



Global Studies and International Relations

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Northeastern University
College of Professional Studies

In today's increasingly interconnected world, corporations, nonprofits, and governments find themselves handling new transnational challenges each day.

Northeastern's unique, interdisciplinary MS in Global Studies and International Relations program prepares you to succeed in this complex environment through analysis projects, debates, crisis management, speechwriting for embassy officials, and other real-world fieldwork.

As the world's borders continue to expand, you will have the skills you need to successfully take on leadership roles in a wide range of globally focused organizations in the public and private sectors.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Prepare for leadership roles in business, consulting, international sustainable development, foreign service, and global affairs through an integrated curriculum.

Learn from accomplished faculty with decades of experience as ambassadors, foreign service officers, consultants, global health experts, and transnational educators.

Travel and participate in an International Field Study Experience, serving as an international consultant for global organizations on real-world challenges.

Take classes online or on ground in Boston, Charlotte, and Seattle.

Available to international students enrolled full time, subject to course and location availability.

Participate in the Diplomacy

Lab and explore real-world challenges while contributing to the policymaking process in conjunction with the U.S. State Department.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who complete the program will be able to:

Frame and evaluate global challenges in international political, economic, security, or diplomatic areas.

Assess and develop a position on contemporary social issues from multiple perspectives.

Incorporate foundational knowledge in global and intercultural theories, research methods, and approaches to investigate issues from various viewpoints.



I couldn't be happier with this program. I searched for programs to fit my busy schedule and no one offered anything quite like Northeastern. Every professor I have taken has surpassed my expectations."

Mariah Walker, College of Professional Studies, Global Studies, MS'18

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Concentrations (20 quarter hours)

- Conflict Resolution
- Global Health and Development
- Diplomacy
- International Economics and Consulting

Sample Required Courses (24 quarter hours)

- Globalization and Global Politics and Economics
- Global Literacy, Culture, and Community
- Basic Field Research Methods
- Peace and Conflict

Sample Electives (2-4 quarter hours)

- Special Topics in Global Studies
- Co-op Personal and Career Development
- Integrated Experiential Learning

Total Degree Requirements (46 quarter hours)

- On average, students can complete this degree in 18 months to two years.



About Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

The College of Professional Studies is one of nine colleges of Northeastern University, a nationally ranked private research university in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1960, the college provides lifelong experiential learning that unleashes the capacities of aspiring individuals in all stages and walks of life. The college teaches undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students on campus and online in more than 90 programs.

Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experiential lifelong learning. Our approach of integrating real-world experience with education, research, and innovation empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create worldwide impact.

Our global university system provides our community and academic, government, and industry partners with unique opportunities to think locally and act globally. The system—which includes 13 campuses across the U.S., U.K., and Canada, 300,000-plus alumni, and more than 3,500 partners worldwide—serves as a platform for scaling ideas, talent, and solutions.

Northeastern's personalized, experiential undergraduate and graduate programs lead to degrees through the doctorate in 10 colleges and schools across our campuses. Learning emphasizes the intersection of data, technology, and human literacies, uniquely preparing graduates for careers of the future and lives of fulfillment and accomplishment.

Our research enterprise, with an R1 Carnegie classification, is solutions oriented and spans the world. Our faculty scholars and students work in teams that cross not just disciplines, but also sectors—aligned around solving today's highly interconnected global challenges and focused on transformative impact for humankind.