

M.A. in  
**INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS**



UNIVERSITY of  
**SOUTH FLORIDA**



# WHO WE ARE

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES  
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

## Your career starts here.

The School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies is USF's home for research and teaching on politics and international affairs. Our interdisciplinary faculty is made up of political scientists, international affairs scholars, anthropologists, and historians. We have strengths in international security, international relations, area studies, Africana studies, global social movements, and human rights. Beyond our core faculty, we also leverage Tampa Bay's extensive network of national security professionals, civil servants, and diplomats to offer classes on global and national security and public diplomacy.



# YOUR FUTURE



## A Worldly Approach

- Large, diverse faculty provides a variety of disciplinary perspectives on global affairs
- Residential program with classes taught on the USF Tampa campus foster personal connections with faculty members and other members of their cohort
- The Tampa Bay metropolitan area is a hotbed of global affairs and national security activity with US Central Command and US Special Operations Command headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, federal agencies with national and global missions, and growing financial and cybersecurity sectors
- Program concentrations in Security and Diplomacy and Society and Development enable students to tailor their course of study and develop specialized expertise



# WHAT WE OFFER



- Doctor of Philosophy in Politics and International Affairs
- Master of Arts in International Affairs
- Master of Arts in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies
- Master of Liberal Arts with a concentration in Africana Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies

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# CORE REQUIREMENTS



All students develop expertise in geopolitics and international economics through two required seminars

## **INR 6007 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

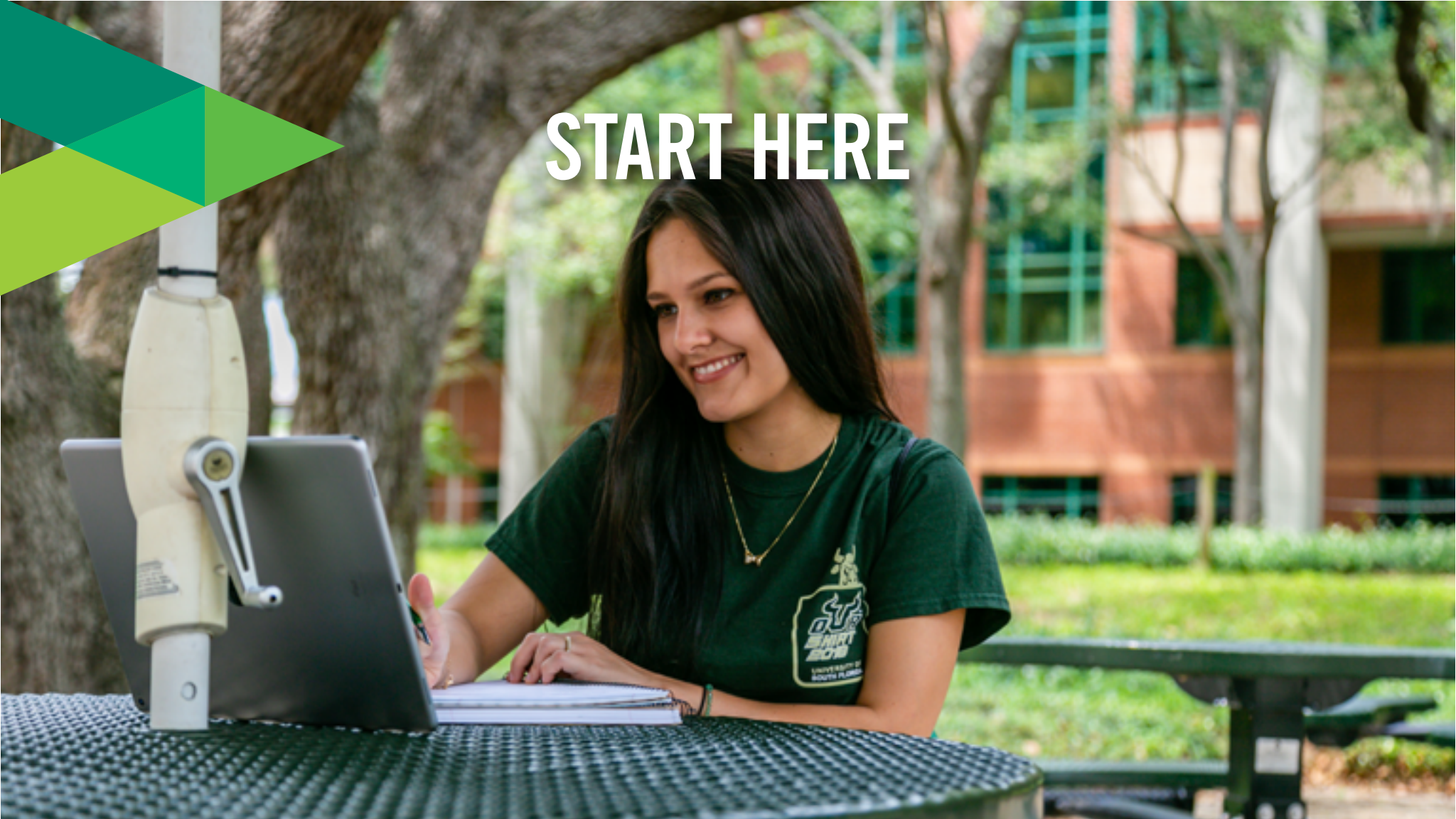
Advanced study of international relations, including survey of basic literature, analysis of theoretical and methodological approaches and major issues.

