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Professor Cheryl De La Rey
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
University of Pretoria

Dear Professor De La Rey,

I have the honour to respectfully inform you that the State Institute of International Relations of Moscow (MGIMO) together with the Middleburg Institute of International Studies in Monterrey (MIIS) will be convening a Dual Studies Program on Nuclear Non-Proliferation for the period 2018-2020, with the objective to train experts in the field of nuclear disarmament.

In this regard, the Embassy will appreciate the esteemed assistance of the University to disseminate the attached brochure, and the following link, <http://dualdegree.pircenter.org/>, to all the relevant Faculties and Departments within the University of Pretoria who might be interested in the abovementioned studies program.

The program will take place in California, the United States of America and Moscow, Russia, and lasts for four semesters, which will start in September 2018. Upon completion of the program, the graduates will obtain two Master's Degrees, one in Non-Proliferation and Terrorism Studies by the MIIS, and one in International Affairs with specialization in Weapons of Mass Destruction, Nonproliferation, Nuclear Policy and Global Security by the MGIMO. It should be noted that MIIS offers a limited number of scholarships.

The Embassy underlines that applications must be done through the abovementioned link before 15 June 2018 for the Program 2018-2020, and before 15 June 2019 for the Program 2019-2021.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.



Gabriela Colin Ortega
Deputy Head of Mission



Dual Degree Program in Nonproliferation Studies

The **Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation Studies** is the first international graduate program in the sphere of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It is offered by the leading Russian and American institutions: the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), and PIR Center.



This is a two-year program beginning each fall semester (1 September). The program prepares students are comprehensively trained on issues related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear nonproliferation. Our graduates are prepared to pursue professional successful careers at national governments, nuclear industry, international organizations, academia, think tanks, and the private sector.



The program is an innovative educational product of outstanding quality, combining the best academics and practitioners. It provides comprehensive training in the field of nuclear nonproliferation and represents a unique opportunity for aspiring students from all over the world. One of the programs priorities is providing education for young specialists from nuclear newcomer countries. At the end of the two years, students receive two diplomas: one from MGIMO (Russia) and one from MIIS (United States).

Some of our students are now completing internships in relevant organizations such as: the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs in New York, the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, and PIR Center in Moscow.

Mr. Noah Mahew (USA), student of the program: "The PIR Center and MGIMO have managed to collect some of the foremost experts in the field of nonproliferation. We had an opportunity to talk with these people one on one and ask our own personal questions, which is an opportunity I'd never thought I'd have. It has been incredible!"



Sergey Ryabkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia: "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs really appreciates the very important work that MGIMO and MIIS are doing together with the PIR Center on Master's program in nonproliferation, and this is the first time such a program has been introduced as there is a real demand for such experts. We have a lack of people who are really knowledgeable in this field, and also, we should think about the new generation of experts coming. This is a format which is working, it is quite positive".



Dr. Hans Blix, IAEA Director General Emeritus: Warm thanks for the opportunity you gave me to lecture in MGIMO. Perhaps such activities have greater long-term impact than short statements at a conference. Glad to have the opportunity to share ideas with students of today. My generation can be proud of many things that have been achieved in the world since WWII. However, it falls on your generation to reduce the risk of war and to spare the world from spending some 1.700 billion dollars annually for military purposes. Do I have any advice?

Yes, study! Be knowledgeable. Today it is easier to access reports and writings than ever before. You need a comprehensive picture and understanding both of the past and of the present. And you need to apply critical minds to all that is said and written.

Requirements

The MIIS/MGIMO Dual Degree is open to applicants of all nationalities, including those with little or no professional experience.

- Bachelor degree
- 3.0 GPA or equivalent
- IELTS 6.5/TOEFL 79 (IBT)

Application Deadlines

Prospective students are encouraged to apply to the dual-degree program through the MIIS application system.

- For the next term (2018-2020), the deadline is June 15, 2018.
- For the term 2019-2021 the deadline is June 15, 2019.
- Merit and need-based scholarships are offered by MIIS.

To apply, please visit go.miis.edu/mgimo.

Detailed information on the program can be found at the program's website: <http://dualdegree.pircenter.org/>, MGIMO's website <http://english.mgimo.ru/wmd-nonproliferation-nuclear-policy-and-global-security> and MIIS website <http://go.miis.edu/mgimo>.

In case of any doubt or further information required, please contact PIR Center's Director Mr. Albert Zulkharneev by e-mail zulkharneev@pircenter.org or by phone +7 (499) 940 0983.



Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Dual Degree Program in Nonproliferation Studies

Program Overview

The Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), and PIR Center have partnered to develop a Dual Degree in Nonproliferation Studies. This is a two-year program beginning in the fall semester. The program prepares students for professional careers combating the spread of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and safeguarding peaceful uses of nuclear energy in national governments, international organizations, academia, think tanks, and the private sector.



PIR Center founder Vladimir Orlov, MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov, and MIIS Professor Anna Vassiliava at the signing of the memorandum of understanding for the new dual degree.

Student Testimonials

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gree from MIIS was a gateway to the world of multilateral diplomacy and international organizations working in the field of nuclear disarmament and
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was a truly unique opportunity. Not only was it a chance for me to learn about the Russian perspective on issues critical to global security, but it allowed me to interact on a personal level with Russian and Russian-
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Unique Program Structure

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degrees: one from MIIS with a degree in nonproliferation and terrorism studies (MANPTS) and the other from MGIMO with a degree in international affairs, with a specialization in WMD nonproliferation, nuclear policy, and global security.

