

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL

The MIA develops more than your analytical mind. It shapes the professional, communicator, and globally engaged leader you will become.

Professional Development (First year, Compulsory)

Choose between *Fundamentals in Communications* or *Strategic Communications*, both designed to equip you with the skills to influence, persuade, and lead in any policy environment.

International Relations of Asia (Core course)

Learning extends beyond the classroom. As part of the core course, students take part in an overseas field trip that connects classroom study with regional institutions and policy practice.

LKYSPP-in-Asia (Optional, Experiential)

Travel to a country in Southeast Asia with your cohort for a specially curated programme built to develop your soft skills, resilience, and real-world exposure to the region's most complex policy landscapes.



REAL STORIES, TRANSFORMED STUDENTS DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Our graduates go on to shape international affairs at the highest levels — across global business, governments, research institutions, think tanks, and multilateral organisations. Hear what our alumni have to say, in their own words:

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The LKYSPP provided an exquisite combination of **academic intellectuality** and practical field insights. The MIA programme offers a **solid knowledge base** that is catered to today's rapidly changing landscape of international affairs, as well as profound insights into some of today's most prominent **global and regional issues**. It is an excellent opportunity to hone a **global vision from an Asian perspective**.

Yuxin Hou
OCTAVE Representative, Hong Kong and Greater Bay Area Tsao Pao Chee (TPC) Group, Hong Kong
MIA Class of 2025



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The Master in International Affairs programme has equipped me with **solid knowledge** and **practical insights** in the field of investment, particularly foreign direct investment. This foundation has proven incredibly valuable in my current role as an officer working on foreign investment procedures. The programme not only **deepened my understanding** of FDI-related policies and global investment trends but also **strengthened my ability** to assess and improve administrative processes to better support investors.

Phan Le Thao Nhi
Officer at the Division of External Economic Affairs Department of Finance, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
MIA Class of 2025



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The MIA gave me the **analytical** and **policy frameworks** to navigate complex global challenges. It sharpened my understanding of **global development policy** and **international institutions**, which has shaped my career across humanitarian action, sustainability, and nature and climate finance in international organisations across Asia and Europe.

Mekhla Jha
Nature Innovation and Finance Specialist, World Economic Forum
MIA Class of 2022



FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition fees for AY2027 intake	Acceptance Fee	Per Semester	Total (2 years)
Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents and International Students alike*	S\$5,500	S\$26,773	S\$112,592

*Fee amounts quoted here are inclusive of prevailing GST. Students will bear the prevailing GST (currently 9%) levied on the fees payable by them.

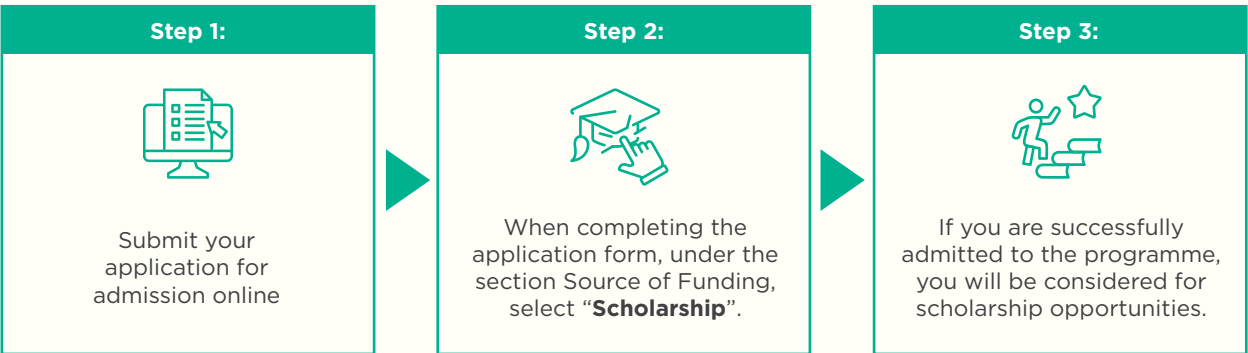


Scan this QR code for details on tuition and other fees



SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer a number of merit-based scholarships for our Master's programmes. To apply:



HOW TO APPLY

Applications open annually:



Please visit www.lkyspp.sg/gda3 to start your application or scan here!

