

ELEVATE YOUR CAREER



Master of Science in International Affairs

At FSU Panama, courses are selected from the participating departments of Geography, History, Political Science, Religion, and the School of Public Administration and Policy. The program is structured so that it can be individually tailored to a wide variety of career goals, but overall, the main emphasis is to integrate one's preparation in any one of the traditional disciplines with an international, interdisciplinary emphasis. The Master's degree in International Affairs is designed to enable students to pursue successful careers in government service, business, international institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

FSU is committed to providing a stimulating academic environment that promotes intellectual discovery through rigorous scholarship. Its Panama site has over sixty years of strong educational presence. The Republic of Panama, a vibrant cosmopolitan center that attracts international organizations from the private and public sectors, offers our students unique opportunities to explore both the theoretical and practical aspects shaping international affairs.

"The Master of Science in International Affairs at the FSU campus in the Republic of Panama is an interdepartmental graduate program offering globally-oriented professionals the opportunity to acquire an understanding of increasingly complex issues that transcend national boundaries."

*Application deadline: October 31st, 2024.
Classes begin January 6th, 2025.*

**For admission requirements or more info, please
contact our Admissions Office by email:
rop-admissions@fsu.edu**

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Curriculum

The Master of Science in International Affairs at the FSU campus in the Republic of Panama is a 31 semester-hour graduate program that can be completed in 5 semesters of enrollment. Specific requirements are listed below.

- **INR5938 Joint Seminar in International Affairs**, 3 credits, which provides a core course for all majors in the program and serves as an introduction to references and research tools in international relations; disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches and basic concepts in the field;
- **NR5935 Special Topics (International Affairs Colloquium)**, 1 credit, repeatable, which deals with contemporary problems and issues in international affairs;
- **INR5012 Problems of Globalism**, 3 credits, which provides background for a theoretical and practical understanding of today's international and regional organizations;
- **At least 9**, but no more than 18 semester hours in one of the participating departments (see areas of concentration);
- Course work in at least three of the participating departments: Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Religion;
- At least six hours focusing on the developing or post-communist world (i.e., outside of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand); and
- Written master's comprehensive examination. The exam must be completed within 7 years after completing the coursework.

Foreign Language Requirement

All students must satisfy the foreign language requirement for the Master of Arts degree, even if they choose to graduate with a Master of Science degree. Proficiency in a foreign language will be demonstrated by one of the following:

- Satisfactory performance on the Graduate

Reading Knowledge Examinations (**GER 5069, ITA 5069, POR 5069, RUS 5069, SPN 5069**) or on the Graduate School Foreign Language Tests of the Educational Testing Service;

- Certification by the appropriate language department;
- Completion of twelve semester hours in a foreign language with an average grade of at least 3.0 (B);
- Or four years of a single language in high school.

Students may count up to six semester hours of graduate level courses in a foreign language toward the master's degree, as long as those courses represent work over and above that required for fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

The areas of concentration in FSU - Rep of Panama Campus

Students in the Master's program of FSU Panama will be able to choose one of three departments for their concentration: History, Political Science, or Public Administration and Policy (courses offered through distance education). A minimum of 9 and a maximum of 18 hours must be taken in one of these three areas.

Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management

(optional/additional cost applies)

Students in the Master's program have the additional option to enhance their curriculum by completing the Emergency Management Graduate Certificate. Courses used for the certificate may also be used to complete either the concentration area in Public Administration or elective hours for the Master's program. Information on the certificate can be found here

<https://distance.fsu.edu/students/emergencymanagement-graduate-certificate>.

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Tuition and fees

TUITION

31 semester hours @ \$ 400.00 per credit hour	\$12,400
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FEES

Application plus processing fee (first semester only)	\$ 100
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FSU ID (\$5.00 per semester) for 5 semesters	\$ 25
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Technology/Recreation fee (\$125 per semester) for 5 semesters	\$ 625
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Insurance (\$35 per semester) for 5 semesters	\$ 175
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TOTAL	\$ 13,325
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*All costs are subject to change

*Online classes carry additional fees

Payment plan available for all students admitted to the program. Financial support available through IFARHU.

