

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University prepares graduates to function effectively in a variety of professional settings, including corporations, banking institutions, government agencies, media firms, non-profits, and international organizations. The School offers two graduate degrees, the **Master of International Affairs (MIA)** and the **Master of Public Administration (MPA)**. Both degrees combine rigorous study in economics, statistics, political science, policy analysis, and management with a strong emphasis on practical training. Many classes make use of the case study method and are taught by practitioners from business, media, government, the United Nations, and nonprofit organizations. Classroom experience is reinforced by summer and semester-long internships.

African Studies

The Africa Program offers a Regional Concentration in African Studies to graduate students pursuing an MIA or MPA degree at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). During their two-year training at SIPA, students pursuing a regional concentration are required to take six Africa-related courses (18 points). At least three of these courses (9 points) must be in the fields of Anthropology, History, and Political Science. Three additional courses (9 points) must be taken from approved non-language courses in various disciplines.

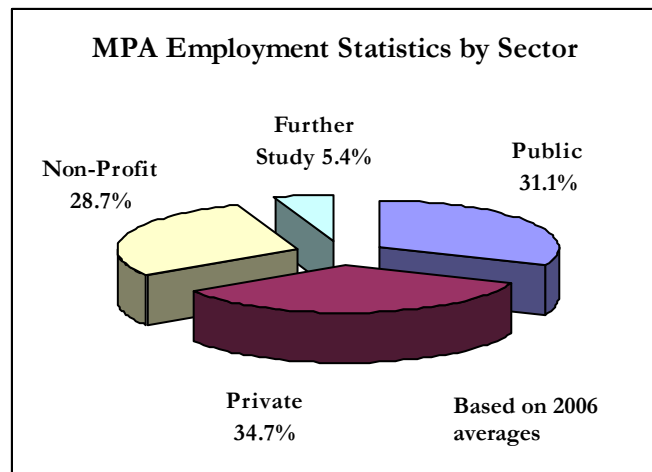
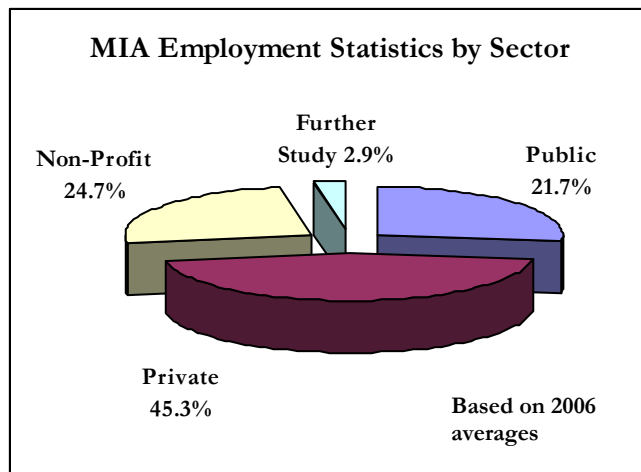
Skills

SIPA attracts a highly motivated and diverse group of students with broad international perspectives from all over the world. Working with outstanding faculty, students drive cutting-edge initiatives in international affairs. SIPA offers:

- ◆ Strong emphasis on real-world applications and practical training in the classroom.
- ◆ Participation in summer and semester-long internships.
- ◆ Students from 101 different countries; most are bi-lingual, and many are multi-lingual.
- ◆ Multi-cultural interaction, teamwork, and collaboration within an international context.
- ◆ Strong quantitative, critical thinking, writing, and management skills.

Employment Statistics

SIPA students find employment in the non-profit, private and public sectors.



MIA Core Curriculum

All students in the MIA program are required to take courses in the following areas:

- Conceptual Foundations of International Politics
- Interstate Relations
- Regionally Focused Courses
- International Policy and Management
- International Economics
- Statistics

MPA Core Curriculum

All students in the MPA program are required to take courses in the following areas:

- Public Management and Institutional Analysis
- Economic and Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Techniques
- Politics of Policymaking
- Financial Analysis
- Workshop in Public Affairs

African Studies Core Curriculum

In addition, students pursuing the African studies concentration must meet the following course requirements:

- Six Africa-related courses; three of which must be in the fields of anthropology, history, or political science
- At least 18 credits in the following related departments of Columbia College: Anthropology, Art History and Archaeology, Comparative Literature, Economics, History, Music, Political Science, and Sociology
- Two years or demonstrated knowledge of one of the following languages: French, Portuguese, Arabic, Pulaar, Swahili, Wolof, Zulu, or any other African language approved by the faculty advisor

The following sample electives demonstrate how students can tailor the program to align their courses with specific career and educational interest:

- African Development and Society
- Africa in Transition
- Peacekeeping in Africa in the 21st Century
- African International Relations
- South African Intellectual History
- Current Topics in African Development
- African Law and Development
- Contemporary African Politics
- Working with Women and Children in War Zones
- International Education Development
- Human Rights Clinic
- Ecology & Society - 20th Century Africa
- Human Crises in the Congo/Great Lakes

The following organizations have hired SIPA students concentrating in African Studies as interns and full-time employees:

- ADEMCO
- African-American Institute
- The Aspen Institute
- Booz Allen & Hamilton
- The Boston Consulting Group
- Evolution Markets, LLC
- Export Import Bank of the US
- International Rescue Committee
- Office of the US Trade Representative
- Population Services International
- South African Government
- SustainAbility
- UNDP Department of Peacekeeping
- UNICEF
- U.S. Department of State
- World Bank