MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
As technology, globalization, and the need for cross-cutting knowledge transform our society, our world needs innovative leaders who understand this complexity and can propose new ways forward. The Penn State School of International Affairs is uniquely situated to provide this education for the next generation of leaders.

We offer a highly interdisciplinary and flexible program, which allows you to take courses from across Penn State and design a master’s and concentration that fit your interests and goals. You will learn from an elite, experienced faculty that includes two former U.S. ambassadors, two former U.S. Navy admirals, a former CIA analyst and National Security Council member, a former legal adviser to the United Nations and African Union, an economic consultant to the World Bank, as well as leading scholars of international affairs, all with a record of distinguished scholarship and engagement in the public discourse.

You will have opportunities to learn in our state-of-the-art Lewis Katz Building, with advanced distance learning technology that allows for virtual education around the world. Our classes emphasize hands-on learning and include a school-wide simulation with the U.S. Army War College. You will also experience the world of international affairs with around 100 special events and guest speakers at SIA each year, plus career exposure trips to nearby Washington, D.C., New York City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Many students also include a semester abroad in their degree program. As the only international affairs program in the United States co-located with a law school, we provide exciting opportunities for you to connect international affairs and law (and offer a joint J.D./M.I.A. degree).

From the moment you begin at the Penn State School of International Affairs, you join the Penn State community and are helped on your career path by the largest alumni network in the world, more than 658,000 strong all over the globe. The School of International Affairs has a 95 percent career placement rate within 12 months of graduation, and will help to launch you into careers in government, NGOs, IGOs, and private industry. Penn State’s University Park campus provides not only the opportunity to access the incredible resources of one of the world’s leading research universities, but also the experience of being part of one of the most globally diverse universities in the world.

At the Penn State School of International Affairs, we are training the next generation of global leaders who will help shape the future of our complex world. We invite you to join our community and explore what the Penn State School of International Affairs and broader University have to offer.

Hari M. Osofsky
Dean

Scott Sigmund Gartner
Director
ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission into the School of International Affairs, all applicants must complete the Graduate School’s online application, which includes:

- Two letters of recommendation
- Current Resume or CV
  - Please be sure to include any experience with foreign languages or international travel.
- Copies of official transcripts from all previous institutions
- Official GRE Score report, school code 2660 (LSAT acceptable for J.D./M.I.A. applicants)*
- A Statement of Purpose that details:
  - The applicant’s academic/vocational background and goals
  - Any international/intercultural interests, experiences, or training
  - An area or areas of interest in which the applicant wishes to focus while in the program
  - The applicant’s internship goals during, and career goals after, enrollment in the program
  - The applicant’s specialized skills (language proficiency, research, etc.)
  - The applicant as a person/student and why they are a good candidate for admission to the School of International Affairs
- No required length, but an average statement of purpose is two pages, double-spaced.

*Visit sia.psu.edu/jd-mia for more information on the J.D./M.I.A. program offered with Penn State Law.

The School of International Affairs does not set a minimum GPA or GRE score. Each applicant is considered holistically.

International applicants are required to submit English proficiency test scores (TOEFL or IELTS), unless they have received a baccalaureate or a graduate degree from a college/university/institution in any of the following: Australia, Belize, British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), England, Guyana, Republic of Ireland, Liberia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the United States, or Wales.

For complete admissions requirements, visit: sia.psu.edu/admissions/mia-admissions

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

SIA offers three 15-credit resident graduate certificate programs, designed to allow students to advance their knowledge of international issues without committing to a two-year master’s degree program. Credits earned in the certificate program can then be applied to the M.I.A. degree program, although separate admission to the master’s program is required.

Students can choose from three specialized certificate programs:

- International Affairs
- International Security Studies
- International Development Policy
THE PENN STATE MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEGREE

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The Penn State School of International Affairs offers a two-year, 42-credit interdisciplinary program drawing extensively upon the intellectual resources of faculty across several academic units of Penn State. Offering a professional master’s degree in International Affairs with several specialty areas of study, our mission is to prepare exceptional students for careers and leadership positions in both the private and public sectors of an increasingly interdependent world.