Students will take classes at MGIMO in Moscow in the fall semester of the first year. They will take classes at MIIS in Monterey in the second and third semesters. The fourth and final semester will be devoted to an internship and thesis preparation, with the
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by-case basis. The total workload of the program is 120 ECTS credits (60 U.S. credits), including classes and internships, as well as preparation and
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are delivered in English. However, native English speakers will also study Russian.

Partner Universities

MIIS is a world leader in training nonproliferation specialists, a fact acknowledged by then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a speech at MIIS in 2013. Focused on creating the next generation of global change makers, MIIS has students from over 50
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The Middlebury Institute has a long tradition of academic excellence. It is a graduate school of Middlebury College, one of the oldest and most prestigious liberal arts colleges in the United States.

MGIMO
most prestigious humanities and social
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university, MGIMO has been a Russian home for students from around the



world for nearly 60 years. MGIMO has
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educational centers across Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa and boasts graduates including presidents, prime ministers, and foreign ministers of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Slovakia, Ukraine, and other countries.

[English.mgimo.ru](http://english.mgimo.ru)

Partner Research Centers

Based at MIIS, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) is the largest
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in the U.S. devoted exclusively to research and training on nonproliferation issues. CNS strives to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by
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nonproliferation specialists and disseminating timely information and analysis. CNS has more than 50 full and part-time personnel and research assistants and 3 branches in Monterey, CA, Washington, D.C., and Vienna, Austria.

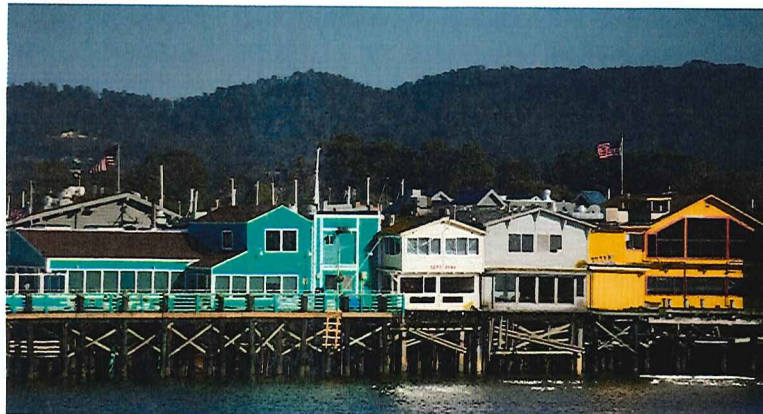
www.nonproliferation.org



PIR Center is the leading Russian NGO in nonproliferation and arms control with many years of experience engaging Russian and foreign national authorities, international organizations, research centers, and universities. PIR Center took the lead in the promotion of nonproliferation education in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). More than 900 diplomats, nuclear energy specialists, military personnel, journalists, experts, and
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students have taken part in the PIR

www.pircenter.org





Internship Opportunities

Students may spend their fourth semester in the United States, Russia, or another location. They are expected to do an internship of at least 12-weeks duration. MGIMO, MIIS, CNS and PIR Center will assist with internship placement, including the possibility of intern positions in government agencies, international organizations, and think tanks. Possible international organizations for internship placement include the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapon (OPCW), and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

Career Outcomes

Students will gain skills they can apply immediately, while they are still in school. When students graduate they will become part of the worldwide networks of MIIS and MGIMO alumni. These networks will open doors wherever they go.

Graduates pursue careers in governments, NGOs, international organizations, and the private sector. Students will learn about international safeguards that apply to nuclear technology, knowledge that may be especially relevant to students from countries that are interested in peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Application Checklist

Applicants must submit the following documents in English to the MIIS Admissions Office:

- •Application form and application fee
- •Transcripts from previous undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate degrees
- •Statement of purpose
- •Resumé or curriculum vitae
- •Letters of recommendation (one required, two preferred)
- •Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (for nonnative English speakers)
- •GREs are not required but are highly recommended

Degree Map

Application Deadline

Students apply to the dual-degree program through the MIIS application system. Early applications are encouraged; the final deadline for students applying from outside of Russia is June 15, 2018. Students who live in Russia or hold Russian citizenship, and who do not need to obtain a visa, can apply up to July 20, 2018. To apply, visit go.miis.edu/mgimo.

Admission Requirements

The MIIS/MGIMO Dual Degree is open to applicants of all nationalities, including those with little or no professional experience. The requirements are:

- •Applicants may apply in the same year they obtain their degree.
- •Excellent academic records from previous studies, including a minimum 3.0 GPA from an accredited undergraduate institution.
- •Proficiency in English is required. Preferred minimum scores: IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 79 (IBT) or equivalent.
- •Proficiency in Russian is welcome but not required.



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon gave a major policy address about nonproliferation and disarmament at the Middlebury Institute on January 18, 2013.

Semesters One and Four at MGIMO: International Affairs (60 ECTS)			
First Year, Fall		Second Year, Spring	
September • December (30 ECTS)	January	February • May (30 ECTS)	June
Core Courses Elective Courses Research Work	Exams	Internship Thesis Research	Final Exam Thesis Defense

Semesters Two and Three at MIIS: Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies (60 ECTS)	
First Year, Spring	Second Year, Fall
Late January • May (30 ECTS)	Late August • December (30 ECTS)
Core Courses Elective Courses Research Work	Core Courses Elective Courses Research Work