Program Overview

The Masters of Arts in International Studies (MAIS) gives students the knowledge and analytic tools to work successfully in an increasingly globalized world. This interdisciplinary degree requires students to draw from economics, comparative politics and international relations, history and anthropology to consider the interconnected concerns of peace and security, international development, human rights and international law, and governance and civil society.

The program focuses on Conflict and Development and aims to provide students with the tools to understand and analyze policy implementation and outcomes in various institutional, political and geographical contexts.

Our Co-op program connects talented and hard-working Masters students with organizations for four or eight month work terms. There is no fee for posting and we provide you with applications of qualified candidates interested in your job opportunity; in addition, we manage your interview set-up with shortlisted students.

Co-op work terms begin in January, May and September.

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Student Skills Profile

MAIS students have significant experience in the following:

- Interdisciplinary, problem-based research and analysis
- Written communication including research papers, literature reviews, briefing papers, and policy papers
- Study design and implementation (qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods)
- Professional, oral and multi-media presentation
- Cross-cultural awareness and engagement
- Team work and collaboration

Program Highlights

The International Studies degree program includes interdisciplinary coursework in:

- International and regional political, economic, social, and cultural dynamics
- International and regional governance, policy, and practice
- International development initiatives and state-market-civil society relations
- Human security, complex emergencies, conflict, and post-conflict realities
- Human rights and humanitarianism
- Critical and professional social science research and writing

Want to Post a Co-op Position?

See complete details on page 2.

We are pleased to work with you on development of a job description and posting.

"The federal service offers opportunities for both learning and career progression that are unparalleled for recent graduates. The mentorships and training seminars available—regardless of the branch with which you become affiliated—are numerous and comprehensive. The privilege to work on behalf of all Canadians is one I will always cherish."

- Philip R.
MAIS Alumnus
Global Affairs Canada
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

For more information about MAIS academic coursework, plus student and faculty bios, please visit:

www.sfu.ca/internationalstudies
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Steps to Posting a Co-op Position

• A Co-op job posting must include:
  • Contact name and title, phone and email
  • Job title and location
  • Brief description of your organization. List of job responsibilities and activities
  • Skills and Qualifications
  • Rate of Pay: typically $20-25 for Masters level, set by each employer
  • Any special requirements or restrictions (i.e. Canadian Citizenship)
  • Details outlining full or part-time work hours. 3-4 day week hiring options are possible
  • Note if relocation expenses are covered
  • Specific application deadline - if applicable

When your posting is ready, please email it to artscoop@sfu.ca. You will receive applications via email within 7-10 days, or the deadline date you have set for the competition.

Our office handles arrangements for in-person or telephone interviews with selected candidates, based on date and time preferences of your choice.

Who’s Hiring MAIS Students?

One of the strengths of our program is the diverse range of partners involved in providing challenging, valuable work opportunities for graduate students.

Federal and provincial government departments, consulting firms, not for profit organizations, professional associations, labour organizations and research institutes are involved in recruiting MAIS students, including:

• Asia Pacific Foundation
• Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
• Department of Canadian Heritage
• Employment and Social Development Canada
• Global Affairs Canada
• Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
• International Justice Mission
• Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
• Public Health Agency of Canada
• Tata Institute for the Social Sciences

Timeline:

January - May: Postings, interviews and offers managed on an ongoing basis.

3rd week of May: Wrap-up of Summer postings, interviews and offers.

May - August: Employment period lasts for 12 - 16 weeks.

Note: Students can begin work as early as mid-April, depending on school exam schedule.

The majority of International Studies students involved in Co-op are available for Summer (May - August) work terms. However, MAIS students may also be available for Spring or Fall Co-op opportunities, starting in January and September, respectively.

Undergraduate and graduate Co-op students in all social sciences disciplines are represented by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Co-op program, which includes the International Studies Program. If your organization has a job opportunity that is better suited to a 3rd or 4th year undergrad, we can assist you with recruiting a great candidate who meets your requirements and expectations.