



Middlebury Institute
of International Studies
at Monterey

The Middlebury Institute of International Studies is a graduate school of Middlebury College. The Institute is a global training ground where you can earn a master's while gaining career-enhancing skills, real-world experience, and practical knowledge.

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Master of Arts in Interpretation for Diplomats and Executives



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I look forward to welcoming you to our Interpretation for Diplomats and Executives program, which is designed to equip professionals with advanced interpretation skills, cross-cultural communication expertise, and strategic negotiation techniques. This program provides the linguistic and cultural competencies essential for high-stakes international communication in diplomatic missions, multinational corporations, and global institutions—where precision and nuance are critical. You will learn to navigate cultural nuances that influence diplomatic and business interactions, as well as develop effective strategies to bridge cultural gaps. Our curriculum integrates the latest advancements in interpretation technology, including AI, to enhance accuracy in face-to-face and virtual meetings.

PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETATION SKILLS

Two Years in Person

Sharpen your language skills and advance your career under the guidance of leading interpreters. Designed specifically for the unique communication needs of diplomats and executives, this master's program will equip you with unparalleled knowledge and professional experience to further your diplomacy career.

THE MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE ADVANTAGE

Our career-oriented coursework prepares you for lifelong skill building and professional growth. You will develop key skills in and out of your A (native) and B (near-native) languages as you work with real-world texts, high-profile events, and live simulations. You will also use the latest translation and interpretation technology, software, and tools including AI to improve your efficiency and scale.

Our flexible curriculum means you can customize your degree:

- Choose your language pair.
- Boost your language skills through immersive summer programs at the world-renowned Middlebury Language Schools.
- Receive tutoring in your B language.
- Add electives in global security, sustainability, and/or development.
- Build your expertise in intercultural competence.



Celine Colvin MACI '07 interpreted for President Trump, and fellow alum Anna Mason MACI '10 (not pictured) interpreted for President Macron during the French leader's visit to the White House.

CAREER OUTCOMES

This program provides industry-leading language learning and professional development specifically for diplomats, helping you achieve a fast track to career advancement.

CURRICULUM

Grounded in experiential learning, you will receive exceptional training in your target languages and international affairs. The program is offered in seven languages: German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Russian, and Japanese.

Build your expertise in these areas:

- Consecutive interpretation
- Simultaneous interpretation
- Whisper interpretation (chuchotage)
- Second language (B-language) skills
- International affairs and intercultural competence



Middlebury Institute alum, Lefteris Kafatos MACI '10 (far right), interpreted for President Obama in Hiroshima.

FACULTY

You'll learn from and be mentored by faculty who combine academic expertise with years of professional experience as interpreters performing high-profile work for governments, private sector firms, and intergovernmental organizations. Here you will learn with conference, court, and healthcare interpreters; technical, financial, legal, and celebrated literary translators; translation and interpretation scholars; and pedagogical leaders. Our instructors maintain professional careers, so you learn from working interpreters who understand today's challenges of the field.

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