

The New Concentration in International & Global Affairs (IGA) For MPP students at Harvard's Kennedy School

Fact Sheet

What is the new concentration in International & Global Affairs?

Beginning in AY 08-09, the Kennedy School will offer a new concentration in International & Global Affairs (IGA) to MPP students. This concentration will provide intensive training to students preparing for careers addressing international and global challenges and governance, including international security, human rights, energy security, environment and resource systems, public health, and information systems. The concentration is intended for students seeking to become policymakers in national government agencies (foreign affairs, defense, intelligence, environmental, homeland security, finance, energy, etc.), regional and local governments with worldwide interests, international organizations (United Nations and its agencies, World Bank, NATO, and others), and the non-governmental organizations and multinational corporations that play essential roles in creating the world order. Concentrators will take an intensive program of study based upon foundational courses covering the range of international and global affairs: International Relations theory, international history, the organizations and norms of global governance, and transnational issues relating to the earth's resources and environmental systems and public health. In addition, concentrators will take upper-level courses in specific topics of international and global importance relevant to their interests and career plans. Concentrators in International and Global Affairs can choose elective courses from the full range of the Kennedy School's wide offerings. The concentration in International and Global Affairs will produce graduates fully equipped to be policy leaders in a globalizing world.

Why did Harvard Kennedy School create the IGA concentration?

HKS created the new IGA concentration for three reasons: (1) to provide rigorous training to MPP students who anticipate careers in international and global affairs in national governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations with international and global missions, or globally oriented private sector employers; (2) to leverage HKS's unparalleled faculty of scholars and practitioners and extensive course offerings in the field of IGA, which have long been a distinctive strength of the School; (3) to provide a program that addresses the changing nature of the skills that will be needed for HKS graduates pursuing high-level careers in this field, who must learn to combine an understanding of "hard" and "soft" power, a full mastery of the integration of political, military, economic, natural

resources, environmental, and information dimensions of governance at the global level, and who will deal with both international (meaning between governments) and global (including other levels of governance) problems and their solution.

What advantages does the IGA concentration offer to HKS MPP students?

The IGA concentration offers comprehensive and rigorous training leading to a distinctive credential upon graduation. IGA concentrators also have the opportunity to receive extra financial aid to offset the expenses of their education and permit them to choose initial employment that reflects their interests rather than the need to pay off education debts. IGA concentrators also have a unique opportunity to compete for fully-funded summer internships with world leaders between their first and second years at HKS.

What are the requirements to concentrate in IGA?

IGA students will complete a rigorous program of six IGA concentration courses in addition to the HKS Core Curriculum and an IGA-related Policy Analysis Exercise.

Three of the six required IGA courses will be chosen from a menu of four foundational courses:

- IGA-101 International Relations: Theory and Practice
- IGA-102 The Recent Evolution of Foreign Policy: the Uses of History
- IGA-103 Global Governance
- IGA-104 Managing a Living Planet: How Population, Health, Resources and Environment Shape Global Affairs

IGA students will consult with faculty advisors to choose the three courses that best complement the student's previous academic and work experience.

Additionally, IGA concentrators will be automatically enrolled in a special section of the Spring Term Core economics course, API 102, which will deal in more depth with issues of international trade and finance. Alternatively they may substitute either of the following courses:

- ITF-100 International Capital Markets
- ITF-110 The Political Economy of Trade

The other three courses required for the concentration may be selected by students from a wide range of IGA courses, which in AY 08-09 include the following:

- IGA-150Y International and Global Affairs
- IGA-201 Central Challenges of American Foreign Policy
- IGA-202 American National Security Policy

