

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (M.S.)

Purpose

The Master of Science in International Relations program seeks to equip graduates with a solid understanding of the philosophical and biblical influences impacting international relations and global governance. Students are given a multidisciplinary approach to international relations, addressing history, philosophy, governing structures and processes, and comparative politics. The knowledge of international relations gained through this program is constructed on a solid biblical foundation, advancing global statesmanship, informed by a Christian worldview.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Science in International Relations (M.S.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate current research and knowledge of the international relations discipline.
- Apply a Christian worldview to aspects of the international relations context.
- Evaluate the impact of various political stakeholders in the international relations context.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- International Relations (M.S.)
- International Relations (M.S.) - Chinese Strategic Thought

- International Relations (M.S.) - Human Rights
- International Relations (M.S.) - Intelligence

Career Opportunities

- Foreign Service or Public Affairs Officer
- International Lawyer
- International Business Consultant
- Global Missions Worker/Director
- Diplomat
- Journalist
- NGO Director
- Researcher
- Professor