## **INR 6036 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

Advanced study of the development and politics of the international economic system focusing on theoretical and empirical analysis of cooperation and conflict in trade, aid, and investment relationships. Students develop specialized expertise by taking three courses in one of two concentrations

- The Security and Diplomacy concentration includes courses on international security, American foreign policy, human rights, genocide, and public diplomacy
- The Society and Development concentration includes courses on social movements, the politics of development, comparative politics, social theory, and the social construction of race and racism





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## Application REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must have **one** of the following (a, b, or c) and:

- A 500-word statement of purpose which explains why you are applying to the program
- Official transcripts
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, preferably from academic sources
- GRE recommended

**a**

Appropriate bachelor’s degree (e.g. political science, international studies, or a related discipline) satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

- “B” average (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree, or
- “B” average (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as a graduate student working for a graduate degree.

**b**

Appropriate bachelor’s degree (e.g. political science, international studies, or a related discipline) with a “B” average or better and a previous graduate degree with a “B” average or better. In cases where an applicant has a bachelor’s and a graduate degree at the time of admission, the credentials and GPA of the graduate degree will be the determining factor for admission.

**c**

The equivalent bachelors and/or graduate degrees from a foreign institution. Bachelor’s degrees from institutions in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) are considered equivalent based on the Bologna Accord. For applicants with a 3-year Bachelor’s Degree with less than 120 hours, from Non-Bologna Accord Institutions, a transcript evaluation from a NACES member is required to confirm equivalency.

*\*Students who lack an appropriate background in the selected concentration may be required to take additional courses to meet concentration minimums.*

## DEADLINES

Masters and Educational Specialist Degrees

**June 1**

Admission for Fall Semester

**October 15**

Admission for Spring Semester

## For International STUDENTS

Applicants from countries where English is not the official language, and who have not earned at least a bachelor’s degree in the U.S., must also demonstrate proficiency in the English language.  
IELTS - 6.5, PTE-A - 53, TOEFL (iBT - 79; PBT - 550), GRE Verbal - 153, or Duolingo - 105.

# WHY CHOOSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT USF?

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In an interdependent and rapidly changing global political economy, professionals in the public, private, and NGO sectors increasingly need interdisciplinary training to meet the challenges of today. Our MA in International Affairs prepares students to meet these challenges through applied coursework in a professional program emphasizing transferable skills. Our coursework in geopolitics, international security and international economics stresses in-demand analytical thinking and briefing skills, along with foundational knowledge of global processes.”



*M. Scott Solomon*  
*Associate Professor and SIGS Director*

- Professional degree program prepares students for careers in national security, diplomacy, intelligence, international development, and public service.
- Blend of theoretical and applied course offerings taught by academics and working professionals
- Diverse cohorts with students ranging from recent college graduates to early and mid-career professionals foster a dynamic environment and great networking opportunities
- The Tampa Bay area is a nexus of national security institutions and activity, and boasts extensive networks of diplomats, foreign service officers, and national security professionals



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Tampa Bay is home to several globally engaged organizations and a rich network of national security and diplomatic professionals. Our Master of Arts in International Affairs program leverages these regional strengths to develop skills that are in high demand with public and private sector employers.”

*Nicolas Thompson*  
*Associate Professor and Graduate Director*



# PROGRAM CURRICULUM

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet university admission and English proficiency requirements as well as the requirements listed below:

- **Three (3) letters of recommendation**
- **A 500-word statement of purpose which explains why you are applying to the program**
- **Official transcripts**
- **GRE recommended**

The Master of Arts in International Affairs program develops specialized knowledge and skills through two track options: Security and Diplomacy or Society and Development. All students take two required seminars, a methods course, three classes within their concentration, and three elective courses. Students have the option of writing a thesis as a capstone project or they can complete their degree through a coursework option.

## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

- **INR 6007 Seminar in International Relations – 3 credit hours**
- **INR 6036 International Political Economy – 3 credit hours**
- **POS 6746 Quantitative Analysis I or POS 6707 Qualitative Analysis - 3 credit hours**
- **Concentration – 9 credit hours**
- **Electives – 6 credit hours**
- **Capstone – 6 credit hours**

**TOTAL: 30 CREDIT HOURS**



For details, please visit:  
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# BULL CITY



## GRADUATE OUTCOMES

- Graduates leave our program with the academic and practical training in geopolitics, international security, and international economics to analyze complex global problems
- Graduates cultivate their critical thinking, analytic writing, and briefing skills, which help them advance their careers in national service or the private sector
- Graduates develop a strong understanding of the major issues and dynamics which animate the international system enabling them to speak with authority on global issues

## CAREERS FOR OUR GRADUATES:

- Foreign Service Officer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Political Affairs Officer
- Lobbyist
- Foreign Affairs Analyst
- National Security Agent
- Ambassador
- Diplomat
- Communication Specialist
- Consultant
- Journalist
- Research Analyst
- Program Officer

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Global Studies Scholars is our graduate student organization which brings together students in our masters and doctoral programs. The organization provides professional development opportunities and hosts social events and scholarly talks on important global issues.



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