In their first year, SIA students complete the program’s core curriculum, which provides a solid academic grounding in the institutions, traditions, and mechanisms of international exchange. Six core courses cover targeted study of critical analytical tools used in multidimensional problem solving, provide exposure to the most prominent theories of sociocultural interchange, and give students the professional skills necessary to begin working internationally.

CORE CURRICULUM
During their first year, SIA students complete a core curriculum of 18 credits, while most students also take an elective to help fulfill the 42-credit graduation requirement.

Fall Semester Courses
- Foundations of Diplomacy and International Relations Theory
- Global Cultures and Leadership

Spring Semester Courses
- Actors, Institutions, and Legal Frameworks in International Affairs
- Colloquium on Current Policy Challenges
- Multi-Sector and Quantitative Analysis

ELECTIVES AND CAPSTONE
While completing their core curriculum, students may begin working on their 21 elective credits, which allow them to personalize their degrees. Students work with faculty and staff advisers to craft their own curriculum by choosing classes of their interest offered by SIA or by other internationally ranked programs at Penn State, including Penn State Law. Students also complete a three-credit capstone in the form of an internship or master’s paper.

Sample SIA Electives
- Conflict Resolution in a Cross-Cultural Context
- Diplomacy and Statecraft
- Grand Strategies of Established and Rising Powers
- The Role of Intelligence in International Relations
- U.S. Policy in the Middle East
- Weapons of Mass Destruction and International Security

Sample Penn State Electives
- Crisis Informatics
- Disaster Communications
- Gender and Politics
- History of International Law
- International Mass Communications
- Power, Conflict, and Community Decision Making
- Psychology of Terrorism
Customize Your Degree with **OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS**

SIA has nine optional concentrations that allow students to focus their elective credits in predetermined areas. Students may also create their own concentrations based on personal interests.

- Development Policy
- Dispute Resolution
- Environment and Resources
- Humanitarian Response and Human Rights
- International Business and Economics
- International Cybersecurity
- International Energy Policy
- International Security Studies
- Middle East Studies

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

All SIA students must have intermediate proficiency in one language other than English. Proficiency can be met based on language classes taken at Penn State or another undergraduate institution, a proficiency exam, or native acquisition. The proficiency must be met in order to graduate.
The Penn State School of International Affairs has a distinguished core faculty of internationally recognized scholars and seasoned former officials who are also engaging and passionate educators. Through their research contributions and frontline global negotiations, they have made, and continue to make, their mark in global affairs. Together, they represent a unique combination of world-class scholars and highly acclaimed practitioners in their respective disciplines.

SIA students also learn from distinguished faculty from throughout Penn State, including the College of Agricultural Sciences, Smeal College of Business, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, College of Information Sciences and Technology, Penn State Law, College of the Liberal Arts, and the Eberly College of Science. Their combined strength allows SIA to offer programs unsurpassed in interdisciplinary range and flexibility.

**ELITE, EXPERIENCED FACULTY**

**LARRY CATÁ BACKER**

*Professor of Law and International Affairs*

Professor Backer is a leading expert in the law and policy of globalization, especially as it relates to issues of sovereign investing and the human rights obligations of enterprises. His most recent work touches on the regulation of multinational corporations, sovereign wealth funds, transnational constitutionalism, the convergence of public and private law, and the development of a global architecture for the governance of the human rights effects of economic activity.

**ELEANOR MARIE BROWN**

*Professor of Law and International Affairs*

Professor Brown has served as a professor of law at the George Washington University Law School, where she also directed the Institute for Immigration Studies, and she has also worked as a senior executive at the Caribbean Investment Fund, L.P. and as a chair of the Jamaica Trade Board. She is a leading scholar of property, migration, globalization, development, and the law.

**JOSEPH DETHOMAS**

*Professor of Practice*

Professor DeThomas was a member of the U.S. Foreign Service for 29 years and worked at the U.S. Department of State for 32 years. His service abroad included tours in Austria, Ethiopia, Iran, Germany, and Mexico. He was the U.S. ambassador to Estonia from 2001 to 2004.

