

# 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.

### Middle East Studies

Fostering an inter-regional and multi-disciplinary approach to the region, the Institute focuses on the Arab countries, Armenia, Iran, Israel, Turkey, Central Asia, and Muslim Diaspora communities. MIA and MPA degree candidates at SIPA who wish to concentrate in the Middle East design a program with the help of the Institute's director. For such a concentration, six courses (18 points) are required.

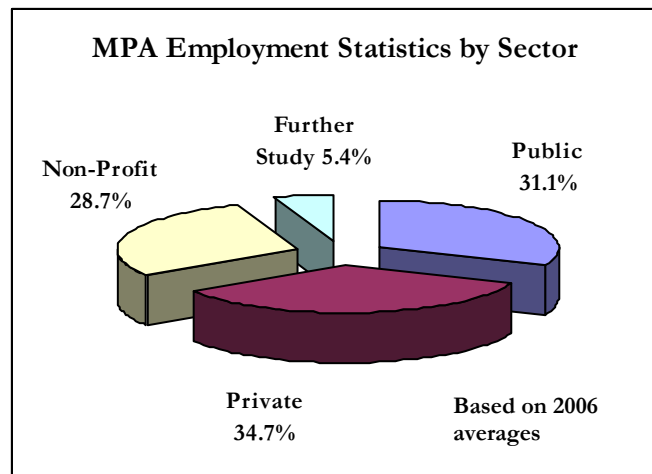
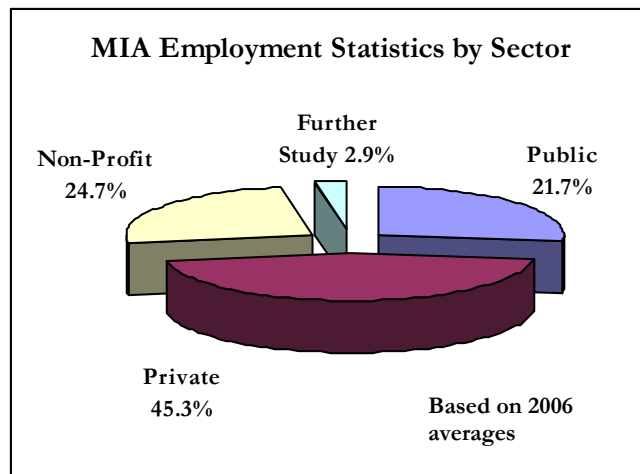
### Skills

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

## Middle East Studies Core Curriculum

In addition, students pursuing the Middle East concentration are required to complete 40 credits of coursework as follows:

- One region-wide lecture or colloquium in history and another in political science (6 credits)
- Four other lecture courses or colloquia selected from three different disciplines (12 points)
- An additional two seminars or colloquia (6 credits)
- Proficiency in a major area language equivalent to three years of university instruction (16 credits)

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

- Anthropology of the Middle East
- Nationalism in Middle East as Idea/Practice
- Politics of the Middle East & North Africa
- Modern History of Palestine
- Persian Gulf in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Hegemony and Rebellion in the Modern Middle East
- Introduction to Political Thought in the Modern Middle East
- History of Iran to the Saravid Period
- Oil, Finance, and Politics in the Arabian Gulf

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

- BNP Paribas
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Chemonics International
- Committee to Protect Journalists
- Defense Group Inc. - Center for Intelligence Research & Analysis
- Dubai Development and Investment Authority
- The Earth Institute
- Economic Development Board
- Global Microenterprise Initiatives
- The Humpty Dumpty Institute
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
- Mercy Corps International
- Mideast Report
- Morgan Stanley
- Security Council Report
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency
- Wall Street Journal
- World Bank