

MAISD

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# Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy

**PROGRAM SHEET**

Catalog 2021-2023

This program sheet will help you navigate the course offerings in the Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy (MAISD) per semester. Use it to anticipate what to expect as you move on from start to finish. MAISD is a 12-month, 30 SCH program. Student intake takes place every Fall Semester. The SHSS graduate admissions committee, composed of faculty members from the program and chaired by the Dean or Graduate Studies Coordinator, is in charge of evaluating applications for acceptance into graduate programs and decides, together with the University Language Center, on whether or not the admitted student needs additional (English or foundation) courses prior to starting the academic program *per se*.

- Students who meet all academic conditions are accepted to the program with regular status.
- Students whose background does not include the specific requirements may need to take undergraduate foundation courses prior to accessing regular graduate courses.
- Students for whom English is not a mother tongue must achieve a TOEFL score of 550 pts (iBT:79) and obtain a 5.0 score over 6.0 in writing (iBT: 20) in order to be admitted to the regular program.
- In order to be admitted to the AUI Language Center for additional study of English before enrolling in the regular degree program, students must have achieved TOEFL scores of at least 500 pts (iBT 61).

<b>English Language Courses *</b>	<b>Non-credit</b>
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ALS 1001	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ALS 1002	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ARD 1001	Academic Reading I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ARD 1002	Academic Reading II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
AWG 1001	Academic Writing and Grammar I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
AWG 1002	Academic Writing and Grammar II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\* English language courses are assigned by the Language Center during admission based on the TOEFL placement test results. English language courses should be taken prior to embarking on the foundation courses, if any, and the academic program *per se*. Language courses are offered in a face-to-face mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The Intensive English Program of the Language Center is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation ([www.cea-accredit.org](http://www.cea-accredit.org)).

<b>FOUNDATION COURSES **</b>	<b>Non-credit</b>
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FAS 2210	Graduate Academic Skills <sup>u</sup>	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HIS 2302	Critical Writing and Communication	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 2301	Theories of International Relations	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\*\* Foundation courses are assigned during admission. Assignment depends on previous degree(s) earned. Foundation courses are taken online in a self-paced mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The procedures for seeking exemptions from assigned foundation courses are explained in the SHSS Graduate Student Handbook. If students fail two foundation courses, they are dropped from the program without the right to appeal. The failing grade will be recorded as an FR (failing and needs to repeat). A pass will be recorded as a P. Grades earned taking undergraduate foundation courses will not be computed in the student's GPA.

\*before they can take FAS 2210, students who have English language requirements need to complete all Language Center courses, except AWG1002.

<b>MAISD CORE PROGRAM</b>	<b>18 SCH</b>
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<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>18SCH</b>	
INS 5303	Advanced IR Theory	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5304	Moroccan Foreign Policy	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5306	Diplomatic Negotiation	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5315	International Political Economy	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5302	Multidisciplinary Research Design & Methods	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5310 or INS 5392	Thesis Seminar** or Policy Practicum	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\*\*The Thesis Seminar cannot be taken abroad or on exchange

<b>OPTIONAL MAISD COURSES</b>	<b>12 SCH</b>
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Students are required to choose **FOUR** optional courses: **12 SCH**

GEO 5311	Environment and Security	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HIS 5328	Globalizations in History	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5310	Special Topics in International Relations	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5311	Geopolitics	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5313	Conflict Management and Resolution	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5351	Theories of War and Peace	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5356	International Aid, NGOs, and Development	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
PSC 5315	Water in International and Domestic Politics	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
PSC 5360	Foreign Policy and Security of the Middle East States	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5331	International Migration and Labor	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5362	Global Islam in the Contemporary World	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
Elective	Elective***	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\*\*\*MAISD students can take one 5000-level course from any program offered by the university as an elective.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30 SCH</b>
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