

MAIA FACT SHEET

The University of Miami's Master of Arts in International Administration

Program Overview:

MAIA is a University of Miami graduate professional degree designed to prepare individuals for careers in government, as well as multinational corporations (MNCs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are international in scope. Unlike conventional "international affairs" programs, MAIA equips students with both operational skills and a solid conceptual background resulting in graduates that are theoretically capable practitioners. Regional specializations with an emphasis on language and cultural competency are another feature resulting from excellent inter-institutional links with leading foreign universities such as Charles University (Czech Republic), Belgrano University (Argentina), and St. Petersburg State University (Russia). Additionally, students may also opt to pursue tracks/specializations in areas such as Marine Affairs, Business, Social Sciences and International Public Health to supplement co-curricular Workshops/Boot Camps and Clinics.

Core Topics:

- NGOs – Civil Society
- World Religions
- International Relations Theory
- Macro-Micro Economics Review
- International Economics
- Organizational Management
- Role of Electronic Media
- Grant Writing/Fundraising
- World Health-Infectious Disease
- Terrorism
- World Food Supply Crisis
- Human Trafficking -Modern Slavery
- Sustainable Development
- Budgeting for Non-Profits
- Security/Globalization/Human Rights
- Urbanization and Development
- Micro Lending
- Environment Issues
- Water Management
- Current Affairs, US Foreign Policy and Defense

Boot Camps and Clinic Topics:

- Information Technology
- From Briefs to Press Releases
- Basics of Human Resources
- Quantitative Methodology
- Qualitative Methodology
- International Accounting
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Leadership
- Community Involvement
- Library Research
- International Taxation
- Networking Skills
- Diplomatic Etiquette
- Communication/Social Change
- Public Speaking

Faculty:

MAIA engages highly experienced foreign policy and national security veterans and senior University of Miami faculty from cognate departments and schools to provide the critical mix of real world and intellectual expertise that is core to MAIA's mission. For example, the 2009-10 schedule includes retired foreign service officers at the ambassadorial level as well as a retired Air Force general officer and professors of Management, Economics, History, Public Health and Medicine from the UM faculty.

Student Profile:

MAIA has experienced significant enrollment growth over the last five years jumping from seven (7) students at its inception in 2002 to fifty-eight (58) in 2008. More importantly, substantial increases in the quality of students admitted to the program are seen in the GRE scores of the entering class of **2009-10 averaging 1180**, up from **1020 in 2007-2008**. MAIA is now clearly nationally competitive for top students with applicants drawn from major research universities and top liberal arts colleges nationwide. Adding to the Miami experience are the numerous **international students representing forty-three (43) different countries** including a number of Fulbright Students.

Alumni:

MAIA graduates have found career opportunities at leading international MNCs, NGOs and government agencies such as: *the International Court of Justice, the Southern Poverty Law Center, BNP Paribas, the U.S. Southern Command, the Center for Biomedical Research, HIV and Aids Program, the Union Bank of Switzerland, the Peace Corp., and the Red Cross*. Such placements legitimate the quality of the program and create a robust MAIA alumni network.

