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Master of Arts in International Affairs, Conflict Resolution and Civil Society Development



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The missions

of The American University of Paris and the Sorbonne-Paris I privilege interdisciplinary study, ethical reflection, and internationalism. Both provide an opportunity to create a community of scholars in Paris who are able to work across languages, cultures, and different educational systems to develop diplomatic skills, humanitarian expertise, and global solidarity networks.



David Angeles received a BA in International Studies as a Morehead Scholar from the University of North Carolina in 2004.

After graduation, he served as a teacher for minority youth refugees from Shan State near the Thai-Burma border. He then continued his work in the field of international youth leadership development at the Open Society Institute's Youth Initiatives Program in Washington, DC. Nominated as a Truman Scholar in 2006, David completed AUP's two-year bilingual MA in 2008. He now works for Thabyay Education Network in Thailand, a foundation working with people from all of Burma's ethnic groups on issues related to human development, peace, and ethnic reconciliation.

The MA in International Affairs, Conflict Resolution and Civil Society Development, a bilingual, two-year program, joins intellectual and theoretical mastery with hands-on, project-based learning to prepare graduates for dynamic professional careers. Like our partner institution, the Sorbonne, we encourage students to explore the challenges of bilingual education within a rigorous, yet highly supportive intellectual framework.

The MA in International Affairs, a one-year program in English, focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of international relations and diplomacy. This program can be pursued on a part-time basis (over a two-year period) for Paris-based professionals.

Each of these program options balance traditional theoretical courses in international affairs, international law, the international system(s), and area studies with short, hands-on intensive courses taught by practitioners and specialists working in humanitarian and aid organizations, civil society and institutional development, conflict management, environmental sustainability, and policy formation.

Learning Goals

- Students obtain the necessary skills in cultural translation and conflict management required to succeed in governmental agencies and NGO missions around the world.
- Graduates manifest intellectual autonomy; participate actively in contemporary culture; demonstrate imagination and openness to new experiences, as well as the flexibility to think across disciplines and transfer skills between areas of expertise.
- Graduates of the two-year degree with the Sorbonne successfully participate in negotiations and debates in French and English.



April Haynes received a BA in International Relations from the College of William and Mary in 2003.

During her studies at AUP she held two internships, one with the UN secretariat in New York, and the other with UNESCO. After completing the MA in International Affairs program, she was hired by the US Department of Energy as an Infrastructure Systems Analyst, where she analyzes global energy assets, geopolitical energy markets, and prepares energy infrastructure reports and White House briefings.



Originally trained as a healthcare professional, **Clara Rachel Casseus Eybalin**, returned to graduate school

to study international affairs in order to develop models of change and further social justice in Haiti, her native country. She graduated from the MA in International Affairs program with distinction, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Migration and Development.

Highlighted courses

- Human Rights and International Criminal Law
- Conflict Theory, Analysis and Resolution : Traditional War to Cyber Conflict
- Financial NGO Management

Two-year bilingual program*

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester
2 core courses + 2 modules at AUP	2 core courses + 2 modules at AUP	1 core course at AUP	15,000 word thesis + oral defense
1 Sorbonne course	1 Sorbonne course	2 Sorbonne courses Research Methods Seminar	
16 credits	16 credits	14 credits	

One-year program in English*

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester
1 core course + 2 electives	1 core course + 1 elective	12,000 word thesis + oral defense
2 modules	2 modules Research Methods Seminar	
16 credits	14 credits	

Two-year part-time program in English*

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester	4 th Semester	Summer
1 core course	1 core course	1 elective course	1 elective course	12,000 word thesis + oral defense
2 modules	2 modules	Directed Study	Research Methods Seminar	
8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	6 credits	

* Enrollment is possible in both fall and spring semesters.