

**DUAL MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM (DMDP) GUIDE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018****ABOUT US**

American University (AU) is a private institution situated in a residential neighborhood in Washington, D.C. The University is well known for academic programs in international service, public policy and public affairs, international law and human rights. The AU student body is largely interested in global perspectives and political activism. In fact, the majority of AU students participate in study abroad, internships, and community service. AU is proud that many of our alumni serve in the Peace Corps upon graduation.

The School of International Service (SIS) is a top ten school for international relations and enrolls a diverse student body of approximately 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students from throughout the United States and more than 150 countries. Our location allows students to take advantage of the vast wealth of professional, intellectual, educational, and cultural resources available in the nation's capital. The city offers unique opportunities to study, conduct research, and actively engage in the ongoing work of international relations. SIS is a vibrant forum for debates and events, and frequently hosts government, NGO, and industry leaders to talk and meet with students.

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

All students must be nominated by their home institution before applying directly to the School of International Service.

**Instructions for nominating DMDP students:**

- Identify in an e-mail message the name(s) of the student(s) you are nominating and send to [sisabroad@american.edu](mailto:sisabroad@american.edu).

**APPLICATION PROCESS****Instructions for DMDP students:**

- **Complete the online application found at:**
- <https://applynowsis.american.edu/Datatel.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/Welcome.aspx>
- **Select the MIS IST program.**
- **You will need to provide the following:**
  - Official English language exam results requested to be sent directly to SIS (**TOEFL: code 5007, IELTS: select School of International Service**);
  - Official transcripts and certified English translations, if applicable, for EACH postsecondary institution attended;
  - Two letters of recommendation;
  - Statement of purpose;
  - Resume/CV.

**Further details regarding each required component of the application can be found here:**  
<http://www.american.edu/sis/admissions/requiredmaterials.cfm>

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RESOURCES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION	
CFIS Form	<a href="http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/upload/CFIS-2.pdf">http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/upload/CFIS-2.pdf</a>
Graduate Cost Guide	<a href="http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/upload/SIS-Graduate-Program-Cost-Guide-16-17.pdf">http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/upload/SIS-Graduate-Program-Cost-Guide-16-17.pdf</a>
Financial Proof	<a href="http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/Financial-Proof.cfm">http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/Financial-Proof.cfm</a>
Immunization Form	<a href="http://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&amp;pageid=39852">http://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&amp;pageid=39852</a>

COST GUIDE (based on 2016-2017 costs)
All international students are required to demonstrate financial ability to pay for the living expenses for their year of study. Please use the below cost as a reference for completing the CFIS form.
For a more detailed description of costs, please refer to the above link for the respective program cost guide. Note that the estimate includes room, board, books, health insurance, transportation, and living expenses for two semesters.
<b>Two semesters of study: USD \$31,058</b>

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: Valid scores must be from two years of test date			
	TOEFL	IELTS	PEARSON'S
Graduate	100	7	68
Please refer to the following webpage for further details regarding the requirements and additional options to demonstrate English Language proficiency: <a href="http://www.american.edu/sis/admissions/international-financial.cfm">http://www.american.edu/sis/admissions/international-financial.cfm</a>			

APPLICATION DEADLINES- DMDP Students	
Fall 2017:	May 1, 2017
Spring 2018:	October 31, 2017

COURSE SELECTION	
Before applying, applicants should review courses available during their time of study at American University.	
Course Schedule	<a href="http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/schedule/">http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/schedule/</a>
Course Descriptions	<a href="http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/schedule/course-descriptions.cfm">http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/schedule/course-descriptions.cfm</a>
Course Catalog	<a href="http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/university_catalog.cfm">http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/university_catalog.cfm</a>

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**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

<b>Fall 2017:</b>	August 28, 2017 – December 18, 2017
<b>Spring 2018:</b>	January 16, 2018 – May 8, 2018

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Academic Credits:** Students studying a DMDP are required to study full time and permitted to enroll only in master’s degree programs requiring 39 credits taught at the School of International Service.

**Academic Performance:** Applicants are reviewed based on their prior academic performance, with more weight being placed on coursework related to international relations.

**Student Status:** In order for us to better evaluate a student’s qualification, our preference is for applicants to have already completed one semester of study.

**HOUSING & MEALS**

**Graduate**

AU does not provide on-campus housing or meals for graduate students. The below website outlines multiple resources to assist students in their housing search:

<http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/Off-Campus-Housing-Resources.cfm>

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points
A	4.00	C+	2.33
A-	3.67	C	2.00
B+	3.33	C-	1.67
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.67	F	0.00

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