Executive Master of Arts in Global Affairs and Management

At the intersection of global business, global public policy and emerging technology

Today’s world needs future-ready global leaders and managers more than ever. The global economy is becoming increasingly complex and dynamic as the Fourth Industrial Revolution accelerates, reshaping how we create value, work, and live. In this new era of rapid change, transnational organizations demand entrepreneurial innovators who can create a sustainable global future that segues across geographies, cultures, and sectors.

Thunderbird’s one-year Executive Master of Arts in Global Affairs and Management (EMAGAM) degree fosters a digital global mindset through a unique combination of 21st-century hard and soft skills. Students build expertise in leading systems and new enterprises, managing complexity, disruptive innovation, digital transformation, and collaborative problem-solving.

Based in Washington, D.C., the program is tailored for mid-career professionals in all sectors, offering specializations in global business or global public policy. Most classes meet one Friday and Saturday per month. The flexible schedule allows participants to continue working while earning their degrees. Students may choose to travel abroad by adding one of Thunderbird’s immersive week-long field seminars and/or Global Challenge Labs*.

*Additional expenses are expected to be paid by students.

9 class weekends

Washington, D.C.

14 average years of work experience (5 years minimum)

12 months duration

Full tuition cost (USD) $60,000; other fees may apply. Scholarships available.
Delivered for busy global professionals

- Globally, future-oriented curriculum facilitated by faculty content experts, professors of practice and experienced senior practitioners
- Practical, hands-on, discussion-based, action-oriented courses that promote immediately applicable learning delivered in a flipped classroom format
- Weekend courses
- Ideal location in downtown Washington, D.C.

Curriculum

January - May
- Global Affairs: The Fourth Industrial Revolution in a Global Economy
- Data Analytics and Digital Transformation in the Global World
- The Craft of Global Networks in a Changing World
- International Finance and Trade

June - July
- Communicating and Negotiating Across Cultures*
- Agile Governance and Leadership in a Complex and Digital World
- Optional Global Challenge Lab

August - December
- Elective #1
- Elective #2
- Optional Global Field Seminar
- Elective #3
- Global Leadership and Strategy

Available Specializations

Global Public Policy
- Policy Analysis for a Global World
- Strategic Planning and Public Financial Management in the Global Public Sector

Global Business
- Financial Management for Global Value Creation
- Global Marketing

Application deadlines
- September 30: First round
- October 30: Second round
- November 30: Final deadline

Admissions profile
- 5+ years work experience
- 3+ years in management
- No GMAT required
- English proficiency required for non-native English speakers

Application process
- Submit an online application with resume and transcripts from prior degrees. Qualified candidates will receive one interview with faculty.

Applicants are evaluated by faculty on the following criteria: Thunderbird fit, academic ability and value to the cohort.

Application now
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