

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Accelerated Entry of Students from Dominican University of California to the**  
**Graduate School of International Policy and Management of the**  
**Monterey Institute of International Studies**

1. Basic agreement

The Graduate School of International Policy and Management (GSIPM) at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (the Institute), a graduate school of Middlebury College, is committed to educating and empowering the next generation of public policy professionals who will address the critical global issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Dominican University of California (DU) has a global focus and educates intelligent, enthusiastic and mature undergraduates who also have as their goal becoming global public policy professionals. Both the Institute and Dominican believe that young policy professionals are best prepared by emphasizing wide knowledge, professional skills, and the ability to apply this knowledge and these skills using a second language, as part of a high level of intercultural competence. With these shared interests, both institutions hereby agree that qualified Dominican students may enter Institute programs with accelerated status. According to this understanding, Dominican students admitted to the Institute with accelerated status need complete only 48 credits to earn their Master's degree, in lieu of the 60 credits normally required.

2. Both institutions will jointly develop a process for identifying DU students who are qualified to apply for accelerated entry. Key selection criteria for such students include:

- Academic excellence at DU as indicated by a 3.5 cumulative GPA, As well as a 3.5 GPA in those courses relevant to a specific degree program offered at GSIPM, and other academic work indicating an ability to succeed at the graduate level.
- Knowledge and expertise relevant to the degree or program the student will pursue at the Institute.
- Advanced second-language capabilities.
- Maturity, as indicated by evaluated professional work (e.g., an internship or job), the ability to manage their time, and demonstrated commitment to effective international policy study and practice once graduated from the Institute.
- Motivation to succeed in a rigorous professional education program.
- Support from faculty and others at DU, as well as supervisors of professional experience, in the form of a letter(s) emphasizing the above qualities.

3. Students who have successfully completed the International Studies major or the Political Science major with a concentration in international relations at DU may qualify for Accelerated Entry in the MA in International Policy Studies or the MA in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies (degree maps below).

4. Prior to enrollment at GSIPM the selected DU student and the GSIPM staff will design a custom, tentative program consisting of 48 credits and all of the GSIPM graduation requirements. This program will take into account courses previously completed at the DU, waiving them from specific courses at the Institute.

5. Participants in this program may accumulate the 48 credits required for graduation through a combination of academic work in the fall and spring semesters, J-term courses or field practica, as well as professional service options for credit.

6. GSIPM requires all of its graduates to take 12 units of a second language. It may be possible that selected DU students can waive some of this language requirement, based on an entrance language exam. They may also choose to enroll in *advanced* intensive courses at MIIS or Middlebury College in the summer prior to enrollment and transfer in these units for their degree requirements. Students may also get language credit at MIIS in conjunction with professional service assignments where they use their second language.

7. As part of this agreement, students nominated by DU and admitted with Accelerated Entry status to the Institute will receive preferential consideration for Monterey Institute Merit Scholarships. MIIS awards range from \$4,000 - \$16,000 per academic per year and are renewable for a second year, pending good academic performance. DU applicants will automatically be considered for the scholarship; there is no separate application required. For maximum consideration, students should apply for admission by March 15 for the following fall semester.

8. Students admitted with Accelerated Entry status may choose to defer enrollment for up to one year, for the purpose of gaining professional experience related to their MA program at MIIS.

9. Additional Options: Both institutions, if appropriate, may include the promotion of this accelerated entry agreement on their respective websites.

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# MA International Policy Studies

## Human Security & Development/Trade, Investment & Development

### Courses to be taken at Dominican University

Core requirements of the International Studies major,  
including:

POL 1010 Introduction to the Study of Politics

POL 1500 Introduction to International Relations

POL 3101 Research Methods in Political Science

BUS 1000 Macroeconomics

BUS 1001 Microeconomics

### Courses to be taken at Monterey Institute

Credits

IPOL 8504 Data Analysis for Public Policy

4

IPOL 8XXX Track Concentration Intro Course (determined  
by area of concentration)

4

IPOL 8XXX Advanced Economics (determined by area of  
concentration)

4

IPOL 86XX 3 advanced seminars in track concentration

12

***International Policy subtotal***

**24**

### Electives/Culminating Experience

12

### Language courses (for all degree foci)

12

***Total number of credits required for degree***

**48**

## MA Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies

### Courses to be taken at Dominican University

Core requirements of the International Studies major,  
including:

POL 1010 Introduction to the Study of Politics

POL 1500 Introduction to International Relations

POL 3101 Research Methods in Political Science

### Courses to be taken at Monterey Institute

	Credits
IPOL 8574 Introduction to WMD Nonproliferation	4
IPOL 8559 Science and Technology of WMD	4
IPOL 8584 Introduction to Terrorism	4
Additional credits in Terrorism and/or Nonproliferation studies	8
Two seminars in Terrorism and/or Nonproliferation studies	8
<b><i>Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Subtotal</i></b>	<b>28</b>

### Electives

8

### Language courses

12

***Total number of credits required for degree***

**48**