IGA-203	Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy
IGA-204	Environmental and Resource Science for Policy
IGA-205	Science, Technology, and Public Policy
IGA-206	Politics and Ethics of Statecraft
IGA-207	Middle Eastern Politics and Policy
IGA-209	U.S. Security, the Law and Justice
IGA-214	Critical Issues in Homeland Security
IGA-225m	Presidential Leadership and American Foreign Policy
IGA-301	Leadership and Ethics in Foreign Policy
IGA-302	National Security Organization and Management
IGA-303	Defense Resource Allocation and Force Planning
IGA-304	Human Rights and International Politics: The Basic Policy Dilemmas
IGA-305	International Childhood, Rights and Globalization
IGA-306	The Politics and Ethics of the Use of Force
IGA-307	Religion and Global Politics
IGA-308	Inclusive Security
IGA-309	American Warfare and the Humanitarian Ethic: Law, Norms and Practice
IGA-310	Energy Policy: Technologies, Systems and Markets
IGA-311	Technical Assessment
IGA-312	Economics and Security
IGA-313	Science, Power and Politics I
IGA-314	Science, Power and Politics II
IGA-315	Civil Wars: Theory and Policy
IGA-316	Strategies and Politics of Complex U.S. Military Operations
IGA-317	Experts, Politics and Public Policy
IGA-318	Leadership and Governance: the Politics of Contemporary Africa
IGA-319	Leadership, Democracy and Conflict: The Politics of the Developing World
IGA-320	Biotechnology and Sustainability
IGA-325	Bioethics, Law and the Life Sciences
IGA-328	Asia in the World Economy
IGA-329	The U.S. and Europe in Global Affairs
IGA-330m	Sixty Years of Middle Eastern Diplomacy
IGA-331	Statecraft and America's Standing in the World
IGA-332	Terrorism and the American Experience
IGA-333	Al Qaeda and the Rise of International Terrorism
IGA-334	European Foreign Policies
IGA-336	Environmental Justice as a Public Policy Issue

HKS course offerings that do not carry the IGA designation, but that cover material relevant to IGA concentrators, will also count towards the IGA requirement. In AY 08-09, these additional courses are:

API-701	Reasoning from History
PAL-115	The American Presidency
PAL-210	The U.S. Congress and Lawmaking

PED-153	Technological Innovation and Development Policy
PED-312	The Political Economy of Transitions: Cases from China
PPP-306	Mass Media, Public Opinion, and U.S. Foreign Policy
STM-161m	The Executive Branch of Government
STM-480	Leadership for a Networked World

The remainder of IGA concentrators' course selections may be made from the entire range of the Kennedy School's wide courses offerings, and concentrators are encouraged to take courses in other fields and disciplines that will enrich their personal toolkit of career skills.

Because of their abbreviated residencies at HKS, dual degree IGA concentrators will be required to complete only two of the foundational courses and two IGA elective courses (they will be permitted to substitute foundational courses for IGA elective courses to meet this requirement, but not vice versa). They will also complete a PAE in conjunction with IGA-150y, which is taken in the second year and is incremental to the two foundational and IGA elective courses.

What opportunities for financial aid are available to IGA concentrators?

Admitted students intending to concentrate in IGA will be eligible for additional financial aid. These "IGA Belfer Student Fellows" will have the opportunity to participate in policy research in association with the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), HKS's oldest and largest research center. Upon selection, students will be paired with a research project or program at BCSIA where they will observe and participate in policy research. These awards carry a duty of five hours per week of research assistance to Belfer Center projects, and provide a unique opportunity for mentorship by leading faculty and researchers.

What opportunities for summer internships are available to IGA concentrators?

HKS students frequently seek career-orienting internships between their first and second years at the School. IGA concentrators have the special opportunity to compete for "Harvard Belfer International & Global Affairs Summer Internships." These internships are fully-paid (living expenses and stipend). During the summer between their first and second years at HKS, those concentrators selected will work in the offices of distinguished global leaders – for example, the head of a high-profile international institution, a cabinet member of a major government, or the CEO of a leading NGO or global corporation.

Additional information about the concentration is available at:

www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/masters/mpp/curriculum/iga-concentration