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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
VIRGINIA TECH.

# GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

IMPACT  
GLOBAL  
CHANGE

- U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
- GLOBAL SECURITY
- INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
- POLITICAL ECONOMY
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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## GRADUATE DEGREES

- Master of Public & International Affairs (36 credits)
- PhD: Governance and Globalization track (90 credits)

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- Homeland Security Policy
- Middle East Politics
- Society Security Studies
- Global Planning & International Development

## ADVANCE YOUR CAREER WITHOUT PUTTING IT ON HOLD.

- Flexible scheduling designed for the full-time working professionals
- Small seminars held in the evenings
- Online classes taught by full-time faculty
- Individual guidance from academic advisers



# THE GIA DIFFERENCE

Unlike other programs in the Washington DC area, virtually all of our classes are taught by full-time professors doing cutting-edge research. Our faculty have won awards for studying the civil wars in the Balkans and former Soviet Union, offering innovative solutions to economic crises in Latin American, and developing new approaches to conflict resolution in the Middle East. We also have support from senior U.S. government officials, ambassadors and military officers who offer their expertise and guidance to our students.

**Embrace the breadth of Virginia Tech.** We work closely with colleagues in SPIA's program in public administration and urban planning, as well as with the Political Science Department and the Hume Center for National Security, a world leader in cybersecurity. We support dozens of graduate certificates, including security studies, Middle East politics and society, and homeland security management, plus out new National Security Executive Leadership Program.

**Highlight real-world experiences.** Half of our graduate students typically attend full-time and half are working professionals who attend part-time. The combination of professional and academic backgrounds is integral to our program's success. Our classrooms are naturally places where theoretical discussions become about policy applications and vice versa.

**Try it out.** You might consider doing a "test drive" of the program through the Commonwealth Campus program. This allows students to take a course without being admitted into a program. Commonwealth Campus credits are retroactively applied to the degree if a student decides later on to apply and is admitted.

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## WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

In a world capital like Washington D.C., students come to the GIA community from a variety of career paths and dozens of different countries. GIA benefits from this diversity. We value professional experience in addition to academic credentials. The Government and International Affairs' admissions criteria values academic record **and** professional experience.

Virginia Tech's graduate tuition is very competitive compared to other programs in Washington DC. Virginia residents are able to qualify for in-state tuition. Highly qualified masters and doctoral students are eligible for fellowships.

The military has always been an important component of our identity. We have been designated as one of the most military-friendly institutions in the U.S. and provide financial and academic support to service members, veterans, and their families.

## VT SPIA @ D.C. METRO AREA

Virginia Tech is ranked among the top 300 universities globally and SPIA among the best public affairs program in the United States. SPIA's headquarters in the Washington metro area is the state-of-the-art VT Research Center, Arlington.



"Today's most urgent challenges, including the global public health emergency, demands for social justice, and climate change, defy traditional academic frameworks. To meet these challenges, we need to draw from across the natural and social sciences."

- Professor Ariel I. Ahram  
*Chair, Government and International Affairs*