

Master of Arts in International Studies: Japan Studies & Master of Business Administration

CONCURRENT GRADUATE DEGREES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must apply to and be admitted to both the MBA and MAIS programs. The MBA program does not require previous study of business but does require professional work experience. The MAIS program strongly recommends at least one year of prior training in Japanese language. There are no other prerequisites for this concurrent program beyond those already required for the MBA and MAIS programs. The admissions process is coordinated between the two schools.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to satisfy the requirements for both the MBA and the MAIS but are allowed to count up to 16 credits toward both degrees. Most students should be able to complete all requirements in nine academic quarters plus one or two summers (approximately three years).

REQUIRED COURSES

JSIS A 578/IBUS 562 Business and Technology in Japan. 5 credits. These credits count toward both degrees.

MBA Year One Core Curriculum. 38 credits. BA 500, BA 501, and BA 502.

MBA Year Two Core Curriculum. 8 credits. BECON 501 and MGMT 504.

Japan Studies Required Courses. 10 credits. JSIS A 555 Introduction to Modern Japanese Studies plus one modern Japanese history course (5 credits) chosen from JSIS A 423 History of Modern Japan, JSIS A 424 Emergence of Postwar Japan, and JSIS 584 Modern Japanese History.

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

MBA Electives. In the first and second years of the MBA program, students take an additional 44 credits chosen from a list of electives.* JSIS A 578/IBUS 562 (5 credits) will count toward this total, as will 7 credits from the list of Japan Studies core courses (below). Selection of electives must be approved by the program coordinating faculty in both departments.

* See <http://foster.uw.edu/academics/degree-programs/full-time-mba/curriculum/courses/>

Japan Studies Core Courses. The MAIS requires 15 credits from a list of core courses.* Up to 7 credits from the following list of courses may be applied to both the MAIS and the MBA degrees. Other courses may be added with the approval of both programs.

JSIS A 573 Political Economy of Postwar Japan (5 credits)

JSIS A 577 Readings in the Political Economy of Japan and NE Asia (5 credits)

JSIS A 581/IBUS 562 Science, Technology, and Innovation Policies in East Asia (5 credits)

JSIS A 587 Japanese Trade Politics (5 credits)

Japan Studies Electives. The remaining 27 credits of required Japan courses must be drawn from the list of core courses or approved elective courses on Japan.* Language-training courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement, but other 400-level courses offered by Asian Languages and Literature are acceptable. Note that while some of these courses include both undergraduate and graduate students, the requirements for graduate students are generally more extensive.

** Japan Studies core and approved elective courses are listed on this website:*

<https://jsis.washington.edu/programs/graduate/mais/ma-japan/>

Internships related to Japan. Internships are recommended but not required. With faculty approval, students may write reports on their internship experiences for independent study credit.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Japanese Language. Students must attain competency in the Japanese language through at least the third-year level. This competency may be demonstrated either by results from the UW proficiency test or through coursework. Students are strongly encouraged to take language throughout their studies at the University of Washington. Those who enter the program with proficiency beyond the third-year level may continue language study through classes in fourth-year and classical Japanese, readings in Japanese in the social sciences, or a variety of literature courses based on Japanese-language texts. Summer courses in intensive language training are offered at lower levels only.

Final Paper(s) and Oral Exam. Most students write two research papers to complete the MAIS degree. These papers originate from courses completed before the final quarter. Students are required to rewrite the papers based on comments from the instructors before submitting them to fulfill the final paper requirement. Those who would like to write a longer, more rigorous Essay of Distinction must consult the Graduate Program Coordinator first. An Essay of Distinction should utilize sources written in Japanese, and additional steps are required (such as forming an advisory committee and oral presentation of the essay). An oral exam will include a defense of the final paper(s) and questions on the subject matters of courses taken and general knowledge of Japan. Details of requirements for the final paper(s) and oral exam, including deadlines for submitting materials, are found in the Handbook for Graduate Students Completing the MAIS Program in Japan Studies, available from the Office of Academic Services in the Jackson School.

Colloquia. Each student is expected to participate in regular Japan Studies colloquia in the Jackson School and in the Global Business Forum in the Business School.

TYPICAL PROGRAM SEQUENCE

First Summer. Students lacking an adequate Japanese language background may take intensive Japanese at the UW or in another program during the summer before beginning the MBA program.

First Year. All students will take the integrated set of first-year MBA courses (38 credits) over the autumn, winter, and spring quarters, plus electives.

Second and Third Summers. Most students will participate in a Japan-related internship during at least one summer. Some may take an intensive Japanese-language course and/or elective courses during one summer.

Second and Third Years. Most students will complete electives and MAIS requirements in six quarters—the second and third years. Students will take a

combination of the Japan Studies core, required, and elective courses and business electives.