

MASTER OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS

AT RICE UNIVERSITY

RICE UNIVERSITY'S
BAKER INSTITUTE
FOR PUBLIC POLICY

 RICE | SOCIAL SCIENCES

TWO-YEAR MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE FOR CURRENT RICE UNDERGRADUATES

Rice undergraduate students may apply to the Master of Global Affairs (MGA) program in the first semester of their junior year and learn of their acceptance in the second semester of their junior year. If accepted, students take courses toward the master's degree in their senior year, while they complete requirements for their baccalaureate degree.

Application Requirements:

- Application fee: \$85
- Statement of purpose
- Professional resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all previous secondary education institutions attended

Additional Information for Rice Students:

- Undergraduate students may count up to nine hours of credit toward the master's degree for courses taken during the baccalaureate if they are taken at the graduate (500) level or above or six hours of credit for courses taken during the baccalaureate if they are taken below the 500 level.
- Students interested in pursuing the MGA as a fifth-year master's student should begin meeting with an adviser as soon as possible to ensure timely completion of both the baccalaureate and the M.A. degree.

For an appointment, please email mga@rice.edu.

TUITION

Rice undergraduates admitted to the MGA program will continue to be charged at the undergraduate tuition rate in the first year of the program. Rice students can estimate the cost of the second year of the program using the figures noted below.

Estimated Cost of Attendance Year No. 2 (2016–2017)*

Direct Costs

Tuition	\$32,000
Health Insurance Premium	2,109
Fees*	584
Preterm Academic Boot Camp	500

Indirect Costs**

Room and Board	\$12,000
Book Supplies	800
Personal Expenses	2,000

*Fees included: Graduate Student Association Fee, Student Organizations Fund, Honor Council and Health Services Fee (no spouses)

**Indirect living costs will vary for each MGA student. However these figures are meant to provide estimates for what students can expect to pay per year for 12-month occupancy.



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Application Deadline
January 5, 2015

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The MGA is a nonthesis Master of Arts program and as such, Rice University does not provide tuition waivers, stipends, fellowships or assistantships for this program, similar to other MBA programs.

CURRICULUM

Global Systems
Decision-Making Under Uncertainty
Introduction to Statistics
Institutions and Development
Cultural Directions in International Affairs
Intermediate Statistics for Masters Students
Macroeconomics and the Global Economy
International Conflict
Global Communication and Negotiation I
Microeconomics and the Global Economy
International Cooperation
Global Communication and Negotiation II

Areas of Study

International Political Economy, International Security,
International Political Development

FAQS

Are there prerequisites for admission to the program?

Rice Undergraduate students will apply to the MGA in the first semester of their junior year. Students are encouraged to have strong quantitative skills as evidenced by prior course work, excellent critical thinking skills, and communication and leadership skills. These prerequisites can be demonstrated in a number of ways and each applicant will be evaluated holistically.

Do I need to take the GRE to be admitted?

Current Rice undergraduate students are exempt from taking the GRE for admission to the MGA program as long as their SAT scores are on file with the Rice University Registrar's Office.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

Students applying to the MGA will be evaluated holistically. If you are concerned that your current GPA does not adequately reflect your abilities, we invite you include a supplemental essay to explain any special circumstances.

Is the program open to students from any major?

Yes. Students from any major are encouraged to apply.

I will be a senior during the 2014–2015 school year. Can I still apply for the MGA program?

Yes. Please email mga@rice.edu as soon as possible to discuss an accelerated option for the MGA. While we cannot guarantee the same fifth-year schedule as our first cohort, we can work with you to make sure the degree requirements are completed within a similar timeline.

What should I include in my statement of purpose?

Applicants should include information about their educational and professional goals; relevant experiences that contribute to these goals and what about Rice's MGA is of particular interest to them. Students should avoid writing a personal narrative about their life story; personal anecdotes should be compelling and appropriate to one's desire for graduate study. Students should be able to show they have researched the program and its academic requirements and discuss the area of study they are most interested in pursuing.

Is this program only for students who want to go into the Foreign Service?

No. The MGA program encourages students to consider a wide variety of policy-oriented, nonprofit and private sector jobs after graduation. Rice's location in Houston provides ample networking opportunities with Fortune 500 companies as well as a jumping off point for employment opportunities abroad.

What are examples of organizations that regularly hire students with an MGA degree?

Various state and federal agencies; the World Bank; the World Health Organization; consulting firms; think tanks and research institutes; and nonprofits in health, education, international development and policy.



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