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Why did you choose the Middlebury

I chose the Institute because I wanted to continue my language studies and study subjects that affect the world.

What made the Institute a special experience for you?

It's pretty wild how a school this small has students from so many different countries. Most of us have lived/traveled to several countries, and for those who haven't yet, they get the kind of exposure that will make them want to. I believe this kind of environment helps everyone at the Institute become more globally conscious.

#### What are you doing now?

Right now I am working in operations for a Japanese tea distributor in Los Angeles. Within the next year I plan on taking the customs broker exam to get my customs brokerage license. After that, I would like to do work involving trade compliance in either the private or public sector. It would also be great if I could keep using my second language (Japanese) wherever I end up working.

# **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

# 12 Months Online or In Person

Launch your career in international trade, stimulating innovation, boosting economic growth, and reducing poverty. This three-semester master's is specifically designed to give you professional experience before you graduate and accelerate your return to the workforce.

#### THE MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE ADVANTAGE

Our location in central California gives you access to the dominant import/export region in the United States, home to major agricultural firms, and the international economic hub in Silicon Valley. Our large and influential alumni network in Washington, D.C., and other centers of international trade are eager to help you prepare for your next steps.

Our curriculum emphasizes experiential learning. You will put theory into practice through client-based projects and in your final semester, you will gain relevant work experience through a practicum, which may be a paid internship in the U.S. or abroad. Many students leverage these opportunities for full-time job offers.

# STUDY ONLINE OR IN PERSON

You have the flexibility to earn your master's online or in person at our Monterey, California, campus. You may easily switch between the two experiences as your personal and professional needs allow.

#### **CAREER OUTCOMES**

We integrate your career and academic advising, making sure your coursework aligns with your career goals. The same advisor will guide you from course registration to preparing for interviews and negotiating new career opportunities.

Our graduates find meaningful careers with organizations like Tesla, the World Trade Organization (WTO), U.S. Department of Commerce, and KPMG.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Build your expertise in these areas:

- Trade policy
- · Economic diplomacy
- · Trade law and compliance
- Negotiation
- · Data analysis
- Intercultural competence and a second language

You can customize your degree with electives that build on core competencies and develop skills for your chosen career path.

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OPTIONS Joint Degrees

Earn two master's degrees in just four semesters:

- Joint International Policy and Development/International Trade
- · Joint MPA/International Trade

# **Peace Corps Fellows Program**

Scholarship and internship opportunities are available for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

# **Options for Peace Corps Service**

Integrate Peace Corps service into your degree.



# **FACULTY**

In addition to their academic expertise, our faculty are actively involved in international organizations including the U.S. International Trade Commission and the National Foreign Trade Council. They bring a genuine commitment to your success and become mentors and colleagues.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We offer a variety of resources to make your program more affordable, including merit, need-based, partner, and external scholarships for both U.S. and international students. Your personal enrollment advisor is available to help you think through financing this important investment in your career development. Visit *go.miis.edu/scholarships* for details.

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