



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
The Bush School
of Government & Public Service

College Station, Texas
Online
Washington, D.C.



Departments:

International Affairs

Political Science

Public Service and Administration

Programs:

Executive Masters Degree

Graduate Degrees

Online Graduate Certificates

Ph.D.

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Message from the Dean

I am extremely privileged and honored to lead the Bush School as it celebrates its 25th anniversary of educating tomorrow's public servant leaders. We are now bigger than before, but our commitment to President George H.W. Bush's philosophy of public service has not wavered. I am also fortunate that I have the opportunity to get to know our remarkable students, distinguished faculty members, deeply committed staff and the wider Texas A&M University community.

The school's reputation for excellence in academics, research and public service is well-established and growing. Our student body is one of the most diverse of any college at Texas A&M, with each student bringing a unique perspective to classroom discussions, research efforts and community service. Throughout the school year, our students also make significant contributions to the local community, demonstrating their commitment to volunteerism and modeling public service.

Widely respected in their fields of expertise and recognized as excellent teachers, our faculty are actively engaged in research related to complex policy issues, providing knowledge and guidance to decision-makers at all levels of government and the nonprofit sector. Many have significant experience in government and/or the private sector and use that experience to help guide our students as they try to determine their own future path.

We are especially proud of our graduates' impressive records of service and their impact in the public policy arena. Since its founding in 1997, the Bush School has had significant influence on communities, states, the nation and the world as its graduates gained key positions in government and nonprofit organizations. Their success reflects the breadth of knowledge and unique experiences acquired during their years on campus.

Now, more than ever, we need well-trained, well-prepared, principled leaders who grasp the scope and context of increasingly complex issues. Today's public servants need the skills to grapple with those issues and the character to lead in times of uncertainty. They face a challenging environment.

Bush School students undertake competitive internships in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. They conduct rigorous research with real-world clients and are blessed with a rich classroom experience focused on critical thinking. They are well prepared to excel in that environment. Since 1997, their success has been our success. They show the world the quality of the people who come here and the quality of the education they receive.

As our college matures, we maintain a clear focus on our goals and work tirelessly to ensure the Bush School continues to grow in importance as an educational resource for Texas, the nation and the world. Our students are now part of the living legacy of President George H.W. Bush and represent this country's next generation of thoughtful and well-prepared leaders.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Welsh III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "M" and "W".

Mark A. Welsh III

Dean, The Bush School of Government & Public Service



Overview

The Bush School of Government & Public Service was founded in 1997 on the philosophy of President George H.W. Bush that public service is a noble calling. That sentiment is reflected today in the Bush School's comprehensive curriculum, research and student experience. As a leading and affordable international affairs, political science, and public affairs institution, the Bush School prepares tomorrow's leaders with a wealth of resources throughout their educational experience, including three research institutes housed within the Allen building on the College Station, Texas campus.

Bush School students embody Texas A&M's core values of respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity and selfless service. They also have access to the vast network of Texas A&M Aggies across the globe.

"Public service is a noble calling and we need men and women of character to believe that they can make a difference in their communities, in their states and in their country."

—President George H.W. Bush

Our Programs

Whether you choose an educational experience in College Station, Texas, Washington, DC or online from anywhere in the world, the Bush School has an option that fits your needs. Employers value Bush School graduates, their hands-on experience, and their analytical abilities. Recent hiring employers include many high-profile agencies and companies in various employment sectors, including federal, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations and the private sector.



COLLEGE STATION, TX

UNDERGRADUATE - Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Arts/Sciences in **Political Science**
Bachelor of Arts in **International Studies**

GRADUATE - Master

Master of **Public Service and Administration**

MPSA to Ph.D. Collaborative Degrees:

- Education Policy
- Health Policy and Economics

Master of **International Affairs**

MIA Combined Degrees:

- with Public Health (MIA-MPH)
- with Economics (MScECON-MIA)

Master of **International Policy**

GRADUATE – Doctoral

Ph.D. in Political Science

GRADUATE – Certificates

Advanced International Affairs

Homeland Security

Nonprofit Management

Public Management

Geospatial Intelligence

Cybersecurity Policy – on campus only

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WASHINGTON, DC

GRADUATE programs

Master of **International Policy**

Master of **National Security & Intelligence**

Certificate in **Advanced International Affairs**

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ONLINE

GRADUATE programs

Online Executive Master of Public Service & Administration

Online Graduate Certificates in Advanced International Affairs, Geospatial Intelligence, Homeland Security, Nonprofit Management, and Public Management

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"There is a sense of community among the faculty, the staff, and the students at the Bush School. There is so much value that you get from the classes offered. The faculty want to help you be better, and they help build a sense of belonging for all the students."



