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 master’s 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 or another language.

Partner Universities

MIIS is a world leader in training nonproliferation specialists, a fact acknowledged by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a speech at MIIS. Focused on creating the next generation of global change makers, MIIS has students from over 50 countries who speak over 30 languages. MGIMO Ph.D. Graduates 2007, and 2011.

“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 ’11, graduate of the PIR Center

PIR Center 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

Students may spend their fourth semester in the United States, Russia, or another location. They are expected to do an internship of at least 12-weeks duration. MGIMO, MIIS, CNS and PIR Center will assist with internship placement, including the possibility of intern positions in government agencies, international organizations, and think tanks. Possible international organizations for internship placement include the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapon (OPCW), and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

Career Outcomes

Students will gain skills they can apply immediately, while they are still in school. When students graduate they will become part of the worldwide networks of MIIS and MGIMO alumni. These networks will open doors wherever they go.

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

Application Deadline

Students will apply to the dual-degree program through the MIIS application system. The priority deadline is Nov. 1, 2016 and the final deadline is May 15, 2017, but applications received after that date can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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

Admission Requirements

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

- Bachelor’s degree in any field. Applicants may apply in the same year they obtain their degree.
- Excellent academic records from previous studies, including a minimum 3.0 GPA from an accredited undergraduate institution.
- Proficiency in English is required. Preferred minimum scores: IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 79 (IBT) or equivalent.
- Proficiency in Russian is welcome but not required.

Degree Map

Semesters One and Four at MGIMO: International Affairs (60 ECTS)

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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.