

Carnegie Mellon University

Institute for Politics and Strategy

Accelerated Master of Science in International Relations and Politics (MS IRP-AMP)

Application Requirements

1. **Student Information Sheet (see next page):** Complete fillable pdf and submit electronically (PDF format).
2. **Statement of Purpose (500-1000 words):** State your purpose in undertaking graduate study in political science and international relations. Include your academic objectives, research interests, potential thesis topics, and internship and career goals. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application, or résumé/curriculum vita.
3. **Diversity Essay (500-1000 words):** The Institute for Politics and Strategy, as well as the Dietrich College for Humanities and Social Sciences and broader CMU, value a dynamic and diverse community where all members are responsible for contributing to an intersectional, inclusive environment. Please take this opportunity to discuss how you will contribute to departmental, college, or campus-wide efforts to expand diversity, equity and inclusion.
4. **Optional Written Essay:** If there are any special circumstances you would like the admissions committee to consider, highlight them in the optional essay. Use this essay to include information that you feel is important, but that you are unable to include elsewhere on the application. This would also be the place to address any gaps, fails, course retakes, etc., indicated on your transcript. There is no penalty for leaving this blank.
5. **Résumé / Curriculum Vita:** A current outline of your education, research experience, internship experience, publications, scholarships awarded, prizes and honors received, society memberships, and extracurricular activities (PDF format).
6. **Transcripts:** Unofficial Carnegie Mellon transcript, downloaded from SIO and submitted electronically to IPS (PDF format). We require a minimum 3.0 GPA represented in your current undergraduate work. Please explain any gaps in your study, course fails or retakes in the optional essay.
7. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters from Carnegie Mellon faculty who can attest to the quality of your academic abilities. Letters should be submitted by recommenders directly to ips-admissions@cmu.edu via email (PDF format).
8. **Interview:** Virtual or in-person interviews may be requested by IPS for applicants in the final round of selection.

Partial tuition scholarships are available (up to half tuition) and will include significant research within the IPS Research Lab and/or teaching assistant positions.

All application materials should be submitted to ips-admissions@cmu.edu by February 1, 2022.

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Student Information

Name: _____
Last First MI

Birth date: _____

Citizenship: _____ Visa type (non-US Citizens) _____

Home address: _____
Street City State Zip

Cell phone: _____ Personal e-mail: _____

Academic Information

Andrew User ID: _____ Anticipated Undergraduate Graduation Date: _____

College: _____ Department: _____

Major(s): Primary: _____

Additional: _____

Minor(s): _____

Have you participated in the CMU/WSP? Yes No If yes, in which semester? _____

Number of Units Passed _____ Number of Units Currently Enrolled _____

Cumulative QPA _____ QPA in Institute for Politics and Strategy Courses _____

Primary Academic Advisor: _____