

If you want to reach  
your goals and dreams,  
you cannot do it  
without discipline.

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# MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Gain an in-depth understanding of Asia's role as a key influencer in world affairs.

Our two-year full-time Master in International Affairs (MIA) equips students with a strong foundation in both theoretical frameworks and practical multi-disciplinary knowledge of complex transnational issues, together with an immersive experience in Asia.



## Admissions Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on proven academic excellence and relevant work experience.

Successful applicants to the MIA programme have the following median GRE test scores:

### GRE

- Verbal: 156
- Quantitative: 158
- Writing: 4.0

## Required Documents

- Online application form
- Official academic transcripts and certificates
- Curriculum vitae or resume (optional)
- GRE/GMAT/LSAT test score
- Personal statement in no more than 500 words
- One writing sample in no more than 2,000 words
- Three reports of reference

## Curriculum

The MIA curriculum comprises core modules and a wide range of specialisation modules and electives. The programme focuses on understanding international issues, the inter-linked nature of the world economy and Asia's rising influence on global affairs. They will need to complete:

- Ten core modules
- Five elective modules in a chosen specialisation or from other specialisation
- Master Thesis or Capstone Project

Distinguished faculty members including Dean of LKYSPP, Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Professor Danny Quah, Professor Kanti Prasad Bajpai, Professor Khong Yuen Foong and numerous other prominent academics and successful educators teach the MIA programme.

### Core Modules

Core modules focus on the complexities of international affairs, Asia and its place in the world, and the key theories and analytical tools needed to effect positive global change.

- The LKY School Course
- International Relations: Theory and Practice
- International Security – Concepts, Issues and Policies
- International Political Economy
- Research Methods in International Affairs
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- International Economic Development
- International Conflict Analysis and Resolution\*
- Global Governance in a Changing World



## Classroom Diversity

The MIA cohort comprises 30 students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds.

### • Geopolitics of the Asia Pacific

\*As part of the International Conflict Analysis and Resolution module, students will have the opportunity to put their learning into practice during the Crisis Simulation Exercise.

### Specialisation

The specialisation component offers students depth and sophistication in their selected area of expertise. Specialisation options include:

- Politics, International Relations and Law
- International Security
- International Economics and Development
- Regional Studies: The Asia Pacific
- International Public Management and Leadership
- Energy, Environment, Water

### Elective Modules

Those who seek a broader International Affairs education may choose a more generalist approach by selecting up to five free electives from over 60 modules. Students can choose from a new elective basket 'Evidence-Based Innovation Lab', which includes modules such as:

- Big Data, Official Statistics, and Public Policy
- Data Analytics: Science, Art and Applications

Please visit the LKYSPP website for the full list of electives.

### The LKY School Course

This 13-week module provides an in-depth study of the Singapore success story and Asia's development, which will supplement the school's pool of case studies that are highly relevant to the Asian context. Students can expect a discussion of public policies that have been the cornerstone of Singapore's development, covering topics such as Singapore's foreign policy successes. Expansion of Singapore's economy and trade in the region. LKYSPP is especially well-placed to share the model of governance in Singapore and Asia, and our faculty members who teach this module include notable Singapore pioneers and luminaries. This module is compulsory for students of all master programmes.

### Internships

Students can pursue internships via our Career Services Unit with employers to gain valuable exposure to the workplace and develop a competitive edge for their future job search.

## Academic Calendar

Pre-Semester	Year 1, Semester 1	Year 1, Semester 2
Mid-Jul to Aug Orientation Programme	Aug to Dec 5 Core Modules	Jan to May 2 Core Modules 2 Specialisation Electives
	End-Nov to Early-Dec Examinations	End-Apr to Mid-May Examinations
	Mid-Dec to Jan Vacation	Mid-May to Early-Aug Vacation
	Year 2, Semester 1	Year 2, Semester 2
Aug to Dec 2 Core Modules 1 Specialisation Elective	Jan to May 1 Core Module 2 Specialisation Electives	
End-Nov to Early-Dec Examinations	End-Apr to Mid-May Examinations	
Mid-Dec to Jan Vacation	Mid-May to Early Aug Vacation	
Master Thesis or Capstone Project (based on Internship experience)		

## Tuition Fees and Scholarships

The annual tuition fee for the MIA programme is S\$29,000.\* Limited scholarships are available. Scholarship applications are assessed based on the strength of your application. Some candidates may be required to attend an interview.

## Financing Your Studies

You are encouraged to pursue opportunities to secure other sources of funding. Other financing options include student loans from independent institutions such as Prodigy Finance. For more information, please visit Prodigy Finance website at <https://prodigyfinance.com/get-a-loan/national-university-of-singapore-lee-kuan-yew-school-of-public-policy/loan>.

## Estimated Cost of Living in Singapore

The estimated cost of living in Singapore is S\$2,020 to S\$2,725 per month. These costs have been derived based on a conservative estimate of a comfortable lifestyle. The actual amount could differ according to your lifestyle habits.

## Application

Applications open on 1 August and close on 31 December every year.

For more information, contact us at +65 6516 8004 or visit our admissions webpage at [lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/admissions/](http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/admissions/).

\* Price is before taxes, please refer to our website for full disclaimer.



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