Alyssa Duany

Bush School Class of 2022

Master of Public Service and Administration, Public Policy Track
Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Employers around the country and the world value Bush School graduates and their analytical abilities. Recent hiring employers include many high-profile government agencies, nonprofits, and private companies in various employment sectors.

Bush School graduates have a significant impact at the local, state, regional, national and international levels through their service.



Department of International Affairs

The Department of International Affairs provides a rigorous two-year program that combines theoretical and practical instruction in the fields of international relations, international economics, security, international development, intelligence, diplomacy and regional studies, leading to the **Master of International Affairs (MIA)** degree, with tracks of study in either **International Development and Economic Policy (IDEP)** or **National Security and Diplomacy (NSD)**. Study abroad courses, language immersions and leadership and exchange programs supplement the curriculum, helping to prepare students for careers in international affairs.

The department also offers a one-year program for students who have had at least four years of practical experience in the field of international affairs, broadly understood. The **Master of International Policy (MIP)** degree is geared toward those who wish to enhance their professional credentials.

Our faculty is made up of distinguished academics and career professionals who have held responsible positions in the field of international affairs. Among the career professionals are a former director of the United States Agency for International Development, former United States ambassadors to Kazakhstan, Latvia and Palau, a former deputy commander of U.S. Cyber Command and a former Deputy Director of Operations at the Central Intelligence Agency.

A comprehensive description of the program, requirements, courses, and faculty is available on the website at Bush.tamu.edu.

"My Bush School experience was educational, but not in the way of just taking classes and gaining new information. I got an exceptional amount of practical experience that has helped me and will continue to help me in the future. It's eye-opening. I learned so many new areas of study that I wouldn't have been exposed to before. I came in thinking I knew exactly what I wanted, and I had my horizons expanded. It was a rewarding process."



Robyn Battles

Bush School Class of 2022

Master of International Affairs, National Security and Diplomacy Track

Department of International Affairs *Continued*

Master of International Affairs (MIA)

- 21-month, 48 credit hours
- Capstone Projects with Real World Clients
- Small Class Sizes
- Summer Internships (Domestic & International)
- Study Abroad Opportunities
- Distinguished Faculty (Academic & Practitioners)

Combined Degrees

- Master of International Affairs - Master of Public Health (MIA - MPH)
- Master of International Affairs - Master of Science and Economics (MScECON - MIA)

Master of International Policy (MIP)

- 11-month, 30 credit hours
- 4+ years of professional experience in international affairs required to apply

Bachelor's Degree

- BA in International Studies
- Track in International Politics and Diplomacy
- Track in Global Cultural Studies
- Track in International Commerce

International Opportunities

- Numerous International Exchange Agreements
- Faculty Led International Field Seminars
- Global Capstone Clients
- Foreign Language Degree Requirements



The Bush School is a member of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA)



Department of Political Science

The Doctor of Philosophy program in Political Science is one of the world's leading graduate programs, ranked 13th in the latest Shanghai Rankings. The training is designed to prepare students for careers in research and teaching in the United States and abroad. To this end, we provide an exemplary methodological and substantive education and encourage close mentoring and student-faculty research collaboration.

Our students take classes for three years and then spend two years completing their dissertations. They learn to produce high quality, original research, are provided resources to present at international conferences, and most publish before completing their fifth year. As a result, we have a fantastic record of job placement at public and private universities in the US and abroad.

Fields of Study

- Advanced Research Methodology
- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Political Theory
- Public Administration & Public Policy
- Race, Ethnic, and Gender Politics

Academic Environment

The Department of Political Science is an exhilarating academic environment, home to internationally renown, award winning scholars with interests spanning all major subfields of the discipline. Our three speaker series – “Political Behavior & Political Institutions,” “Policy, Political Economy, and Violence,” and “Research Methods,” – bring in visiting scholars from around the world to share cutting edge research with our students and faculty.

The department is home to *Political Science Research & Methods* – a leading international political science journal.

Political Science houses the European Union Center, which regularly hosts conferences in the department as well as seminars led by prominent scholars and world leaders.

“Texas A&M is a great place to get a PhD. I chose to attend the political science program because I knew I would have the opportunity to work with world-class faculty and receive stellar methods training. The department is full of smart students and faculty that help you do your best possible work.”

—Samantha Zuhlke, 2021 Ph.D. in Political Science,
Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa

Learn more and apply at:

bush.tamu.edu/admissions/degree/pols/phd

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Bush School DC

Continuing its 25-year tradition of preparing students for public service, the Bush School opened a teaching site in Washington D.C. in January 2021 to carry out the vision set by President George H.W. Bush. Learn more about what we have to offer below.

