Master in International Affairs

Admission Policy

The School seeks candidates who are academically strong and who are interested in careers in diplomacy, consulting, research, and in working in non-governmental organisations, international/regional organizations, and think tanks. Candidates should be highly motivated and have keen interest in Asian perspectives on international affairs.

The MIA Candidate

The Admissions Committee selects candidates for this Master’s programme using a variety of criteria. Applicants will also be evaluated on the depth and quality of their experience, as demonstrated by work history (if any), references, and the applicant’s written analysis of past employment or other relevant experience. The applicant should be motivated, outward-looking, and open to new ideas.

To be considered for the Master in International Affairs programme, applicants must have:

1. A good NUS honours degree (second class and above) or equivalent (e.g., a four-year Bachelors degree with at least an average grade of B or equivalent),
2. Valid GRE/ GMAT/ LSAT results

Other qualifications and experience may be accepted subject to approval by the NUS Board of Graduate Studies.

Requirements

The minimum candidature period for the MIA degree is 2 years and the maximum is 4 years. Within that time, students must complete 64 modular credits (MCs) and the LKY School Course. The 64 MCs comprise 6 core modules, 8 electives and a Master Thesis or Capstone Project (based on 2-month internship experience). The electives may be counted towards a specialisation (32 MCs).

The core modules (24 MCs) are:

- International Relations: Theory and Practice
- International Political Economy
- Research Methods in International Affairs
- International Economic Development
- Global Governance in a Changing World

Students may choose to specialize in one of the following:

Energy, Environment, and Water
International Economics and Development
International Public Management and Leadership
International Security
Politics, International Relations, and Law
Regional Studies: The Asia Pacific