
The Global Master of Arts Program II Tufts University Begins Third Year

We are kicking off the third year of recruiting for the Global Master of Arts Program II (GMAP II), a graduate studies program partnership between the Defense Security Cooperation Agency and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Our first class graduated on March 26, 2005. An article about the graduation is located in the 2004 summer issue of The DISAM Journal, Volume 26, No.4, pages 85-87.

The following is the message released to announce the recruiting for the 2006 classes.

FROM: SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USDP-DSCA//

SUBJECT: GLOBAL MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM II (GMAP II), TUFTS UNIVERSITY, CLASS 2006

1. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM WITH TUFTS UNIVERSITY'S FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 1 SEPTEMBER 2005. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WORKFORCE, GROW THE LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW, AND BUILD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MID-LEVEL MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT DSCA, THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS (MILDEPS), OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CUSTOMERS, AND DEFENSE INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS. THE PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING IN THE SECURITY COOPERATION FIELD AND WILL LEAD TO A GLOBAL MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE. THIS, THE THIRD GMAP II CLASS, WILL BEGIN IN MARCH 2006.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

IN MARCH, 2003, DSCA ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE UP TO 22 HIGHLY-QUALIFIED DOD STUDENTS PER YEAR. THE FLETCHER SCHOOL WILL ENROLL ADDITIONAL STUDENTS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES, U.S. DEFENSE INDUSTRY, AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE DEFENSE INSTITUTE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT (DISAM), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO, IS THE EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND DOD LIAISON FOR THIS GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM. DISAM ALSO SERVES AS THE PROGRAM POC FOR ALL NON-MILDEP DOD AGENCIES, I.E., DFAS, DIILS, AND COMBATANT COMMANDS.

GMAP II IS A 12-MONTH, DISTANCE-LEARNING GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM. PCS TRAVEL WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. STUDENTS WILL WORK FROM HOME STATIONS/COUNTRIES. TWO MANDATORY TWO-WEEK SESSIONS IN RESIDENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OUTSIDE BOSTON, MA. ONE OTHER TWO-WEEK RESIDENCY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT ANOTHER CONUS LOCATION (LIKELY WASHINGTON DC).

3. RESOURCES:

TUITION FOR PERSONNEL IN FMS ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDED BILLETS WILL BE CENTRALLY FUNDED BY DSCA AND INCLUDES THE COST OF MEALS AND HOUSING FOR THE THREE (3) RESIDENCIES. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM DUTY LOCATION AND ASSOCIATED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR EACH OF THE THREE RESIDENT SESSIONS IS ADDITIONAL. THOSE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT'S OWNING AGENCY. QUESTIONS ON FUNDING SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO DISAM.

CONTACT INFORMATION IS LISTED BELOW IN PARAGRAPH 6.

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT IN FMS FUNDED BILLETS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY, BUT MUST BE FUNDED THROUGH THEIR AGENCY'S APPROPRIATE TRAINING FUNDS OR AN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCE.

PERSONNEL FROM OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, DEFENSE INDUSTRY, AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL AND UTILIZE THEIR OWN FUNDING SOURCES.

A TRAINING MASL (D400000) MAY BE USED BY FMS COUNTRIES AS A MEANS OF PAYMENT (USING FMS OR FMF CASE FUNDS ONLY/IMET FUNDS CANNOT BE USED). FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MAY BE FOUND IN THE MASL DESCRIPTION OR MAY BE ADDRESSED TO DISAM. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR EACH STUDENT IS APPROXIMATELY \$55,000.

4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DOD PARTICIPANTS:

A MINIMUM OF 8 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (NOT NECESSARILY ALL IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

- CURRENT MID-CAREER PROFESSIONAL IN A POSITION WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES
- BACHELORS DEGREE (OR EQUIVALENT) REQUIRED. THE FLETCHER SCHOOL HAS ADVISED THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA OF 3.0 OR BETTER. HOWEVER GRADUATE COURSES, STRONG PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, AND A STRONG BASE IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE ALSO PLAYS A PART IN THE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS. ALL INTERESTED PERSONNEL ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

THE FLETCHER SCHOOL'S FOREIGN LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A LIMITED WORKING PROFICIENCY IN SPEAKING AND GENERAL PROFESSIONAL PROFICIENCY IN READING. LIMITED WORKING PROFICIENCY IN SPEAKING IS DEFINED AS "ABLE TO SATISFY." ROUTINE DEMANDS AND LIMITED WORK REQUIREMENTS. CAN HANDLE ROUTINE WORK-RELATED INTERACTIONS THAT ARE LIMITED IN SCOPE." GENERAL PROFESSIONAL PROFICIENCY IN READING IS DEFINED AS "ABLE TO READ WITHIN A NORMAL RANGE OF SPEED AND WITH ALMOST COMPLETE COMPREHENSION ON A VARIETY OF AUTHENTIC PROSE MATERIAL ON UNFAMILIAR SUBJECTS." QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE POINTS OF CONTACT IN PARAGRAPH 6, OR TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY, GABRIELA.ARTAVIA@TUFTS.EDU.

DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AND THE DESIRE TO SUCCEED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA.

5. GMAP II DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:

- COMPLETING EIGHT COURSES WILL BE REQUIRED OVER THREE TRIMESTERS
 - COMPLETING THREE TWO-WEEK RESIDENCY SESSIONS;
 - COMPLETING MASTERS THESIS WITH ORAL PRESENTATION (25-35 PAGES);
- AND
- PASS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAM ADMINISTERED BY TUFTS.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS:

DOD PERSONNEL SERVING IN POSITIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 1 ABOVE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM SHOULD VISIT THE TUFTS UNIVERSITY WEBSITE [HTTP://FLETCHER.TUFTS.EDU/GMAP](http://FLETCHER.TUFTS.EDU/GMAP) AND THE DISAM WEBSITE [HTTP://WWW.DISAM.DSCA.MIL/GMAPII/GMAPII.HTM](http://WWW.DISAM.DSCA.MIL/GMAPII/GMAPII.HTM) FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DOWNLOADING. BOTH WEBSITES MUST BE VIEWED TO SEE ALL TUFTS AND DOD GMAP II APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

ONCE THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE, FORWARD THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION PACKAGE THROUGH THE APPLICANT'S LOCAL CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE REQUIRED ENDORSEMENT (SPONSORSHIP LETTER) AND SEND TO THE RESPECTIVE MILDEP OR AGENCY POINT OF CONTACT LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES. EACH MILDEP CAN PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE. AGAIN, THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE PACKAGE TO REACH THE APPROPRIATE MILDEP IS **1 SEPTEMBER 2005**.

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7. SELECTION PROCESS:

MILDEP-SPONSORED CANDIDATES FOR GMAP II WILL BE SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESPONSIBLE MILITARY DEPARTMENT. ALL OTHER DOD-SPONSORED CANDIDATES FOR GMAP II WILL BE SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY DSCA/DISAM. WHEN THESE SELECTIONS ARE COMPLETE, CANDIDATES' PACKAGES WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL FOR FINAL ACADEMIC REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE DECISION.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://WWW.DISAM.DSCA.MIL/GMAPII/GMAPII.HTM](http://WWW.DISAM.DSCA.MIL/GMAPII/GMAPII.HTM).

9. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FOCAL POINT IN PARA. 6.

RELEASING OFFICIAL:

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