

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.

Weatherhead East Asian Institute

Since its establishment in 1949, the Weatherhead East Asian Institute has been a major center for research, teaching, and publishing on modern and contemporary Asia. The East Asian Regional Concentration requires the completion of six graduate level East Asia courses (at least 3 credits each), at least one of which is a colloquium or seminar, and at least second-year proficiency in an East Asian or Southeast Asian language. Students are encouraged to design a program adhering to the principles guiding course requirements for Certificate candidates—the choice of a country of specialization, course work in the modern history of that country, and courses selected from several disciplines.

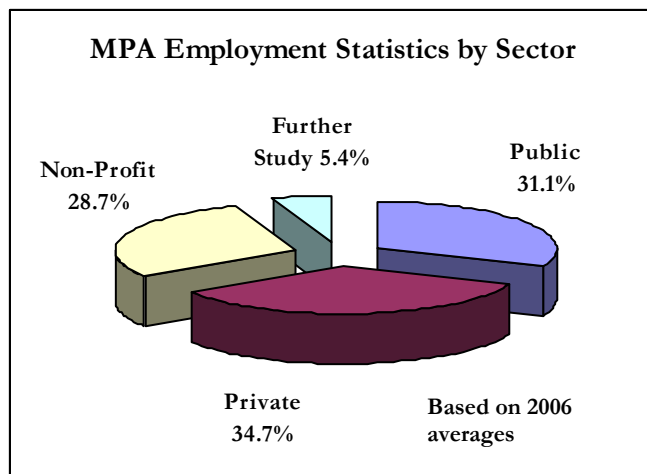
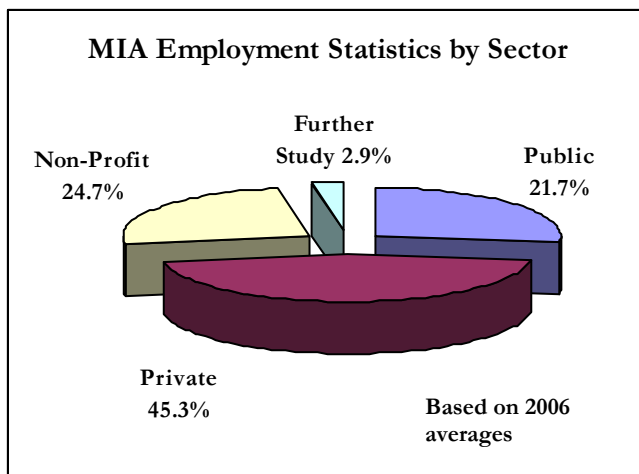
Skills

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

East Asian Core Curriculum

In addition, students pursuing the East Asian concentration are required to complete:

- Six graduate level East Asia courses (at least 3 credits each)
- At least second year proficiency in an East Asian or Southeast Asian language

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

- Comparative Development: East Asia and its Lessons
- The Vietnam War as International History
- Economic Development of Japan
- Rise of Modern Tibet
- China's Foreign Policy
- Nationalism in 20th Century Southeast Asia
- The History of Modern Japan
- U.S. Relations with East Asia
- Korean Foreign Relations
- Islam, Democracy and Foreign Policy in Indonesia
- State and Society of Modern Southeast Asia
- China's Cultural Revolution in History and Memory
- Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society

The following organizations have hired SIPA students concentrating in East Asian studies as interns and full-time employees:

- ABC News
- The Asia Foundation
- The Asia Society
- Asia Pacific Land (Japan) Ltd.
- Bear Stearns & Co. Inc.
- Bloomberg News
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Human Rights in China
- Korea Economic Institute
- KPMG
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- Moody's Investors Services
- Motorola Asia Pacific
- Nikkei Business Publications
- People For Social Change
- Radio Free Asia
- Shell Gas & Power, China
- Singapore Economic Development Board
- US-Philippines Business Committee
- U.S. Congressional Research Service
- UNDP
- World Bank