**JOHANNES W. FEDDERKE**

*Professor of International Affairs*

Professor Fedderke is a leading South African economist and World Bank consultant whose research interests focus on technology and innovation, macroeconomics, economic development, political economy, institutions, and trade. His most recent works study the deep roots of economic development, institutional development, unbalanced growth paths, and the impact of market structure on economic growth.
SCOTT SIGMUND GARTNER

Director and Professor of International Affairs

Professor Gartner is a scholar of conflict mediation and empirical studies of war and is currently consulting with a U.S. government agency addressing the threat of terrorism. His research focuses on the intersection of foreign and domestic politics, U.S. national security, wartime assessment, and third-party mediation. He is an affiliate faculty member in both the Department of Political Science and Penn State Law.

JAMES W. HOUCK

Distinguished Scholar in Residence

Professor Houck served as the 41st judge advocate general of the U.S. Navy, where he was the principal military legal counsel to the secretary of the Navy and chief of Naval Operations and led more than 2,000 attorneys, enlisted legal staff, and civilian employees of the worldwide Navy JAG Corps. His teaching and research interests focus on international law, national security law, and maritime law and policy.

DENNIS JETT

Professor of International Affairs

Professor Jett joined Penn State after a 28-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, culminating in appointments as U.S. ambassador to Mozambique and Peru. His research and teaching interests focus on international relations, foreign aid administration, peacekeeping, and American foreign policy.

FLYNT L. LEVERETT

Professor of International Affairs and Asian Studies

Professor Leverett joined Penn State after a distinguished career in government, serving as a CIA analyst, State Department official, and White House adviser. He is an expert on the Middle East, international political economy, and Chinese foreign policy.

TIYANJANA MALUWA

Professor of Law and International Affairs

Professor Maluwa’s career in international affairs includes service as the legal counsel of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)—the predecessor to the African Union—and as the legal adviser to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. His research focuses on public international law, human rights, and international organizations.

SOPHIA A. MCCLENNEN

Professor of Comparative Literature and International Affairs

Professor McClennen is a scholar of culture and politics, whose work focuses on cultural responses to social conflict such as those associated with war, imperialism, state formation, immigration and exile, dictatorship, patriarchy, and globalization. In addition to her role in SIA, she is director of Penn State’s Center for Global Studies.

HARI M. OSOFSKY

Dean and Professor of International Affairs

Dean Ososky is the dean of the Penn State School of International Affairs and Penn State Law. She previously served as the faculty director of the Energy Transition Lab and the director of the Joint Degree Program in Law, Science, and Technology at the University of Minnesota Law School. Dean Ososky's over 50 publications, including textbooks and articles in leading journals, focus on improving governance and addressing injustice in energy and climate change regulation.

DAVID W. TITLEY

Professor of International Affairs

Professor Titley served as a naval officer for 32 years and rose to the rank of rear admiral. He has served as the chief operating officer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and initiated and led the U.S. Navy’s Task Force on Climate Change. His research and teaching interests focus on climate, the Arctic, and national security.
SIA AFFILIATE FACULTY

In addition to its core faculty, the School of International Affairs draws on the knowledge and experience of leading faculty members from a wide variety of disciplines across Penn State. Affiliate faculty are an active and essential part of the SIA community. These experts from the fields of communications, engineering, law, political science, technology, and more complement the expertise of the resident SIA faculty and connect the study of international affairs to the myriad disciplines that impact global relations in the real world.

JESSAMYN ABEL, Department of Asian Studies, College of the Liberal Arts
GABEDA BADEROO, Department of African Studies, College of the Liberal Arts
DEANNA BEHRING, College of Agricultural Sciences
LORRANE DOWLER, Department of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
DARRYL FARBER, College of Engineering
SUSAN BETH FARMER, Penn State Law
ROGER FINKE, Department of Sociology and Criminology, College of the Liberal Arts
PETER FORSTER, College of Information Sciences and Technology
LARA FOWLER, Penn State Law
COL. JACOB GRAHAM, USMC (RET.), College of Information Sciences and Technology
PETER HATEMI, Department of Political Science, College of the Liberal Arts
KRISHNA JAYAKAR, College of Communications
DOUGLAS LEMKE, Department of Political Science, College of the Liberal Arts
CARLEEN MAITLAND, College of Information Sciences and Technology
JONATHAN H. MARKS, Rock Ethics Institute
JUD MATHEWS, Penn State Law
STEPHEN A. MATTHEWS, Department of Sociology and Criminology, College of the Liberal Arts
SASCHA MEINRATH, College of Communications
EDUARDO MENDIETA, Department of Philosophy, College of the Liberal Arts
KIDANE MENGISTEAB, Department of Political Science, College of the Liberal Arts
LISE NELSON, Department of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Science
JAMES PIAZZA, Department of Political Science, College of the Liberal Arts
CATHERINE A. ROGERS, Penn State Law
ANDREA TAPIA, College of Information Sciences and Technology
PANAGIOTIS TAKIS TRIDIMAS, Penn State Law
MARCO VENTORUZZO, Penn State Law
VINEETA YADAV, Department of Political Science, College of the Liberal Arts

