



The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies

JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY

Conflict Management | M.A. Academic Requirements 2010-2011

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Conflict Management must take at least 4 courses within this program.* Only one of the four required Conflict Management courses may be cross-listed, starting with a prefix other than SA.640.XXX. The course Principles and Practices of Conflict Management (SA.640.718) is strongly encouraged for all students in their first year of study who have not taken a similar course.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Students also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of International Relations, that is, an additional 2 courses within IR, including courses from two programs other than Conflict Management.*

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. Conflict Management concentrators must pass Theories of International Relations 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 their 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. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

Conflict Management concentrators must produce a research paper of publishable quality completed during their final semester. It must be approved in final form in order to take the MA Oral Exam to compete for honors (if eligible) and to graduate. A prize for the best program paper is awarded at graduation. This requirement is normally fulfilled by:

1. Taking and passing Capstone Research Seminar (SA.640.800); or
2. Taking and passing Negotiation Practicum (SA.640.749)

* *International Relations concentrators studying at the Bologna Center must take at least three IR courses in Washington. Exception: those concentrators who are joint-degree students or have advanced standing, must take at least two IR courses in Washington.*

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

[Requirements for AY 09/10 class](#)