

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Graduate Exchange Programme with
Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University (GW)

*** Information of Elliott School, George Washington University (GW)**

- The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University (GW) is one of America's leading professional schools of international affairs. The world-renowned faculty provides students, the policy community, and the public with in-depth analysis of international economic, scientific, and political issues and the historical and cultural factors shaping them. The Elliott School prepares students for an extensive range of international affairs careers in the business, nonprofit, and governmental sectors. Their alumni can be found in leading decision-making positions all over the world; and
- The Elliott School also offers a wide variety of graduate-level international affairs courses in such policy fields as conflict and conflict resolution; international security studies; international economic affairs; international affairs and development; international public health; technology and international affairs; international law and organizations; and U.S. Foreign Policy. Courses in regional studies focus on Asia, Europe and Eurasia, the Middle East, and Latin America. In addition, the Elliott School also offers a series of unique professional skills courses.

*** Details of the graduate exchange programme are as follows:**

Curriculum:

- Applicants must be full-time or part-time taught postgraduate students of the Master of International and Public Affairs (MIPA) programme;
- MIPA students can apply to study at the Elliott School as visiting exchange students for one semester or for short academic programme as appropriate. Visiting exchange students do not earn a degree from GW. Since all international students in the USA must take a certain number of credits in order to maintain valid U.S. student visa status, visiting exchange students are required to take at least 9 GW credit (i.e. 3 MIPA courses) during their studies at GW; and
- MIPA students who are interested in pursuing the Elliott School Master of International Studies (MIS) degree programme, can apply for the MIS programme which is a full-time one-year accelerated degree programme offered exclusively to students from Elliott School's International Exchange Partner institutions. The Elliott School will count up to the equivalent of 9 GW credits (i.e. 3 MIPA courses) from the MIPA programme. The Elliott School retains the right to determine which MIPA courses will receive academic credit at GW and fulfill the requirements of the MIS programme. At the end of the programme, students will earn the MIS in addition to the MIPA degree (provided that all degree requirements for both programmes are met). Please note that students spend one fall or spring semester as non-degree students at the Elliott School do not earn a Masters degree from GW.

Academic Calendar:

- The structure of the academic year for Elliott School is as below:
 - Fall Semester: mid/late August to late December
 - Spring Semester: mid-January to mid/late-May

- The schedule of International Student orientation and Elliott School orientation meetings:
 Fall Semester: second and third week of August
 Spring Semester: second week of January
- Since the dates of semesters vary each year, please refer to the GW website for details. The dates for the academic year 2004-2005 are listed on-line (excluding the mandatory orientation meetings): <http://www.gwu.edu/ac4.html>.

Medium of Language and TOEFL Requirement:

- All courses are conducted in English and a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the written test or a 250 on the computer-based test is required for all non-native speakers in English.

Internships and Student Visa application:

- Applicants who are interested in taking internships during your studies at the Elliott School should first check with the Elliott School's [International Student Office](#) to ensure you understand the immigration rules regarding working in the United States. Once you have done this, you may visit the Elliott School's [Graduate Student Career Development](#) for assistance in finding internships and volunteer opportunities; and
- Applicants are advised to apply for a student visa at the Hong Kong U.S. Embassy as early as possible. Once your application is successful, a Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status will be issued by GW. Applicants can then apply for a J-1 student visa at the Hong Kong U.S. Embassy. Since the visa application process can be time-consuming, it is essential for the applicants to send in completed application in order not to delay the visa.

Tuition and fees:

- Non-degree seeking exchange students will continue to pay their normal tuition fees to HKU and be responsible for all other personal and living expenses for the duration of their study abroad at the Elliott School; and
- Degree-seeking students for the MIS program will be required to pay tuition fees directly to GW unless tuition waivers or fellowships are available.

Housing:

- Applicants are required to make their own housing arrangements but please note that graduate student housing is not available at the GW campus.

Application Form and Deadlines:

- MIPA students who wish to apply for visiting exchange programme (non-degree-seeking option) must complete the form "[The Elliott School Exchange Student Application](#)" and return the completed form to the Faculty of Social Sciences via the Department of Politics and Public Administration by March 18, 2004 for the Fall Semester 2004 and September 17, 2004 for the Spring Semester 2005 at the Elliott School; and
- MIPA students who wish to apply for the Elliott School one-year MIS program (degree-seeking option) may apply directly to the MIS program via the Elliott School's competitive admissions. Applications are due to the Elliott School by February 1, 2004 for non-fellowship consideration and by March 15, 2004 for the Freeman Fellowships consideration (please refer to the [PDF file](#) for details of the Freeman Fellowships). Applications are available at <http://www.gwu.edu/~elliott/admissions/grad.html> and students can apply on-line or with a paper application.

Further information:

- You may wish to refer to the following URL for more detailed information for inbound exchange students to the Elliott School:
<http://www.gwu.edu/~elliott/academicprograms/studyabroad/inbound.html>
- For more information, please contact "MIPA@hkucc.hku.hk" or 2859-8995.