



Program Overview and Curriculum Outline, AY2024-25

** The curriculum is subject to change; class delivery is in-person unless otherwise specified*

MAGP Overview

The Master of Arts in Global Policy (MAGP) is a one year, cohort-based executive-style MA designed for full-time working professionals interested in advancing in their careers or pivoting to a new field. Classes meet in person every two weeks on a Friday (full day) and Saturday (half day) schedule. The curriculum also features several multiday experiential learning residencies, including a one-week international capstone research trip.

Degree snapshot:

- 9 core courses highlighting SAIS's global policy strengths
- 3 elective regional/functional courses (determined each year based on cohort preferences)
- 2 semester-long, self-paced online application seminars designed to prepare students for the capstone research project
- 4 multiday experiential learning residencies (3 domestic, 1 international)
- 1 capstone research project
- 40 credits total

Preterm: Optional Preparatory Course	Introduction to International Economics (0 credits; self-paced optional resource material)
Residency 1 (Aug)	International Policy Residency (1 credit, 3 days) – SA.620.740
Fall A (September - October)	International Policy Residency Independent Research/Writing (1 credit, 1 week) – SA.620.XXX Issues in American Foreign Policy & Grand Strategy (2 credits) – SA.620.724 Governance and Development (2 credits) – SA.620.777 Comparative Politics (2 credits) – SA.620.721 Application Seminar 1: Qualitative Research Methods (online, continues through Fall B) -- SA.620.713
Fall B (November – December)	International Law & Cybersecurity (2 credits) – SA.620.782 Conflict Management & Negotiations (2 credits) – SA.620.728 International Monetary Policy & Banking (2 credits) – SA.620.725 Application Seminar 1: Qualitative Research Methods (online, 3 credits, continues from Fall A) -- SA.620.713
Residency 2 (January Intersession)	Policy Simulation Residency (2 credits, 3 days) – SA.620.741
Spring A (January – March)	Global Trade & Policy (2 credits) – SA.620.722 Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies (2 credits) – SA.620.XXX Sustainable Energy Policy (2 credits) – SA.620.733 Application Seminar 2: Capstone Research Design (online, continues through Spring B) – SA.620.714
Residency 3 (March)	Multilateral Policy Residency (2 credits, 3 days) – SA.620.742
Spring B (April – May)	Elective (2 credits) – SA.620.XXX Elective (2 credits) – SA.620.XXX Elective (2 credits) – SA.620.XXX Application Seminar 2: Capstone Research Design (online, 3 credits, continues from Spring A) – SA.620.714
SAIS Commencement (May)	Students who have successfully completed all pre-capstone credits are eligible to participate in the SAIS Commencement Ceremony
Summer (June – July)	MAGP Capstone – Independent Research & Global Residency (4 credits) – SA.620.743 (One-week international residency in June)
Capstone Presentations (July)	Capstone papers due July 15; presentations the following Friday/Saturday

Degree conferral date: August 22, 2025

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MAGP Cohort 10 Academic Calendar (2024-25)*

Academic Term	Schedule	Description
Pre-Term (July 1 – August 24)		
	July 1-Aug. 24 (optional)	Self-Paced Online Economics Refresher Course
	Aug. 22-24	Orientation/Residency 1 (Washington, DC)
Fall (August 26 – December 21)		
	Aug. 26-Dec. 21 (Fall A&B)	Self-Paced Online Application Seminar 1
Fall A (August – October)	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Residency 1 Independent Research/Writing
	Sept. 6-7	In-Person Class Fall A Class Sessions
	Sept. 20-21	In-Person Class Fall A Class Sessions
	Oct. 4-5	In-Person Class Fall A Class Sessions
	Oct. 18-19	In-Person Class Fall A Class Sessions
Fall B (November – December)	Nov. 1-2	In-Person Class Fall B Class Sessions
	Nov. 15-16	In-Person Class Fall B Class Sessions
	Dec. 6-7	In-Person Class Fall B Class Sessions
	Dec. 20-21	In-Person Class Fall B Class Sessions
Intersession (January 6 – 17)		
	Jan. 9-11	Residency 2 (Baltimore, MD)
	Jan. 12-17	Residency 2 Independent Research/Writing
Spring (January 21 – May 19)		
	Jan. 21-May 19 (Spring A&B)	Self-Paced Online Application Seminar 2
Spring A (January – March)	Jan. 24-25	In-Person Spring A Class Sessions
	Feb. 7-8	In-Person Spring A Class Sessions
	Feb. 21-22	In-Person Spring A Class Sessions
	March 7-8	In-Person Spring A Class Sessions
	March 20-22	Residency 3 (New York, NY)
Spring B (March – May)	March 23-29	Residency 3 Independent Research/Writing
	April 4-5	In-Person Spring B Class Sessions
	April 18-19	In-Person Spring B Class Sessions
	May 2-3	In-Person Spring B Class Sessions
	May 16-17	In-Person Spring B Class Sessions
	May 20	SAIS Commencement
Summer (June 2 – July 19)		
Summer (June – July)	June 2-30	Capstone Independent Research/Writing
	June 7-14	Capstone Global Residency (international trip)
	July 1-14	Capstone Independent Research/Writing
	July 15	Capstone Paper Due Date
	July 18-19	In-Person Capstone Presentations

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KEY PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Classes meet in person every two weeks on a Friday/Saturday schedule, during three class slots:
 - Friday morning: 8:30am-12:15pm
 - Friday afternoon: 1:15pm – 5:00pm
 - Saturday morning: 9:30am – 1:15pm
 - Saturday afternoon: reserved for make-up classes
- MAGP provides/covers:
 - required textbooks
 - catered breakfast and lunch on class days
 - most residency-related travel expenses (except Global Residency international airfare)
- Tuition breakdown: Fall & Intersession (19 credits); Spring & Summer (21 credits)
- SAIS Commencement: all students who have completed their pre-capstone credit requirements are eligible to participate in the SAIS-wide commencement in May