Master’s Program in
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
“I aim to make a difference, not only in my own society but in the world at large. The Bush School is the premier institution to provide me with the necessary guidance and tools to make this dream a reality.”

CATHERINE FORD
Class of 2008
THE MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM PREPARES PRINCIPLED LEADERS FOR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS IN ALL ASPECTS OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS — NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES, AND BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

CORE COURSES
- Leadership and Public Administration
- International Politics in Theory and Practice
- Fundamentals of Global Economy
- Quantitative Methods in Public Management I
- American Foreign Policy since World War II

TRACKS

CONCENTRATIONS
- International Economic Development
- International Economics
- Transfer Pricing
- American Diplomacy in World Affairs
- Defense Policy and Military Affairs
- International Politics
- Intelligence as an Instrument of Statecraft
- Regional Studies

CAPSTONE SEMINARS

THE BUSH SCHOOL FACULTY

All students must complete a foreign language requirement before graduation and are encouraged to participate in the school’s writing program in conjunction with our full-time writing consultants.
100% of the most recent MPIA entering class received scholarships ranging from $5,000 to $25,000 per year.

The scholarships, which are merit based, are awarded for both the first and second year of the program. All scholarship recipients pay in-state tuition and fees. Bush School students may apply for a graduate assistantship during the second year of their program.

The cost of 24 hours of coursework for in-state graduate students at Texas A&M University is currently approximately $7,500.

The combination of low-cost tuition and fees and the high level of scholarship support for Bush School students makes the Master of International Affairs program at Texas A&M University very affordable.

"The Bush School has afforded me generous scholarship support and valuable international opportunities, such as my internship at the Shanghai Institute for International Studies and my visit to the Indian Ministry of Finance."

— Gavin D’Aguilar

Class of 2007
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The Public Servant, the College newsletter, provides students an active voice and an opportunity to speak out on issues in a public forum.

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A Speaker Series provides students unique opportunities for interaction with successful men and women from all areas of public service.

Programs, Workshops, and Conferences sponsored by the Bush Presidential Library Complex afford students the opportunity to meet and network with experienced leaders in all walks of life.

During their time in the Bush School, students have significant opportunities to explore international experiences and to develop personal leadership skills both inside and outside the classroom.

International Experiences and Internships

Students have unique opportunities for domestic and international internships which enhance their academic studies. Recent Bush School students have interned in Switzerland, Poland, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Thailand, Mexico, China, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Faculty advisors and the career services director help students obtain internships directly related to their personal interests and career goals.

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Students have unique opportunities to meet and talk to prospective employers in informal meetings with the many international speakers, guest lecturers and visitors to the Bush School and the Presidential Library. The School also arranges formal recruitment contacts, and students have access to Texas A&M University’s renowned alumni network for placement and other purposes. The Bush School’s Student Services Office helps students navigate the job search process.

The list below indicates the range of positions held by Bush School graduates.

Federal Government
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Security Agency
- Sandia National Laboratories
- U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency
- U.S. Department of Defense

State and Local Government
- Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- Texas Engineering Extension Service

Think Tanks / International Organizations
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Strategic Forecasting
- Transparency International
- The World Bank

Private
- CITGO Petroleum
- General Dynamics
- Lockheed Martin
- New York Agridevelopment Corporation
- Northrop Grumman
- Raytheon
- Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC)

Bush School students interact with and learn from the many distinguished world leaders hosted by the Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

“The combination of theoretical and professional education I received at the Bush School was extremely valuable in my work at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg.”

MONICA COLMENARES
Class of 2006
Research Analyst
Centra Technology

http://bush.tamu.edu/students/career_services

http://www.georgebushfoundation.org

INCREIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Texas A&M University is located in the heart of Texas. Home to the Bush School, the University is located within easy driving distance of the state’s major cities.

STATE-OF-THE-ART CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY • ADVANCED COMPUTER RESOURCES • WIRELESS ACCESS • OFFICE SPACE • STUDENT LOUNGE • LANGUAGE LABORATORY • STUDY AREA • COPIER AND PRINTER PRIVILEGES • 3.3 MILLION VOLUMES IN THE MAIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY • INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY • POLICY SCIENCES & ECONOMICS LIBRARY • GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

NATIONALLY RANKED as one of the most livable, affordable and fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation, Bryan and College Station are rich in opportunities — sports, parks, nature trails, opera, concerts, ballet, symphonies, museums, exhibits, and special events are all part of the culture of the community.

As a nationally ranked research university with more than 45,000 students, the resources available to Bush School students are outstanding.

“Texas A&M is a university of strong and unique traditions, has an enormous wealth of resources and opportunities, and attracts faculty and students from all over the world.”

STEPHANIE CURS
Class of 2005
Director of International Programs
WFEO & IARW
Alexandria, VA
OUR SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO PREPARING COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THIS EVER-CHANGING EPOCH.

“LET FUTURE GENERATIONS UNDERSTAND THE BURDEN AND THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM. LET THEM SAY WE STOOD WHERE DUTY REQUIRED US TO STAND.”

GEORGE BUSH
41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

“The bronze sculpture, The Day the Wall Came Down, is located in the plaza between the Bush School and the Bush Presidential Library. For sculptor Veryl Goodnight, horses leaping over the crumbling Berlin Wall symbolize the triumph of the human spirit over political tyranny. This work of art provides a powerful visualization for the mission of the Bush School.”

Charles F. Hermann
DIRECTOR, MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

PUBLIC SERVICE IS A NOBLE CALLING
ADMISSION INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

Bush School classes are small and admission is competitive. Successful applicants demonstrate strong academic capacity, a potential for leadership, and a commitment to serving others. The Bush School seeks diversity in both background and academic degrees and recruits students both nationally and internationally.

APPLICATIONS

Deadline – Mid-January for the following September

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Application  www.applytexas.org
Application Fee
Official GRE Scores
Official Transcripts from Each University Attended
Resume
Two Required Essays
Three Letters of Recommendation with Form
TOEFL Score for International Students

USEFUL LINKS

Texas A&M University  http://www.tamu.edu
Office of Graduate Admissions http://www.tamu.edu/admissions/grad
Financial Aid http://financialaid.tamu.edu
Cost of Living/Housing http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss
International Student Services http://international.tamu.edu/iss
Community http://www.bryan-collegestation.org

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