

University Senate

Proposed: October 22, 2010  
Adopted: October 22, 2010  
by voice vote with no dissent

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM LEADING TO  
A DUAL MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (M.I.A.) FROM SIPA  
AND MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.)  
FROM THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**

WHEREAS, the School of International and Public Affairs recommends that the University establish a program leading to a Dual Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.) from SIPA and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) from the London School of Economics, and

WHEREAS, students interested in careers that require global context for policymaking and its impact tend to choose programs that award the M.I.A., and

WHEREAS, the London School of Economics is one of the leading graduate schools in Europe, with a long-established reputation for top-level graduate education and research, and

WHEREAS, by linking the SIPA M.I.A. with the Master's in Public Administration at the LSE, Columbia will be able to provide its students with a greater breadth and depth of academic and professional options, and

WHEREAS, there is a demand from M.I.A. students for this dual degree program, and

WHEREAS, no other institutions in the Northeast offer similar programs, and

WHEREAS, the new program will not replace any existing Columbia programs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate establish the program leading to a dual Master of International Affairs from SIPA and Master of Public Administration from the London School of Economics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Education Committee shall review the program in five years.

Proponent:

Committee on Education

## **SIPA MIA / LSE MPA**

The proposed dual degree pairs the SIPA MIA with the LSE MPA. SIPA and LSE have collaborated since 2003 in offering an MPA dual degree, which has a number of international options drawing on course offerings throughout LSE's many well-known international degree programs. The new SIPA MIA/LSE MPA dual degree structure gives SIPA MIA dual degree students access to the broad, rigorous and well-respected international offerings at LSE. This program offers the opportunity for students to spend one year of intensive study at each school and receive both Master's degrees in just two years of study. Students complete their core curriculum in the first year at their home institution and complete a concentration during year two at the partner institution. The dual degree program also provides students with the opportunity to pursue internship and long-term professional interests in London, one of the world's leading centers for financial, governmental, media, and non-profit organizations.

In the past, SIPA has established dual degree programs for both the MIA and MPA at Sciences Po Paris, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore and the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany. The proposed SIPA MIA/LSE MPA dual degree would be consistent with how we've structured our academic program offerings with our other international partners.

In addition, SIPA restructured its MIA program beginning in 2009, making it more closely aligned with our MPA program, and making it easier to create a common shared curriculum with the LSE MPA.

SIPA offers both an MIA and an MPA degree, and as a consequence it is customary for us to submit dual degree proposals on behalf of both programs. Below is a brief summary of the differences between the two programs.

As a general note, students interested in careers that require global context for policymaking and its impact tend to choose programs that award the MIA. This degree grew from our roots as the School of International Affairs, founded at Columbia in 1946. Historically, MIA graduates worked in the private sector, at the United Nations, and at NGOs, as well as at government bodies such as ministries of foreign affairs and security agencies that value MIA's contextual expertise.

The MPA, introduced at SIPA in 1977, is the degree traditionally offered by schools of public administration and management around the world. Students interested in policymaking careers in the public sector tend to choose programs that award the MPA. MPA graduates have typically gravitated towards work in the government and nonprofit sectors. In terms of curriculum, the differences between the two programs are:

- The MIA includes a foreign language requirement; the MPA does not.
- MIA students take a course called *Conceptual Foundations*, in which they learn the major theoretical frameworks and analytical tools of international affairs and apply them to the most pressing issues of our times; MPAs take a course called *Politics of Policymaking*, in which they study data-driven political analysis, political processes and institutions, and strategies that shape policymaking arenas.
- MIAs take an additional course on *Interstate Relations*, which allows students to study relations among states in a particular geographic area or policy arena that is of special significance to their career plans.

SIPA MPA students have enjoyed the opportunity to pursue a dual degree with the LSE MPA since 2003. MIA students have lobbied for an LSE dual degree option for a number of years. The decision to move forward was delayed by the fact that the LSE offers several very specialized internationally-oriented master's degrees, and although both institutions wanted to accommodate MIA students, neither institution wanted to create a bundle of six or more MIA dual degrees. It became evident that the best way to take advantage of all of the course offerings available across the entire institution of LSE was to link up with our long established partner school, the LSE MPA, and allow the SIPA MIA students to pursue a dual degree with them.