Admissions Criteria

- > Applicants should hold at least a Bachelor's degree.
- > 2 years of work experience is preferred; strong final-year undergraduate students and recent graduates are welcome to apply.
- > Strong written and spoken English is required.
- > Strong candidates demonstrate maturity, intellectual distinction, and a genuine commitment to international affairs and public service.



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Scan the QR code for more information on our Master's programme or to ask us any questions!

MIA

Master in
International
Affairs

We have to live with
the world as it is, not as
we wish it should be.

- Lee Kuan Yew



LKY Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy



The individuals featured are current or former students of LKYSPP.

WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT LKYSPP?

Singapore as your strategic vantage point

International Affairs in action. A global hub for multilateral summits, trade negotiations, and regional cooperation, studied up close.

Rigour meets real-world relevance. Combine academic training with practical exposure to the institutions, ideas, and policy debates shaping the international order.

Grounded in Asia. Aimed at the world. Strong foundation in international relations, comparative politics, political economy, and research methods.

Study global issues. Build real-world skills.

Build expertise in international affairs: comparative politics, political economy, and research methods.

Apply your learning to current regional and global issues.

Prepare for careers in policy, diplomacy, research, civil society, and beyond.

Come for the degree. Leave with a global network.

4,000+ alumni. / 90+ countries.

An international community that starts with your first day.

Our graduates are building careers that make a difference.

Our alumni network spans government, multilateral organisations, the private sector, and civil society, an active, global community you join from day one.

The bottom line: Understand how the world works. Be ready to shape where it goes next.



GLOBAL ISSUES. REAL SKILLS. CAREER IMPACT.

The MIA equips you with the analytical depth and real-world relevance to interpret international developments, assess competing policy arguments, and engage with the issues shaping the global order, with particular attention to Asia's role in contemporary international affairs.

WHO IT'S FOR

- > Early-career professionals
- > Strong final-year undergraduates
- > 2 years' work experience preferred

BUILD SKILLS IN

- > International relations and comparative politics
- > Policy analysis and research methods
- > Political Economy

CAREER PATHWAYS

- > **Business, consulting, risk, media, and communications**
Global strategy, policy analysis, and cross-border engagement.
- > **Foreign service, diplomacy, government, and public service**
Policy, regulation, and international representation.
- > **International organisations, think tanks, civil society, and non-profits**
Development, sustainability, advocacy, and social impact.

A COHORT LIKE NO OTHER

40 aspiring professionals from diverse national, academic, and professional backgrounds.

An intentionally **small cohort** fosters **close faculty engagement**, serious discussion, and sustained exchange across different worldviews and career interests.

Representing more than 15 economies across Asia and beyond.

- > Bringing together diverse perspectives from government, international organisations, business, and research, united by a shared commitment to international affairs.



CURRICULUM

Build your future in international affairs over two years.

Build the knowledge, skills, and connections to start strong in a global career.

Your MIA, Your Focus.

The curriculum is multidisciplinary, spanning international relations, political science, and political economy.

Core courses cover:

- > International relations theory and practice
- > Comparative politics
- > Global politics and the economy
- > International relations of Asia
- > Research methods in international affairs

> Choose a specialisation to develop depth in a particular area, or build a broader portfolio across the field. The MIA is designed to support both focused and flexible pathways.

Specialisations:

International Institutions and Global Governance

Multilateral organisations, global rules, and international cooperation

International Security

Conflict, strategy, geopolitics, and security in a shifting world order

International Economics and Development

Trade, finance, development policy, and the global economy

Regional Studies: The Asia Pacific

Politics, economics, and strategic affairs in Asia's most dynamic region

International Public Management and Leadership

Managing international organisations and cross-border programmes

Environment and Sustainability

Climate, energy, and environmental governance on a global scale



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Scan this QR code for a list of Restricted Electives for MIA students



MIA SENIOR ESSAY

The Senior Essay is the MIA's graduation requirement, an independent, analytical research paper on a policy topic you care about, guided by year-long, one-on-one faculty mentoring.