Affiliate faculty members Carleen Maitland, Catherine Rogers, and Peter Hatemi joined Associate Professor of French Jennifer Boittin and SIA faculty members Joseph DeThomas and Scott Gartner for an interdisciplinary panel discussion on the Nov. 13, 2015, terrorist attacks in Paris.

Colonel Jacob Graham, professor of practice in security and risk analysis.
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

At SIA, Students LEARN BY DOING

Our small classes and experiential learning activities create an active learning environment that replicates real-world experience. The program provides ample opportunities for role-playing simulations, briefings, negotiations, mock trials, writing United Nations memos, drafting project proposals, and more. Through our hands-on programs, students gain expertise in contemporary global issues while learning the fundamentals of international relations that will shape the world in the decades ahead.

STRATEGIC CRISIS NEGOTIATION SIMULATION

Each year, SIA holds a school-wide simulation with the U.S. Army War College, in which students and faculty spend two days negotiating an international crisis. The event hones students’ diplomacy skills as they negotiate territorial disputes and broker peace between feuding nations in a mock United Nations meeting.
Each master’s degree candidate in the School of International Affairs chooses a capstone experience that is either a master’s paper or a supervised internship placement. By authoring a master’s paper, the student integrates and illustrates mastery of the subject matter of the student’s curricular emphasis and may undertake original research.

Internships are supervised professional placements in which students experience the integration of their curricular studies in a professional environment. Penn State’s School of International Affairs has placed interns on several continents and in many professional environments including the following:

- Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- CCTV America
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Climate Institute
- Consulates-General of Lebanon
- Fundacion el Otro
- IBM
- Nationalities Service Center
- Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations
- United Nations
- U.S. Army War College
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Export Assistance Centers
- Woodrow Wilson Institute

This training, combined with more traditional forms of academic study, prepares our students for a wide range of careers in international affairs.

WHERE OUR STUDENTS HAVE WORKED AND STUDIED WHILE AT SIA

Ahmedabad, India  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Arusha, Tanzania  
Astana, Kazakhstan  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Austin, Texas  
Barcelona, Spain  
Beijing, China  
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania  
Berlin, Germany  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Brussels, Belgium  
Budapest, Hungary  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania  
Chengdu, China  
College Park, Maryland  
Harrissburg, Pennsylvania  
Jerusalem, Israel  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
Lagos, Nigeria  
Chiang Mai, Thailand  
Chicago, Illinois  
Chogoria, Kenya  
Cochabamba, Bolivia  
Coral Gables, Florida  
Costa Mesa, California  
Cuscatlan, El Salvador  
Detroit, Michigan  
Doha, Qatar  
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas  
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany  
Guangzhou, China  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Lima, Peru  
Moline, Illinois  
New York, New York  
Nyeri, Kenya  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
San Pedro Sula, Honduras  
Seoul, South Korea  
Shanghai, China  
Shymkent, Kazakhstan  
St. Petersburg, Russia  
State College, Pennsylvania  
Thamel, Nepal  
Thimphu, Bhutan  
Turin, Italy  
Vientiane, Laos  
Washington, D.C.
INTERNSHIPS IN NEW YORK CITY & WASHINGTON, D.C.

The School of International Affairs has established two internship programs to facilitate opportunities for SIA students to gain professional experience in New York City and Washington, D.C., while fulfilling the degree program’s capstone requirement. SIA’s Office of Career Services works with students to determine their interests and relevant skills, critique application materials, and assist in securing high-quality, engaging internships closely related to their SIA studies. Offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters, the programs also provide housing options, networking opportunities, and additional educational programming related to the field of international affairs.

NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM

The SIA in New York City Program provides SIA students with the opportunity to intern in the country’s top international marketplace. Opportunities include positions with United Nations-affiliated agencies, NGOs working across a range of global issues, and agencies engaged in global finance, immigration, international business, and trade.

WASHINGTON, D.C., PROGRAM

The SIA in Washington Program offers SIA students full-time internships with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the nation’s capital. Opportunities cover the spectrum of U.S. government agencies and departments involved with foreign, defense, and trade policy, advocacy groups and lobbyists seeking to influence U.S. policy, think tanks engaged in research across the range of global issues, international monetary and finance institutions, foreign embassies, and global NGOs.
EDUCATION ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

SIA students have the opportunity to participate in formal education abroad programs offered through Penn State’s Office of Global Programs. Depending on the location, students may participate in the summer semester after their first year or in the fall or spring semester of their second year.

Each program provides SIA students the opportunity to live and study overseas while obtaining academic credit that fulfills M.I.A. degree requirements. Students enroll in classes that are equivalent to 400-level coursework at Penn State and relevant to their area of concentration within SIA. Select programs offer internship or research opportunities which may count toward the SIA capstone requirement. Some programs offer language coursework to help meet (or further build on) the SIA language requirement.

PROGRAMS OFFERING CLASSROOM-BASED STUDY ONLY

- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Warsaw, Poland
- Seoul, South Korea
- Leeds, United Kingdom

PROGRAMS OFFERING THE OPTION OF PART-TIME INTERNSHIPS OR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN ADDITION TO CLASSROOM-BASED STUDY

- Shanghai, China
- Nairobi, Kenya
- Dakar, Senegal

PROGRAMS OFFERING FULL-TIME INTERNSHIPS

- Santiago, Chile
- Paris, France
- Dublin, Ireland
- Rome, Italy
- London, United Kingdom
Taimoor Choudry ’13
Petra, Jordan.

Shingi Mavima ’11
With professional placement having the highest priority at the Penn State School of International Affairs, students from their first semester are encouraged to engage with SIA’s Office of Career Services to identify their individual professional goals and develop a plan for attaining them. Career Services will connect students to the strongest possible network of opportunities prior to, and upon, graduation through the resources offered by Penn State, its faculty, and its alumni worldwide, as well as a range of multinational organizations, institutions, and enterprises.

The Office of Career Services coordinates a set of professional development workshops, visits by recruiters, career exposure trips to major employers, and presentations, all organized around helping students make the transition from academic studies to professional opportunities. Embedded in the academic objectives and outcomes of the school’s curriculum, professional development at SIA is designed to help students think concretely and deeply about their internship and career objectives, strategies for achieving those objectives, and specific steps toward success in that process.

Our graduates find placement in a variety of venues:

Consulting Firms
Cultural and Educational Change Organizations
Development Assistance Programs
Federal, State, and Local Governments
Foundations
Higher Education Institutions
International Organizations
Media Organizations
Multinational Corporations
Policy Research Centers

“Not only did SIA encompass topics I was interested in, like how the U.S. government engages internationally with other governments and organizations, there were also many opportunities to reach into other parts of Penn State University to take electives and create my own specialization, which I appreciated.”

Brianna Lee Smith ’09
Africa Regional HIV/AIDS Advisor, USAID

“The School of International Affairs program is designed to help you get what you want out of your degree. As a student, I had the flexibility to finish my degree while I accepted a job in my field located in another country—which is truly remarkable, and something I don’t think I would have gotten at any other school.”

Alfredo Malaret Baldo ’16
United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
**CAREER PLACEMENT STATS**

**95%** Over the past four years, SIA’s graduating classes have a placement rate of more than 95% within a year of graduation. This includes graduates who are either working full time, seeking further education, or volunteering full time.

Recent SIA alumni found post-graduate placements with:

- The American Enterprise Institute
- Bloomberg
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Fidelity Investments
- The Japanese Foreign Ministry
- JPMorgan Chase
- The National Institutes of Health
- The Peace Corps
- The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan
- The Office of the Turkish Prime Minister
- The United Nations, and many more

**ALUMNI INSIGHT**

“Through the challenging coursework, breadth of expertise of the professors, diverse experiences of my classmates, and the many development opportunities that were available to me, Penn State’s SIA helped me build the stable foundation I needed to start my career in the field of international affairs.”