### Sample Program Scheduling

The table below shows the sequencing and scheduling of courses and credits in the program, by semester.

#### a. 1<sup>st</sup> year MPA at LSE, Second year MIA at SIPA (63 points total)

| 1 <sup>st</sup> FALL - LSE                            |           | 1 <sup>st</sup> SPRING - LSE                           |           | SUMMER     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> FALL - SIPA |           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> SPRING - SIPA |           |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Course Title  |           | Course Title   |           |            | Course Title                |           | Course Title                  |           |
| GV478 Political Science and Public Policy I           | 3         | GV478 Political Science and Public Policy II           | 3         | Internship | Concentration 1             | 3         | Concentration 3               | 3         |
| EC440 Micro and Macro Economics (for Public Policy) I | 3         | EC440 Micro and Macro Economics (for Public Policy) II | 3         |            | Concentration 2             | 3         | Concentration 4               | 3         |
| EC455 Quantitative Approaches and Policy Analysis I   | 3         | EC455 Quantitative Approaches and Policy Analysis II   | 3         |            | Specialization 1            | 3         | Concentration 5               | 3         |
| LSE required course 1                                 | 3         | LSE required course 2                                  | 3         |            | Specialization 2            | 3         | Specialization 3              | 3         |
| Elective 1*   | 3         | Elective 2   | 3         |            | Elective 1**                | 3         | Workshop                      | 3         |
|   |           | Internship   | 3         |            |                             |           |                               |           |
|   |           |  |           |            |                             |           |                               |           |
|   |           |  |           |            |                             |           |                               |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                  | <b>15</b> | <b>Total Credits</b>                                   | <b>18</b> |            | <b>Total Credits</b>        | <b>15</b> | <b>Total Credits</b>          | <b>15</b> |

33 LSE, 30 SIPA, 63 Total

\*Some SIPA second year concentrations require introductory coursework taken in the 1st year at LSE

\*\* For MIA, LSE students should take the Conceptual Foundations core course at SIPA in the third term or equivalent at LSE.

NB: Dual degree students must complete at least 30 credits with a grade of B or better while at SIPA. All points in table are SIPA points.

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|--|-------------|---|-------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| COURSE TITLE                                 |             | COURSE TITLE                                    |             |            | Course Title                       |           | Course Title                   |           |
| Conceptual Foundations (MIA)                 | 4           | Interstate Relations Course                     | 3           | Internship | GV4D5 Group Working and Leadership | 3         | LSE course 3                   | 3         |
| Economics 1 (4200) or Econ Analysis 1 (6400) | 3           | Economics II (U4201) or Econ Analysis II (6401) | 3           |            | LSE course 1                       | 3         | LSE course 4                   | 3         |
| U6500 Quantitative Analysis                  | 3           | U6000 Management                                | 3           |            | LSE course 2                       | 3         | LSE course 5                   | 3         |
| Financial Management Course*                 | 3           | Elective 2                                      | 3           |            | MPA Capstone Project               | 3         | MPA Capstone Project           | 3         |
| Professional Development                     | .5          | Concentration 1                                 | 3           |            | Dissertation                       | 3         | Dissertation                   | 3         |
| Elective 1                                   | 3           | Internship                                      | 1.5         |            |                                    |           |                                |           |
|  |             |   |             |            |                                    |           |                                |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                         | <b>16.5</b> | <b>Total Credits</b>                            | <b>16.5</b> |            | <b>Total Credits</b>               | <b>15</b> | <b>Total Credits</b>           | <b>15</b> |

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\*For the Financial Management requirement, students may choose from:

Accounting U6200, Budgeting, or Economics of Finance U6022.

\*\* Students must take the required courses for one of LSE's 4 streams: Public and Economic Policy, Public Policy and Management, International Development, and European Public and Economic Policy.

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