Total:
GPCO 401	4	GPCO 400	4	GPCO 403	4			
GPCO 412	4	GPCO 415	4	GPCO 410	4	Summer		
GPCO 453	4	GPCO 454	4	Elective	4	Internship		
GE	4				0			
				Graduate with BA				
Unit Total	16	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	0	40

Graduate Year

FALL 20 ₂₂	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₃	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₃	Units	Notes	Yearly Total:
Graduate Year		Graduate Year		Graduate Year			
Career Track		MIA Capstone		Career Track			
Career Track		Career Track		Career Track			
Regional Course		Regional Course		Regional Course		← Graduate with MIA	
Language/Elective		Language/Elective		Language/Elective			
Unit Total	0	Unit Total	0	Unit Total	0	Additional Units	0
Cumulative Units							180

Apply in April of Junior Year

Graduate with BA

Graduate with MIA

Sample Academic
Plan – Transfer Admit

JR Year

FALL 20 ₂₀	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₀	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₁	Units	SUMMER 20__	Units	
POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	
POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4			
POLI UD	4	POLI UD	4	GE	4			
		GE	4					
				Apply in April!*				Yearly Total:
Unit Total	12	Unit Total	16	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	4	44

SR Year

FALL 20 ₂₁	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₂	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₂	Units	SUMMER 20 ₂₂	Units	
GPCO 401	4	GPCO 400	4	GPCO 403	4			
GPCO 412	4	GPCO 415	4	GPCO 410	4	Summer		
GPCO 453	4	GPCO 454	4	GE/DEI	4	Internship		
					0			
								Yearly Total:
Unit Total	12	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	12	Unit Total	0	36

Graduate Year

FALL 20 ₂₂	Units	WINTER 20 ₂₃	Units	SPRING 20 ₂₃	Units	Notes		
Career Track		Career Track		Career Track				
Career Track		MIA Capstone		Career Track				
Regional Course		Regional Course		Regional Course				
Language/Elective		Language/Elective		Language/Elective				
							Yearly Total:	
Unit Total	0	Unit Total	0	Unit Total	0	Additional Units	0	
							Cumulative Units	181

GPS MIA Requirements: Career Track

- Graduate Career Track- 2 Required courses and 3 Electives from an established list
 - International Development and Nonprofit Management
 - International Economics
 - International Environmental Governance
 - International Management
 - International Politics

GPS MIA Requirements: Regional Specialization

Requirements- Two Courses

- 1 “Economics of....” Course
- 1 “Politics of....” Course
- Language Requirement

Regions

- China
- Japan
- Korea
- Latin America
- Southeast Asia

GPS Certificate Programs

- Quantitative Certificate
- Spatial Analysis Certificate
- Energy Analytics

- 3 Courses Minimum
- 1-2 required courses plus 1-2 elective courses
- Can overlap with GPS degree requirements

Application Deadline:

April of each year

Application

UCSD online application system – Grad Apply
(<https://connect.grad.ucsd.edu/apply/>)

International Affairs (IR75)

If you're applying in Spring 2024, the application will open after the start of fall quarter

You will apply for Fall 2025, the fall of your actual graduate year

Resume

Essays

Required: Statement of your professional objectives in international affairs and/or research interests; how your background has prepared you to pursue these objectives, and how the GPS program will help you achieve your goal.

Optional: Supplemental essay to allow for additional matters to be addressed

Transcripts

May be an unofficial copy of your academic history

Recommendations

Name and email addresses of two recommenders

Admissions Requirements

- We recommend an advising appointment with the Director of Academic Degree Programs, Dr. Nancy Gilson (ngilson@ucsd.edu)

Completion of the following by the end of spring quarter of junior year:

- POLI 5/5D, POLI 11/11D, POLI 12/12D, and POLI 30/30D
- All GE requirements for your college
- Substantial progress in UD major requirements
- Demonstrate ability to make 6th quarter proficiency by the end of the graduate year

- UD Major GPA: 3.4 or above
- Cumulative GPA: 3.0 or above

What is GPS Admissions looking for?

- Strong GPA
- Demonstrated interest in international affairs through course work, study abroad, internships, employment
- Relevant Internship/Work/Research/Leadership Experience
- Coherent and organized statement of purpose
- Strong recommendations

Financial Aid

- Undergraduate Financial Aid applies to the first year of the program while still in undergraduate standing (senior year)
- For the graduate year, students apply for graduate financial aid via FAFSA
- Students who perform well in their first year GPS Core courses are often invited to TA in their graduate year, which offsets the cost of tuition and fees.
- BA-MIAs may also work as research assistants to faculty

Career Outcomes at GPS

- GPS prepares students for careers in the public, private, nonprofit, and multilateral sectors throughout the world. We have alumni working in over 100 countries in jobs such as:
 - Supply chain manager at global technology companies
 - Foreign Service Officers
 - International investment consultant
 - Researchers at global think tanks
 - Policy analysts in environmental policy
 - Intelligence analyst
 - Management consultant
 - Nonprofit consultant

GPS Career Services

- With the assistance of GPS Career Services, BA-MIA students are required to obtain a professional internship after their senior year
- Attend the Summer Career Development Program prior to the start of your senior year.
- Sector-focused Career Coaching and Workshops
- Resume review and mock interviews
- Alumni Career Talks and Quarter Connections
- Outreach trips in San Diego, LA, San Francisco, Sacramento, New York, and DC
- Internship and Professional Development Funding



Instagram

@gps_ucsd: to see GPS events, faculty research, etc.

@gpscareerservices: to see programs, workshops, and opportunities available with GPS Career Services



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Thank you

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