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Admission Requirements for non U.S. citizens

General FSU Admission Requirements for Graduate School:

- An earned Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution, with a minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average (GPA) on all work attempted while registered as an upper-division undergraduate student working towards a bachelor's degree; or
- A graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution; and
- Test scores from a nationally standardized graduate admission test which is acceptable for the program to which the applicant is applying; and
- An English proficiency exam for those applicants whose native language is not English.

Departmental Requirements

- An upper- division cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0).
- GRE taken August 2011 or later—150 in both the Verbal and Quantitative portions (50th percentile or higher) and a 4 or greater in the analytical portion. GRE taken July 2011 or earlier—100 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the general aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). (The department accepts GRE scores no more than 7 years old). Also accepted are the equivalent results on the MCAT, LSAT, or GMAT.
- A minimum of 80 on the TOEFL (internet-based) if not a native speaker of English. **Students who are not native speakers of English but have completed their Bachelor's degree at FSU Panama or FSU Tallahassee will not need to take the TOEFL.**
- GRE requirement waived in academic year 2024-2025

Application process:

Apply to admissions for the master's at:
panama.fsu.edu

- Create an EMPLID (for non alumni)
- Fill out application

Submit the following documents:

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 - non-US college/university records must come with a course-by-course evaluation by an educational evaluation agency. We recommend using any of the evaluating agencies listed in www.naces.org/members
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores. Please request that those be sent directly to FSU (code 5203).
- Statement of purpose (1 required): Write a one-page, double-spaced statement about your career and educational goals.
- Two academic letters of recommendation. Applicants currently or recently enrolled in college should submit letters of recommendation from faculty. The recommendations letters should be sent directly to our admissions office by email to: rop-admissions@fsu.edu by the person that is recommending you

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About

**Doctoral degree in
International Studies**
University of Miami

**Master's degree in
Comparative Law**
University of Miami

**Bachelor's degree in Law
and Political Science**
Universidad de Panamá

Carla Pousa Caride

Carla Pousa Caride is Associate Professor of the Program in International Affairs. She holds a Ph.D. (1999) from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Miami, Florida, and a Master of Laws (LL.M) in Comparative Law from the University of Miami, Florida (1993). She also received her degree in Law and Political Science at the University of Panama (1992).

She is certified in Conflict Analysis and in various terrorism-related courses. She also holds a degree in Higher Education, and is licensed to serve as a mediator.

Her main areas of interest include international law, transnational threats and national security policies. She participated in the United Nations Fellowship Program on Disarmament, and she gained considerable experience working at the Panamanian Public Security and National Defense Council. She is pursuing further study in International Security and Intelligence Studies.



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Alexander Coles

About

Doctoral degree in Land Resources

Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning

University of Wisconsin Madison

Bachelor's degree in Geography

Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica

Alexander Coles is a Full Professor of Geography and Environmental Science at Florida State University, Panama Canal Campus. He is Director of the Urban Risk Center, or recent creation, with a regional focus urban risk policy research center and resiliency in the analysis of land use changes. Before joining the FSU-Panama, he taught Geography-related seminars and courses at the Departments of Geography and Global Health at the University of South Florida (USF).



Previous joining USF, Dr. Coles held the position of Research Associate Professor at the Payson Center for International Development and Technology Transfer and Visiting Associate Professor the Roger Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Within the frame of a cooperative agreement between Tulane and Xavier University of Louisiana, Dr. Coles headed the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) area at the Center for Environmental Programs at Xavier. During his time in New Orleans, he also served as an adjunct faculty at the Department of Geography, University of New Orleans.

As a professor, he has collaborated with universities in Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, United States, The Netherlands, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela and Bolivia in the fields of Evaluation Research, Survey Research Management, Fieldwork Methodology, Policy Research, Spatial Analysis, and Geographic Information Systems. For several years he has combined teaching, research, and consulting in the areas of a peasantry, rural environment, hazards, risks and disasters and GIS. Currently, and recently, he is focusing his research and teaching interests in the spatial analysis of the urban changes in Panama, with a focus on Urban Risk.

He has served as a consultant for several international development organizations, mainly, USAID-Land Tenure Center, World Bank, IDB, IFPRI, ISNAR, SNV, ICMH, WFP, Terra Institute and several small NGOs and Campesino-based organizations.)

Dr. Coles earned his Ph.D. in Land Resources from the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993. At that same University, he received a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1984. His Geography degree is from the Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica in 1978.