**Sally Wallace ’11**
*Deputy Director for Industry and Science, Embassy of Australia, Washington, D.C.*

**ALUMNI INSIGHT**

“My degree from SIA assembled my work experiences into a career in international public policy and national security while networking with experienced practitioners in the field. While at SIA, I conducted research for the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute at the U.S. Army War College and eventually moved to New York for my capstone experience at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs.”

**Scott Hillkirk ’11**
*Senior Program Director of Strategic Communications, Miracle Systems, LLC, Washington, D.C.*
GATEWAY TO A GREAT UNIVERSITY

Penn State School of International Affairs students are part of a small, hands-on program with access to all of the educational and cultural opportunities, social activities, and amenities of one of the world’s great research universities.

Penn State’s 13-square-mile University Park campus in State College, Pa., offers internationally recognized academic programs, an endless array of campus groups, student activities, and athletic and cultural events, and built-in networking opportunities with the University’s massive and dedicated alumni base.

AS PART OF PENN STATE, THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFERS

- Access to 18 Penn State Graduate School disciplines ranking among the top 10 in the nation, with others recognized among the best in the country
- The Big Ten library system
- Global corporate recruiters visiting campus
- An individualized and supportive program at an internationally visible school
- Over 950 clubs and organizations, with broad opportunities to get involved in campus
GLOBAL COMMUNITY, CENTRAL LOCATION

Penn State’s modern and cosmopolitan community of students, faculty, scholars, and researchers share the common goals of enhancing international understanding, knowledge, and discourse as well as serving the public interest.

The University Park campus is home to a diverse population of about 46,000 graduate, undergraduate, and professional students, including about 9,000 international students from 120 different countries. The SIA program alone has been enriched by the contributions and perspectives over the past three years of students from countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Panama, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, Taiwan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe, among others.

STATE COLLEGE, PA

Perhaps better known as Happy Valley, State College is a quintessential college town that offers students many of the amenities of a larger urban environment in a clean, safe, and welcoming setting. Thanks to its highly educated population made up largely of Penn State faculty and staff, State College is consistently ranked among the nation’s smartest, safest, and most livable cities by a variety of organizations and publications.

State College is within a three-hour drive of Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and about four hours from New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. The University Park airport, located 10 minutes from SIA’s Lewis Katz Building, offers direct flights to Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., with convenient connections to other major cities.

ACCOLADES FOR PENN STATE AND ITS HOMETOWN

- One of the top 100 universities in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities)
- No. 68 among all universities worldwide (Times Higher Education World University Rankings)
- No. 13 among U.S. institutions with the most international students (Chronicle of Higher Education)
- Second smartest city in the United States (Luminosity)
- 15th best college town in the United States (Niche)
Graduates of the Penn State School of International Affairs instantly join a powerful network of more than 658,000 Penn State alumni around the world. With alumni working and living in all 50 states and more than 160 countries, you can find Penn Staters everywhere. Our alumni share cherished memories of their student experience, extraordinary loyalty to their alma mater and each other, and an unrivaled commitment to expanding opportunities for their fellow graduates and current students.

The School of International Affairs Office of Career Services connects alumni and current students through a variety of programming, including career information meetings, networking receptions, career exposure trips, and webinars.
The Lewis Katz Building

The 114,000-square-foot Lewis Katz Building is the home of the Penn State School of International Affairs. Completed in 2009, the structure features a glass-walled library with spectacular views of the Penn State Arboretum, Beaver Stadium, and Mount Nittany, an Au Bon Pain café, comfortable classrooms, indoor and outdoor student meeting and study spaces, and adjacent parking for students. SIA classrooms are equipped with high-definition audio-visual equipment that allows real-time audio and video connection to programs and speakers around the globe as well as lecture recording so students can review later what happened in class. The sustainably designed Katz Building is accessible and LEED-certified with a number of green features, including a vegetated green roof, bike racks, abundant use of natural light, and locally sourced materials.

CONTACT US

Email the School of International Affairs Admissions Office at admissions@sia.psu.edu or call 814-863-0788.

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