Regional & Foreign Language Specializations

Regional specialization offers students courses on Africa, East Asia, East Central Europe, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Russia and the Former Soviet States, South Asia, or the United States. Students in the Master of International Affairs (MIA) program may also choose a Foreign Language Specialization, which requires completion of two Intermediate-level language courses and one approved regional course in a matching region.

Foreign Language Regional Specialization

Students in the Master of International Affairs (MIA) program may choose either Regional Specializations, which require completion of three approved regional courses, or the Foreign Language Specialization, which requires completion of two Intermediate-level language courses and one approved regional course in a matching region – e.g., Foreign Language Specialization in Latin American Studies could be fulfilled by completing Intermediate I & II Spanish and one course approved by Latin American Specialization (this is just an example, there are other language possibilities for Latin America). Students must earn minimum grades required by the specific foreign language program in order to receive credit for each course. For further information about which languages fulfill each Specialization's foreign language requirement, please consult the relevant regional Specialization curriculum director. MIA students will continue to declare a specific region for their specialization, and then consult with the director of that program before proceeding with coursework. In addition, all MIA students are required to submit a foreign language proficiency plan during their first semester – for more information, consult the Office of Student Affairs.

Africa

For the regional specialization in African Studies, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). One 3-credit course on INAF U6163 African Development Strategies: Policies, Institutions and Governance or a comparable course approved by the Institute of African Studies (IAS) and two 3-credit courses from the Social Sciences, Humanities or Public Health that are approved by IAS.

Click here for the IAS course listing

Contact
Souleymane Bachir Diagne
Director, Institute of African Studies
522 Philosophy Hall
sdf2456@columbia.edu (bl190@columbia.edu)
212-854-3907

Jinny Prais
Advisor to the Certificate in African Studies
Associate Director, Institute of African Studies
Room 201 Knox Hall
201 Knox Hall
jko2123@columbia.edu
212-854-3528

East Asia

For the regional specialization in East Asian Studies, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). Courses must be drawn from at least two different social science disciplines and cover at least two different East Asian countries. A list of approved courses can be obtained from the Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI).

Click here for the WEAI course listing

Contact
Sarah Jessup
Student Affairs Coordinator
Room 934 IAB
sj3185@columbia.edu (ep3021@columbia.edu)
212-854-9206

East Central Europe

For the regional specialization in East Central Europe, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). Courses must be drawn from at least two different disciplines. A list of approved courses is available through the East Central European Center; courses not listed must be approved by the Director or Assistant Director.

Click here for the East Central European Center course listing

Contact
Christopher Caes
Director, East Central European Center
Room 1228 IAB
cr4038@columbia.edu
212-854-8577

Rebecca Dalton
Program Manager, Harriman Institute
Room 1211 IAB
rld2130@columbia.edu (lch2111@columbia.edu)
212-854-6239

Europe

For the regional specialization in Europe, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). Courses must be drawn from at least two different disciplines. A list of approved courses is available through the European Institute; courses not listed must be approved by the Associate Director or Program Manager.

Click here for the European Institute course listing

Contact
Francois Carrel-Billard
Associate Director, European Institute
Interchurch Center (475 Riverside Drive), Office 308J
francois.carrel@columbia.edu
646-745-8531

Sharon Kim
Senior Program Manager, European Institute
Interchurch Center (475 Riverside Drive), Office 308L
kim.sharon@columbia.edu
646-745-8533
Latin America
For the regional specialization in Latin American Studies, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). Courses must be drawn from any area studies discipline of 4000 level or above, with exception of History which can be a 3000-level. For more information and a list of approved courses, visit the Institute of Latin America Studies (ILAS); courses not listed must be approved by the ILAS Student Affairs Coordinator.

Click here for the ILAS course listing

Contact
Gustavo S. Azenha
Director of Graduate Studies, MARSLAC
Associate Director, Center for Brazilian Studies
Room 834 IAB
ga2161@columbia.edu
212-854-9793

Eliza Kwon
Student Affairs Coordinator
Room 827 IAB
ek2159@columbia.edu
212-854-5468

South Asia
For the regional specialization in South Asia Studies (SAI), students must take a total of three courses (9 points). Courses must be drawn from at least two different disciplines. For more information and a list of approved courses, visit the South Asia Institute. Courses not on the list must be approved by the Director or Assistant Director.

Click here for the SAI course listing

Contact
Katherine Ewing
Director, South Asia Institute
Room 214 Knox Hall
ke2131@columbia.edu

William Carrick
Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator, South Asia Institute
Room 219 Knox Hall
wac2112@columbia.edu
212-854-4565

United States
For the specialization in United States, students must take a total of three courses (9 points). For a list of approved courses, please see the link below. Courses not found on the list must be approved by Professor Ester Fuchs, Director of the United States Studies Specialization.

Click here for the United States specialization course listing

Contact
Ester Fuchs
Specialization Director
Professor of International and Public Affairs and Political Science
Room 1428 IAB
ef25@columbia.edu
212-854-3866

Kevin Gully
Specialization Coordinator
Room 1430A IAB
kg2515@columbia.edu
212-851-0624

Degree Audit Report
Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on Stellic.

Justin Burke, Lecturer of International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Otaviano Canuto, Adjunct Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs
John Coatsworth, John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University; Provost Emeritus
Murillo de Aragao, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Tanya Domi, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Ester Fuchs, Professor of International and Public Affairs and Political Science; Director of the Urban and Social Policy Concentration; Director of the United States Specialization
Julie George, Visiting Associate Professor in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, Visiting Associate Professor in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Kristy Kelly, Adjunct Associate Professor in International and Public Affairs
Thomas Kent, Adjunct Associate Professor in International and Public Affairs
Valerii Kuchynskyi, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Lawrence Markowitz, Visiting Associate Professor in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Pierre Moscovici, Visiting Professor in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Matthew Murray, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Sidney Nakahodo, Lecturer in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Gray Newman, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Seamus O'Cleireacain, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Lawrence Potter, Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs
Jinny Prais, Adjunct Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs
Jenik Radon, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Anthony Teasdale, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Natasha Udensiva, Lecturer in International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Pierre Vimont, Visiting Professor of International and Public Affairs (part-time)
Yuan Wang, Lecturer in International and Public Affairs (part-time)