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Director, Master of Science in International Affairs program

Florida State University
Republic of Panama
Campus

Doctoral degree in Government and International Studies

University of Notre Dame,
Indiana

Master's degree in International Affairs

Ohio University, Ohio

Bachelor's degree in Finance

Universidad Católica Santa
María La Antigua, Panama

Carlos Guevara Mann

Carlos Guevara Mann is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of FSU Panama's graduate program in International Affairs, offering a Master of Science degree. Dr. Guevara Mann received his Ph.D. in Government and International Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. He has a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Earlier, he majored in Finance at Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua, Panama.



Dr. Guevara Mann specializes in International Relations, especially U.S.-Latin American Relations; Comparative Politics, with a focus on authoritarian and democratic regimes; and political history, with a focus on Latin America. He is the author of *Panamanian Militarism: A Historical Interpretation* (Ohio University Press, 1996) and *Political Careers, Corruption, and Impunity: Panama's Assembly, 1984-2009* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2011), as well as several journal articles on his topics of expertise and nearly 1,300 newspaper editorials. Dr. Guevara Mann is a well-known political commentator in Panama and has served as editorialist at *La Prensa* since 2004.

Prior to his academic career, Carlos Guevara Mann obtained significant experience in the private and public sectors. In the private sector he worked for several years in banking. In the public sector, he was Director-General for Bilateral Foreign Policy at Panama's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Officer (NO-D) at the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). He was regular faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno and Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia. As visiting or adjunct faculty he has taught at universities in Italy, Panama, Spain, and the United States.

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Doctoral degree in Interamerican Studies

Graduate School of
International Studies
University of Miami, Florida

Master's degree in Latin American Studies

UF Center of Latin American
Studies, Florida

Bachelor's degree in International Relations and History

Florida State University

Adolfo Leyva

Dr. Adolfo Leyva is Associate Professor of International Relations and Latin American History. He holds a Ph.D. in Interamerican Studies (1994) from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Miami, Florida, and a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, with a major in Economics (1979) from the Center of Latin American Studies in Gainesville, Florida. He is most proud of his Seminole roots: he is a graduate of Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and History (1977).



As a Latin Americanist, his main area of expertise is the Caribbean (with emphasis on Cuba) and Mexico, but he loves teaching the history of Brazil, a country where he lived while conducting research on Latin American export promoting policies as part of a project sponsored by the Organization of American States.

His favorite topics in the area of international relations are the historical evolution of the international system, the foreign policies and international relations of the countries of Latin America, as well as the role of international organizations in the international system. His course on international organizations has served to prepare students for internships, or for a permanent position, in one of the many United Nations agencies at Ciudad del Saber.

Dr. Leyva founded, and for many years coordinated, the Debate Club by training students and promoting fund-raising activities to facilitate their participation in the Harvard-led World Model United Nations Conferences held in countries such as Germany, China, Egypt, and Mexico.

His most recent book, **Florida and the Mariel Boat lift of 1980**, was the winner of the Florida Historical Society's 2015 Stetson Kennedy Award.

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**Doctoral degree in
Theology and Philosophy**
University of Oxford, U.K.

**Master's degree in
Philosophical Theology**
Master's degree in
Philosophical Theology

**Bachelor's degree in
Philosophy and Theology**
University of Oxford, U.K.

Benjamin Murphy

Benjamin Murphy was born in England, and read Philosophy and Theology at Pembroke College, Oxford, receiving his BA in 1993. He remained at Oxford as a postgraduate, studying Philosophical Theology under the supervision of Richard Swinburne. He received his doctorate in 2000. His thesis, entitled *The Ontological Commitments Of Theistic Language* focused on the application of Michael Dummett's work on realism and anti-realism to debates about religious language.

After completing his doctorate, he moved to Nicaragua in 2000 and then, in 2002, he moved to FSU - Rep of Panama Campus where he teaches classes in Philosophy and Religious Studies.

He continues to do research on the role of logic in religious discourse, and also on the scientific understanding of religion. He has presented papers to academic conferences in Europe, Russia, South Africa and South America on topics ranging from the nature of logic to the scientific interpretation of experiences of spiritual possession and has published a variety of peerreviewed articles. At the graduate level, he has taught a class on Modern Roman Catholicism, as well as leading seminars on academic writing.



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