Overview

- Master of International Policy and Master of National Security and Intelligence
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs
- Small, evening classes
- Career Services, with support after graduation
- In-house writing consultant and librarian
- Professional networking opportunities
- Engaging programs and events

Master of International Policy

A degree designed for working professionals looking to elevate their careers. We offer a flexible degree plan that allows students to customize their education to fit their needs.

Program Details:

- 4 years of professorial experience in international affairs broadly understood.
- 30 credit hours
- Flexible degree plan with courses in:
 - Intelligence/Counterintelligence
 - National Security
 - Diplomacy
 - Regional Studies

Master of National Security and Intelligence

A degree created for emerging professionals with goals to build a career in national security and intelligence.

Program Details:

- No professional experience required in national security or intelligence
- 42 credit hours
- Internships available
- Capstone Project
- Language Requirement
- Tracks available in:
 - Intelligence
 - National Security
 - Regional Studies

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The Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security is made possible through the support and generosity of the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation. The Diana Davis Spencer Foundation supports initiatives that embrace our Freedoms and Founding Principles — principles embedded in the Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security.

Abby Moffat, the Foundation's President and CEO, echoes Thomas Jefferson, **"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Bush School graduates will meet this charge."**



Department of Public Service and Administration

The **Department of Public Service and Administration** at the Bush School of Government and Public Service offers a nationally recognized master's degree program wherein students can specialize in Public Policy Analysis, Public Management, and Nonprofit Management. The Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) degree and online Executive Master of Public Service and Administration (EMPSA) degree at the Bush School of Government and Public Service are fully accredited by NASPAA (the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration). **In 2020, the Bush School was named the no. 1 ranked "best value" in residential MPA programs by Value College.**

Upon graduation, students leave the department well-positioned to enter public service careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The department boasts an impressive 90 percent employment rate for students within six months after graduation. **For details about where graduates go to work, view our employment statistics online.**

Students learn from some of the most distinguished scholars and practitioners in their fields. Faculty members at the Bush School can speak from personal experience about serving in state and local governments, partnering with international nongovernmental organizations, consulting for the federal government, working with leading nonprofits, and testifying before state and federal legislatures.

MPSA and EMPSA students have ample opportunities to engage in public service and to develop leadership skills both inside and outside the classroom through interaction with high-level public leaders, real-world consulting projects, student organizations, and the School's Public Service Leadership Program.

The curriculum within the department is a blend of both the theoretical and the practical—providing students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for successful careers in public service. Students can choose from a number of concentrations to focus their studies, including analytical methods; cybersecurity policy; education policy and management; energy, environment and technology policy and management; health policy and management; international nongovernmental organizations, homeland security and national defense; and state and local government policy and management. For students with specific interests, the curriculum also provides the flexibility to design individualized concentrations.

- 21-month, 48 credit hours
- Capstone projects with government and Nonprofit clients
- Small class sizes
- Summer internships
- Distinguished faculty (academics and practitioners)
- Masters-to-Doctorate programs with the Schools of Education and Public Health

<https://bush.tamu.edu/careerservices/employment/>



Online Graduate Programs

Online Executive Master of Public Service & Administration (EMPSA)

The **Executive Master of Public Service & Administration (EMPSA)**, delivered online, prepares principled leaders who have the critical skills, knowledge, and expertise to excel and lead. Accredited by The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), the EMPSA Program offers tracks in Homeland Security, Nonprofit Management, and Public Management. Its rigorous 13 course non-thesis executive degree program requires applicants to have a completed bachelor's degree from an accredited university, 5 years of full time public service experience with 3 years at the mid to upper level.

Online Graduate Certificates

**Advance Your Career with Graduate Certificates.
4 - 5 Courses Online or On-Campus, or Both!**

- **Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA):** The Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs is an innovative way for individuals to acquire knowledge in international relations that supports a wide range of careers in a highly interconnected world.
- **Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS):** The Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security combines a broad understanding of homeland security issues at the national level, with an in-depth analysis of key issues affecting federal, state, and local government, as well as the private sector.
- **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNPM):** The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management prepares the next generation of leaders to be effective managers of nonprofit organizations.
- **Graduate Certificate in Public Management (PBMG):** The Graduate Certificate in Public Management focuses on the capabilities required for effective, ethical leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors.
- **Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence (GeoINT):** The Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence (GeoINT) leverages human intelligence and geospatial technologies in the support of national security and other intelligence activities. This graduate certificate is offered jointly by the College of Geosciences and the Bush School of Government and Public Service.

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