



**The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies**

JOHNS HOPKINS
U N I V E R S I T Y

American Foreign Policy | M.A. Requirements 2012-2013 (entering class)

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in American Foreign Policy must take at least 5 courses within the field.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. American Foreign Policy concentrators must pass American Foreign Policy Since World War II as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the other core is not completed by the start of the final semester, the student must enroll in a core course.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in a language taught at SAIS. International students whose native language is not English may use English as their proficiency language. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

American Foreign Policy concentrators must produce a major research paper on a subject approved by a full-time faculty member in the American Foreign Policy Program. This requirement is fulfilled by:

1. Successful completion of the course, American Foreign Policy Thesis Seminar (SA.200.758)
2. A paper produced through significant research in a regular course or through supervised independent research.

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

[AY 2011-2012 Entering Class](#)

[AY 2010-2011 Entering Class](#)

[AY 2009-2010 Entering Class](#)

DEGREE AUDIT (CHECKLIST) BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

[AY 2011-2012](#)

[AY 2010-2011](#)