Draw on internship experience to ground your research in real-world practice. Tie together your area of specialisation with action-oriented analysis addressing pressing global or regional challenges.

Present your work to faculty and peers at the end-of-programme Poster Session.



INTERNSHIPS

Build experience. Test career paths.

Internships give you the chance to explore career interests, gain practical experience, and build professional connections. They also help you connect classroom learning to the real-world issues shaping international affairs.

For many students, that experience becomes the starting point for deeper research in the Senior Essay. Organisations that have hosted MIA interns include:

- APCO Worldwide
- Asia-Europe Foundation
- Asian Development Bank
- Delegation of the European Union to Singapore
- Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- The World Bank
- Tencent
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)



THE MIA LECTURE SERIES

Ambassadors. Practitioners. Unscripted conversations.

Go beyond the classroom. Through the Ambassador's Circle and Practical Connections, engage directly with senior diplomats, think tank experts, journalists, and industry leaders in candid, off-script conversations about geopolitics, career pathways, and life in international affairs.

Insights into the career ahead, before you even graduate.



H.E. Mr Nikesh Mehta
British High Commissioner to Singapore (October 2025)



H.E. Mrs Ureerat Chareontoh
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to Singapore (February 2025)



Dr Evan Laksmana
Shangri-La Dialogue Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Security and Defence, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and Editor of the Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment (April 2026)

GO FURTHER: GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES



STUDENT EXCHANGE

Eligible students may spend a semester at one of our global partner institutions.

North America

- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington D.C., USA

Europe

- Hertie School of Governance, Germany
- Bocconi University, Italy
- University of St Gallen, Switzerland
- The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

Asia and the Pacific

- The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), Japan
- Tsinghua University, China
- Seoul National University, Graduate School of International Studies, South Korea



Scan here to view our full list of exchange partners, or visit <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/graduate-programmes/master-in-international-affairs-mia/student-exchange>



DOUBLE DEGREE PARTNERSHIPS: Two Master's degrees in two years

Qualified students may pursue a double degree with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, earning a Master in International Affairs from LKYSPP and a Master of Arts in International Economics and Finance from SAIS in just two years, along with the interdisciplinary edge to navigate today's most complex global challenges.



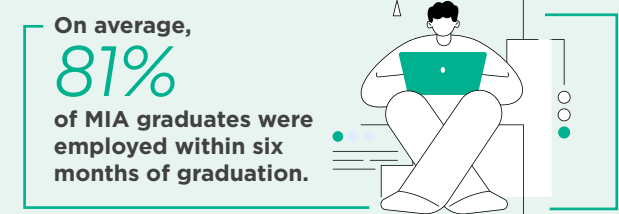
REAL-WORLD READY: SEE WHERE AN MIA CAN TAKE YOU

More than a degree. A foundation for global impact.

Analyse. Advise. Influence.

- > **Analyse research and policy**
Deliver evidence-based insights at think tanks, research institutions, and multilateral organisations.
- > **Advise across governments and industry**
Support policy decisions and strategic planning in government agencies, consulting firms, and international business.
- > **Influence global affairs**
Shape trade, investment, diplomacy, and development across the international stage.

Graduate Employment Outcomes, 2022 - 2025



Where our graduates work

MIA graduates have gone on to pursue careers across a wide range of sectors and organisations.¹

- > Assistant Director — Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
- > Policy and Infrastructure Analyst — The World Bank Group
- > Inclusive Trade Specialist — World Economic Forum
- > Policy Analyst — APEC Secretariat
- > Research Associate — Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)
- > Programme Officer — United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- > Assistant Director, ASEAN — Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- > Assistant Director — Ernst & Young
- > Senior Consultant — CBRE
- > Correspondent — The Straits Times

¹ These roles are illustrative and do not represent an exhaustive list of career pathways available to graduates.