

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## MA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The MA in International Affairs allows you to explore global problems and interactions from an interdisciplinary perspective. Loyola University Chicago and the City of Chicago together serve as the ideal location for this new program. Loyola embodies a long commitment to interdisciplinary education, while Chicago is consistently ranked as one of the top ten global cities in the world. The program offers a unique urban setting for students interested in the advanced study of International Affairs.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The majority of full-time students are expected to finish the program in 1.5 years by taking a full course load of three classes per semester, for three semesters, and one summer class.

Students fulfill a capstone experience by participating in an internship, taking a study abroad class, writing a paper for publication, or writing a master's thesis.

### INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Chicago's status as one of the most international cities in the United States and the wider globe offers students the opportunity to take advantage of existing partnerships with organizations in the Chicago area. Examples include:

- Economic organizations
- Consulate-generals representing government institutions from dozens of countries
- International nongovernmental organizations with offices in Chicago
- International offices of city, state, and local government
- Organizations focusing on international cultural issues
- Think tanks
- U.S. government institutions that deal with international affairs and that have offices in Chicago

### EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

- The knowledge and skills acquired by graduates will make them competitive for government jobs with the U.S. and other countries at the federal/national levels such as the State Department, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, National Security Agency and the CIA, Department of Homeland Security, and congressional offices in the Senate and House of Representatives
- Careers in International offices of city, state, and local government, such as Chicago's Sister City Program and the International Business Division of the State of Illinois which is located in Chicago
- Positions with international governmental organizations such as the dozens of organizations in the United Nations system and many more from regional organizations such as the Organization of American States, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the European Union

- Careers with nongovernmental organizations such as UNICEF-USA, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Greenheart Travel
- Jobs with non-profit organizations with an international presence that speak to Loyola's Catholic/Jesuit mission, such as Catholic Relief Services and the Jesuit Refugee Service
- Private sector positions focusing on environmental or legal issues for private businesses with international presence
- Internal advancement as a result of the degree provides an added, international dimension to already existing careers such as banking, journalism, and social work
- Careers in international program development at universities, colleges, community colleges and high schools, many of which oversee offices of international programs and study abroad offerings
- The program will prepare some students for a PhD program focusing on international affairs

#### FACULTY

International Affairs faculty will instruct the core coursework. Faculty members are passionate teaching and dedicated scholars. Areas of faculty interest include foreign policy, international organizations, peace and conflict, social policy, democratization, authoritarianism, and research methodology. We also have expertise in various regions of the world such as, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

#### PREREQUISITES

- A statement of purpose
  - Transcripts from all Universities attended
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - A minimum 3.0 GPA overall in their undergraduate degree
- GRE scores will be optional, although applicants will be encouraged to submit their scores if they have taken the exam.

#### FINANCIAL AID

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit [LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool](http://LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool).

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

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