Dual Degree Program in Nonproliferation Studies

The Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation Studies is the first international graduate program in the sphere of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It is offered by the leading Russian and American institutions: the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), and PIR Center.

This is a two-year program beginning each fall semester (1 September). The program prepares students are comprehensively trained on issues related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear nonproliferation. Our graduates are prepared to pursue professional successful careers at national governments, nuclear industry, international organizations, academia, think tanks, and the private sector.

The program is an innovative educational product of outstanding quality, combining the best academics and practitioners. It provides comprehensive training in the field of nuclear nonproliferation and represents a unique opportunity for aspiring students from all over the world. One of the programs priorities is providing education for young specialists from nuclear newcomer countries. At the end of the two years, students receive two diplomas: one from MGIMO (Russia) and one from MIIS (United States).

Some of our students are now completing internships in relevant organizations such as: the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs in New York, the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, and PIR Center in Moscow.

Mr. Noah Mahew (USA), student of the program: "The PIR Center and MGIMO have managed to collect some of the foremost experts in the field of nonproliferation. We had an opportunity to talk with these people one on one and ask our own personal questions, which is an opportunity I'd never thought I'd have. It has been incredible!"

Sergey Ryabkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia: "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs really appreciates the very important work that MGIMO and MIIS are doing together with the PIR Center on Master's program in nonproliferation, and this is the first time such a program has been introduced as there is a real demand for such experts. We have a lack of people who are really knowledgeable in this field, and also, we should think about the new generation of experts coming. This is a format which is working, it is quite positive."
Dr. Hans Blix, IAEA Director General Emeritus: Warm thanks for the opportunity you gave me to lecture in MGIMO. Perhaps such activities have greater long-term impact than short statements at a conference. Glad to have the opportunity to share ideas with students of today. My generation can be proud of many things that have been achieved in the world since WWII. However, it falls on your generation to reduce the risk of war and to spare the world from spending some 1.700 billion dollars annually for military purposes. Do I have any advice?

Yes, study! Be knowledgeable. Today it is easier to access reports and writings than ever before. You need a comprehensive picture and understanding both of the past and of the present. And you need to apply critical minds to all that is said and written.

Requirements

The MIIS/MGIMO Dual Degree is open to applicants of all nationalities, including those with little or no professional experience.

- Bachelor degree
- 3.0 GPA or equivalent
- IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 79 (IBT)

Application Deadlines

Prospective students are encouraged to apply to the dual-degree program through the MIIS application system.

- For the next term (2018-2020), the deadline is June 15, 2018.
- For the term 2019-2021 the deadline is June 15, 2019.
- Merit and need-based scholarships are offered by MIIS.

To apply, please visit go.miis.edu/mgimo.

Detailed information on the program can be found at the program’s website: http://dualdegree.pircenter.org/, MGIMO’s website http://english.mgimo.ru/wmd-nonproliferation-nuclear-policy-and-global-security and MIIS website http://go.miis.edu/mgimo.

In case of any doubt or further information required, please contact PIR Center’s Director Mr. Albert Zulkharneev by e-mail zulkharneev@pircenter.org or by phone +7 (499) 940 0983.
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Program Overview

The Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), and PIR Center have partnered to develop a Dual Degree in Nonproliferation Studies. This is a two-year program beginning in the fall semester. The program prepares students for professional careers combating the spread of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and safeguarding peaceful uses of nuclear energy in national governments, international organizations, academia, think tanks, and the private sector.

Unique Program Structure

Graduates are awarded two masters degrees: one from MIIS with a degree in nonproliferation and terrorism studies (MANPTS) and the other from MGIMO with a degree in international affairs, with a specialization in WMD nonproliferation, nuclear policy, and global security.

Students will take classes at MGIMO in Moscow in the fall semester of the first year. They will take classes at MIIS in Monterey in the second and third semesters. The fourth and final semester will be devoted to an internship and thesis preparation, with the student's location determined on a case-by-case basis. The total workload of the program is 120 ECTS credits (60 U.S. credits), including classes and internships, as well as preparation and defense of a master's thesis. All courses are delivered in English. However, native English speakers will also study Russian.

Partner Universities

MIIS is a world leader in training nonproliferation specialists, a fact acknowledged by then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a speech at MIIS in 2013. Focused on creating the next generation of nonproliferation specialists and disseminating timely information and analysis, CNS strives to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by training the next generation of nonproliferation specialists and international organizations, research centers, and universities. CNS has more than 50 full and part-time personnel and research assistants and 3 branches in Monterey, CA, Washington, D.C., and Vienna, Austria.

Partner Research Centers

Based at MIIS, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) is the largest nongovernmental organization (NGO) in the U.S. devoted exclusively to research and training on nonproliferation issues. CNS strives to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by training the next generation of nonproliferation specialists and international organizations, research centers, and universities. CNS has more than 50 full and part-time personnel and research assistants and 3 branches in Monterey, CA, Washington, D.C., and Vienna, Austria.

Participating in the PIR Center’s Security School was a truly unique opportunity. Not only was it a chance for me to learn about the Russian perspective on issues critical to global security, but it allowed me to interact on a personal level with Russian and Russian-speaking peers. — Sarah Bidgood, MANPTS '16, graduate of the PIR Center

MGIMO is Russia’s best-known and most prestigious humanities and social sciences university. Russia’s most global university, MGIMO has been a Russian home for students from around the world for nearly 60 years. MGIMO has close ties with the world’s leading educational centers across Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa and boasts graduates including presidents, prime ministers, and foreign ministers of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Slovakia, Ukraine, and other countries.

English.mgimo.ru

www.nonproliferation.org

CNS

William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (WJP Center), based at MIIS, is the leading Russian NGO in nonproliferation and arms control with many years of experience engaging Russian and foreign national authorities, international organizations, research centers, and universities. PIR Center took the lead in the promotion of nonproliferation education in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). More than 900 diplomats, nuclear energy specialists, military personnel, journalists, experts, and students have taken part in the PIR Center’s schools and training courses.

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Internship Opportunities

Graduates pursue careers in governments, NGOs, international organizations, and the private sector. Students will learn about international safeguards that apply to nuclear technology, knowledge that may be especially relevant to students from countries that are interested in peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit the following documents in English to the MIIS Admissions Office:

- Application form and application fee
- Transcripts from previous undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate degrees
- Statement of purpose
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Letters of recommendation (one required, two preferred)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (for nonnative English speakers)
- GREs are not required but are highly recommended

Degree Map

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon gave a major policy address about nonproliferation and disarmament at the Middlebury Institute on January 18, 2013.

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