



Dear Prospective Applicant,

I'm writing to inform you about an exciting new graduate program in *Global Affairs and Human Security* at the University of Baltimore.

The **M.A. in Global Affairs and Human Security (GAHS)** is a dynamic, innovative, cross-disciplinary master's degree program that prepares professionals for careers working on global issues and promoting human security. The program matriculated its inaugural class in fall 2012 and is off to a strong start.

Enrolling in this **39-credit degree** program will provide you with an opportunity to explore your interests in international issues related to good governance, sustainable development, transnational problem-solving, and the promotion of human security - a concept that implies more than just national security and highlights a people-centered approach to understanding global vulnerabilities.

The program is housed in the School of Public and International and offers **evening classes** beginning at both 5:30 and 8:15 PM. It is designed to accommodate working professionals and those with busy schedules.

With the specialized knowledge, applied skills, and functional expertise you'll gain in the program, you'll be a competitive candidate for careers in the nonprofit and public sectors and with supranational organizations.

If you join the program:

- **You'll examine** the ways in which nongovernmental organizations, intergovernmental bodies, and global actors work together to address issues of human well-being while confronting transnational problems that are beyond the ability of a single government to solve.
- **You'll develop** cross-cultural sensitivities and awareness of contemporary global issues, and you'll gain exposure to the factors that compel people and groups to engage in violence or otherwise feel insecure.
- **You'll apply** theories and concepts of global governance, transnational problem-solving, and human security to real-world case studies.
- **You'll be prepared** to develop appropriate programs and evaluate existing programs within nonprofit, intergovernmental and supranational bodies - and you'll have the skills to work successfully in both management and service delivery in the nonprofit sector.

The University of Baltimore is ideally situated in a region with a large number of nongovernmental organizations with global missions - from those that promote sustainable development and good governance to those that engage in peace-building and crisis and humanitarian response. You'll have opportunities to learn beyond the classroom through guest speakers, field placements, and more.

Students in the GAHS program come from a broad range of professional and academic backgrounds and arrive with diverse interests in global issues and very different career aspirations. Many students see the opportunity to work with others in the classroom on topics of mutual interest to be among the most exciting aspect of their day. With this in mind, courses are designed to be engaging and to make students think critically and creatively. Classes are also designed to expose students to new and important research and insights from policy analysts, scholars, and even leaders. All courses are designed to provide students an opportunity to specialize in a particular area relevant to their own unique professional and academic goals. The seminar style format and small class size of GAHS courses allows for a good deal of interaction among students and fantastic access to faculty who are committed to student success in the classroom and beyond.

GAHS faculty are authors, scholars, practitioners, and committed educators with diverse expertise who share a



commitment to providing students with an opportunity to achieve their own unique academic and professional goals. Program faculty have a variety of research and teaching interests that reflect the cross-disciplinary nature of the program and the complexity of global issues. Since some program requirements are offered in allied departments on campus, students in GAHS have an opportunity to study with faculty in UB's nationally accredited MPA program, a pioneering Negotiation and Conflict Management program, and even a distinguished Health Systems Management program.

For additional information on the GAHS program and its offerings, we encourage you to visit the program's website:

<http://www.ubalt.edu/globalaffairs>

We certainly hope that you will consider applying to the GAHS program. Questions related to program admissions can be sent to Ms. Kim Edmonds, the Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions, at kedmonds@ubalt.edu. If you would like to discuss degree requirements or issues related to study in the program, you are very welcome to meet with the GAHS Academic Program Coordinator, Mrs. Tylis Cooper, or myself, to discuss questions or concerns that you have. Such meetings can be arranged through Mrs. Cooper by emailing tcooper@ubalt.edu.

We look forward to hopefully receiving your application to the GAHS program and working with you in the near future.

Best regards,

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This 39-credit master's program requires the following:

Foundation Courses (6 credits)

- Seminar in Globalization and Social Change (GAHS 504)
- International Organization (GAHS 508)

Core Courses (21 credits)

- Understanding and Assessing Conflict (CNCM 506)
- Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Conflict (CNCM 740)
- Epidemiology (HSMG 640)
- Managing Diversity (PUAD 704)
- Innovations in Public Management (PUAD 625)
- Public Program Evaluation (PUAD 629)*
- Managing NGOs (GAHS 600)

** If students do not demonstrate knowledge of elementary statistics, they are required to take PUAD 628: Statistical Applications in Public Administration before taking PUAD 629.*

Electives (6 credits)

Choose two.

- Special Topics: Terrorism, Counterterrorism and International Conflict Management (CNCM 620)
- New Approaches to Economic and Social Development (GAHS 605)
- Health Systems Management: Organizational Design and Human Resources (HSMG 766)
- Individual Research (PUAD 709)

Culminating Courses (6 credits)

- Seminar in Human Security (GAHS 740)
- Internship/Field Placement Seminar (GAHS 760)*

** The final integrative component of the program is an internship/field placement. No thesis is required.*

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