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MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL RISK

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Understand and Analyze Global Risk

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Building upon the school's strengths in multi-disciplinary analysis, the MAGR introduces students to theoretical concepts, tools, and frameworks from social sciences that will allow them to undertake sophisticated global risk analysis on a variety of issues. The MAGR prepares students to answer the most pressing questions facing the world today, such as how political developments move markets, how financial insecurity can lead to new opportunities, how new social movements can transform or revitalize societies, and how environmental policies affect regional stability.

Curriculum

Cohort-based classes, traditional training in quantitative methods, and practical application lay the foundation for the Johns Hopkins SAIS approach to political and economic risk analysis. Courses are taught by Johns Hopkins SAIS faculty, renowned for their interdisciplinary approach to the study of economics, politics and history, as well as recent innovative work in the field of risk and uncertainty. Their diverse areas of scholarship and practical experience bring both a realistic and rigorous orientation to the MAGR.

Students begin their studies by reviewing economic concepts related to risk during a summer term. In the fall students explore theoretical approaches and problems associated with managing risk. A two-week January intersession allows for a foundational course on corporate finance. In the spring term students examine sources of risk in politics and how to apply quantitative approaches to risk assessment. The program culminates in a professional practicum or original thesis.

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Second Summer Term <i>(May – August)</i>	Capstone Completed	

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SAMPLE ELECTIVE COURSES

» EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS » FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES AND RISK MANAGEMENT » INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY » MIGRATION AND SECURITY » STATE FAILURE AND VIOLENT CONFLICT » POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE MIDDLE EAST » PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF CONFLICT MANAGEMENT » PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS » RENEWABLE ENERGY: MARKETS, TECHNOLOGIES AND PROJECTS » SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS » THEORY AND PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING » BIG DATA AND CYBERSECURITY

Employment Outcomes

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- » Political Risk
- » Environmental
- » Public Health
- » Urban Planning
- » Public Affairs

Energy

- » Political Affairs
- » Exploration and Production (upstream)
- » Refining and Processing (downstream)

International Organizations

- » European Commission
- » United Nations
- » World Bank
- » Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- » North Atlantic Treaty Organization

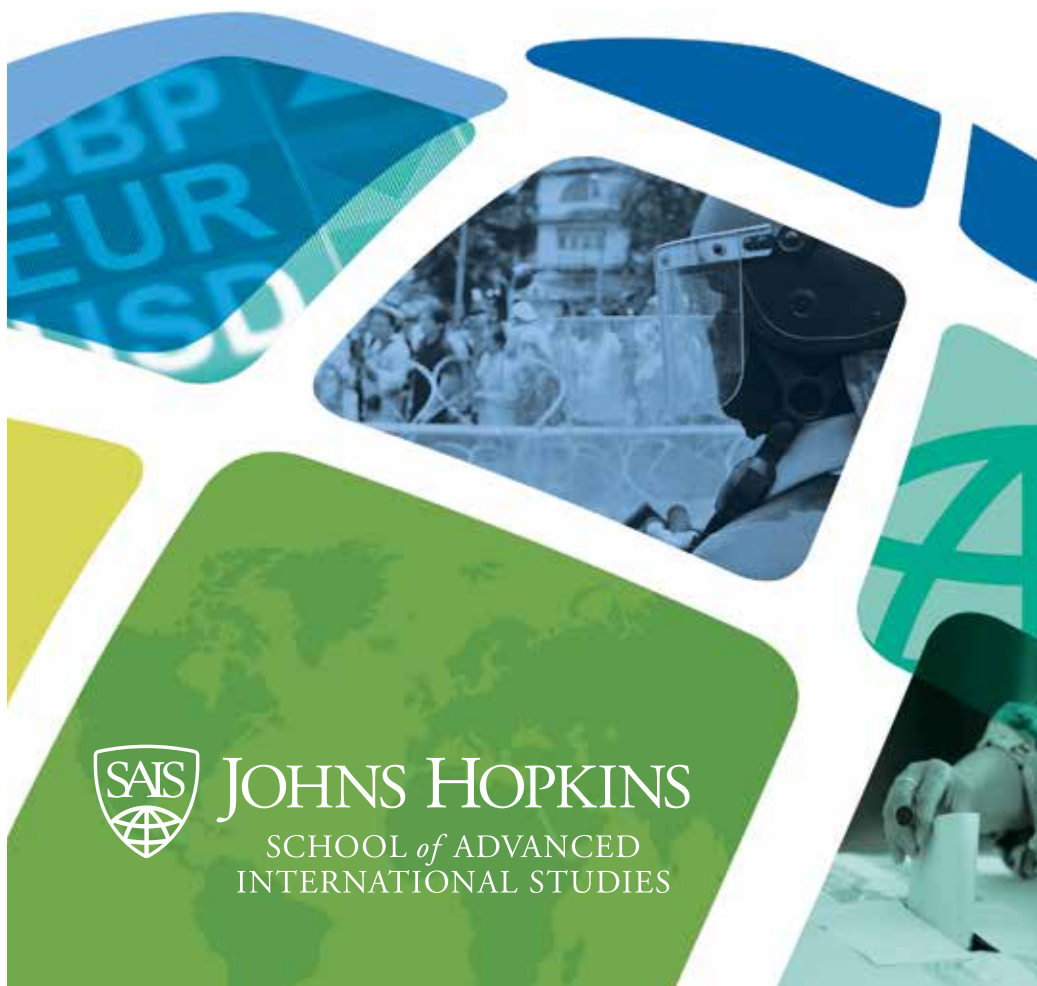
Government

- » Foreign Service
- » Military
- » Intelligence
- » Emergency Management

Financial Services

- » Asset Management
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