

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.

East Central European Center

A regional specialization in East Central Europe is designed to provide a sound foundation in the modern history, politics, culture, and society of the region. This is normally done by focusing on the region as a whole, the region in relationship to its setting between Western Europe and Russia, or closer study of one or more individual countries.

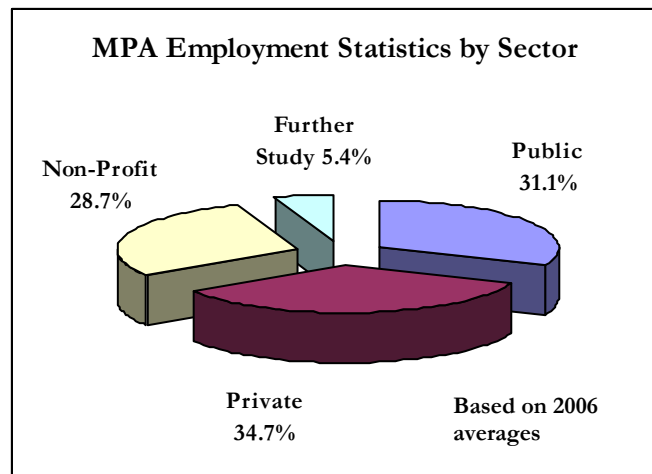
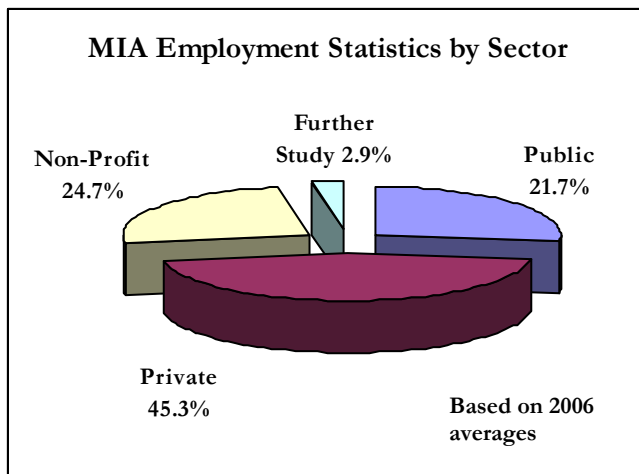
Skills

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 Central European Core Curriculum

In addition, students pursuing the East Europe concentration must meet the following requirements:

- At least two courses (6 credits) in East Central European Social Science
- An additional 12 credits from listings in various disciplines
- The total of 18 credits must represent a minimum of three different disciplines and include 6 credits in the form of seminar or colloquia
- Proficiency in a primary language at an advanced level as well as reading proficiency in a relevant second language

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

- Economics- European Integration
- Problems of Emerging Market Economies
- East Central Europe 1914-1989
- War/Society in Eastern Europe 1939-Present
- History of Ukraine in the 20th Century
- Politics and Societies in Post-revolutionary East Central Europe

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

- Avenir Suisse
- Bain and Company
- Borghese Incorporated
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Deutsche Bank
- Dow Jones Newswires
- Embassy of Austria, Austrian Mission to NATO
- European Bank of Reconstruction and Development
- Federation of German Industries
- Freedom House
- Groupe Moniteur
- Lehman Brothers
- McKinsey & Co. Inc.
- National Foreign Affairs Training Center
- Open Society Foundation
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
- Shell International
- The World Bank
- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- United States European Command
- United States Institute of Peace