

There's **IMPORTANT WORK AHEAD.**

Learn how to ...

Navigate a dynamic, rapidly changing region

Address key political, economic, and cultural issues

Powerfully influence the world

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
ASIAN STUDIES**



Elliott

**Elliott School of
International Affairs**

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



As a global thinker, **YOU'VE SEEN ASIA'S INFLUENCE GROW.**

Maybe you follow a specific country or part of the region, or maybe you pay close attention to international and transnational issues in Asia. You realize that the soft power of Asian countries is growing as evidenced by the global relevance of K-pop and K-drama, anime, and TikTok.

You also feel confident about the direction you're going as you pursue a career in the field of Asian studies. It's a field that welcomes new energy and talent from diverse backgrounds and experiences; one that is open to fresh thinking, new approaches, and commitment.

There is important work ahead, and in order to be considered for jobs that have a global impact, you're going to need a master's degree. You're looking for a program that's going to equip you for the best opportunities (and give you an advantage over your competitors). Asia will be so critically important during the remainder of the twenty-first century that knowledge of the region may be in even more demand than high-tech skills.

As you continue identifying your priorities and learning about the Asian Studies degree at the Elliott School of International Affairs, consider some of the advantages you won't find elsewhere.



INTENTIONAL MENTORSHIP

We offer a unique mentorship program in partnership with [DACOR](#) that pairs our students with experienced government officials and diplomats.



EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES

Together, the Sigur Center for Asian Studies and the GW Institute for Korean Studies promote research and policy analysis on Asia. You'll be part of an active publishing, teaching, and events program as you connect with specialists throughout the region and the world.



EXPERT FACULTY

We have more tenured faculty working on China and Korea than any other university in the mid-Atlantic. You can expect to work with professors of practice, academics, and visiting scholars.



ALUMNI NETWORK

Graduates of the Asian Studies program stay connected to the Elliott School and open doors to internship and work opportunities for students and fellow alumni.

An intentional experience **DEVELOPING CHANGE MAKERS**

Our curriculum is designed to help you develop the core skills you need to facilitate lasting change. You'll learn how to research well, plan well, and follow through with sustainable implementation.

During your final year of study, you'll complete a Capstone project and connect with real clients to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired through coursework to a current policy question.



CAPSTONE SPOTLIGHT:

EMPOWERING ROHINGYA WOMEN THROUGH ART

For this Capstone, students explored the extent to which arts programming can economically empower Rohingya women in Bangladesh-based refugee camps.

Working with their client, Artolution, students generated funds to help circumvent current politically-fueled economic restrictions imposed on the Rohingya by the Bangladeshi government and teach refugee women transient and transferable skills. Artolution is a global nonprofit organization that seeks to strengthen communities through art-making. They identify, train, and support teams of local teaching artists to facilitate collaborative, educational arts programming in crisis-affected communities.

IMPROVING THE COORDINATION OF THE QUAD

For this Capstone, students identified opportunities to improve the coordination of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) under its framework to defend Taiwan.

QUAD, an informal alliance between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan, has become more aligned in their shared concerns as tensions with China rise. But as each QUAD member has their own policy toward China or Taiwan, it is unclear what defense of Taiwan will look like if the crisis over the Strait occurs. Taking this into consideration, students examined opportunities to increase the effectiveness of QUAD by addressing members' concerns and interests and presenting a collective defense network that might deter a potential crisis with Taiwan.

A front-row seat to **THE D.C. EXPERIENCE**

The Elliott School's physical location is a major advantage for students; we're sidewalks away – not bridges or metro rides away – from key players and institutions. Here you'll find many actors and initiatives, as well as cross-cutting issues at play. But you won't just read or hear about what's happening ... you'll be part of the action.



300+ EVENTS, ANNUALLY

Interact with respected scholars and expert practitioners with firsthand connections to real issues. You'll have the chance to hear from and connect with policymakers and diplomats, including current and former ambassadors. Former guests and lecturers include names such as Nakyon Lee, former Prime Minister of South Korea, Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia and current President and CEO of the Asia Society, and Taeyong Cho, Ambassador of Korea to the United States.

DIVERSE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

The Elliott School's central location means you can focus on gaining valuable professional experiences during the day before walking to campus for an evening class or networking event.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

To make a real impact and achieve a position of influence, you need to do more than show up at the right events. Networking is a skill, and knowing who to meet and how to meet them is important. Through our extensive alumni network in the D.C. area and lifetime access to our career coaches, you'll have the resources you need to make the *right* connections.

*Global-minded and positioned
to lead a life of influence* —

WHERE OUR GRADUATES ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

Students come to us with a wide range of career goals, aspirations, and experience. But there is one common thread unifying them – a desire to make a real difference in the world’s most pressing issues and challenges.

Our Master of Arts in Asian Studies graduates are in demand among nonprofits and NGOs, and across the private and public sectors.

ASIA SOCIETY

THE WILSON CENTER

ERNST & YOUNG

ASEAN

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JAPAN SOCIETY

RAND CORPORATION

TAIWAN INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

THINK TANKS



“As a Research Analyst in the South Asia Program at the Stimson Center, a Washington D.C.-based nonpartisan think tank, I track developments related to and conduct research on U.S.-India-China strategic dynamics and geopolitics of South Asia and the Indo-Pacific. Working at a think tank requires various skills: from research and analysis to grant writing, from project management to public speaking. Many classes at Elliott gave me a foundation in these skills.”

—**Akriti Vasudeva**, Fellow, South Asia Program at the Stimson Center



"I currently work at a trade association for global IT companies, looking at tech and trade policies in East and South East Asia to help policymakers make decisions that are good for innovation and growth.

My favorite aspect of my job is advocating for tech-forward solutions that will increase opportunity and equity when a policy or rule is implemented. Small, seemingly tedious changes to rules can make a huge impact on how companies operate, hire workers, and invest resources around the world, and as boring as reading through legislation can be, understanding how different stakeholders can improve policies together is the best part."

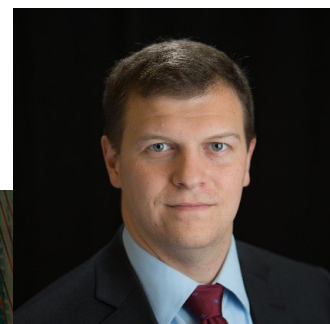
- **Emma Rafaelof**, Senior Manager, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)



"My degree from Elliott was invaluable for my work in government. I trained with some of the world's experts in Chinese and Asian security issues, and I immediately was able to apply that knowledge. Coming out of Elliott, I worked in national security organizations in the D.C. area. In these roles, I gradually developed an expertise in financial crimes and "follow the money" investigations and intelligence.

When I decided to move away from the D.C. area, working with the financial industry was a natural next step, given regulatory requirements that the industry monitor, investigate, and report suspicious financial activity to the government. Eventually, I ended up on the technology side looking for ways to improve the detection and investigations of financial institutions – which aligned well with the work I did for the U.S. government because better investigations by the industry leads to better investigations/intelligence for governments to use to fight criminals and terrorists."

- **David Szerlip**, Product Owner, riskCanvas





90%

of Asian Studies graduates are employed and solving complex, global issues within six months of graduation.

Where will you make a valuable, lasting impact?

Start the application process today and discover how you can align your academic and career goals. You'll get the knowledge, skills, and experience you need to address the political, economic, and cultural issues impacting this region. **Ready to get started?**

▶ **BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION**

NEED TO CONNECT WITH US ABOUT YOUR QUESTIONS?

Call us at: 202-994-7050

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