

The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

DUAL MA/MBA

Sustainable International Development and Nonprofit Management

Recognized by humanitarian organizations, such as the Ford Foundation and the World Bank, as one of the leading programs in sustainable international development, the MA/SID program has an innovative professional curriculum that includes studying with senior researchers and development practitioners. Fully accredited by the AACSB and ranked #3 amongst Boston-area schools by the Aspen Institute, the Heller MBA in Nonprofit Management is a 16-month program preparing leaders to manage nonprofit organizations, as well as others pursuing social missions in the public and for-profit sectors. Heller's unique MBA provides students with the training to address the distinctive management issues facing organizations whose mission is to help underserved and vulnerable populations, or to improve social and environmental outcomes more broadly.

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Curriculum

The dual MA/MBA is an intensive two-year program that requires 82 credit hours (52 credits in the MBA program and 30 credits in the MA-SID program) usually taken over five consecutive semesters, as well as an MBA Team Consulting Project (TCP), an SID Masters Paper, and an SID Capstone Presentation. The course of study is dependent upon each student's entrance status into the Heller School. The formula presented below is an example of a plan of study.

Fall One	Spring One	Summer
Leadership & Organizational Behavior (4) Financial Accounting (4) Economics (4) Statistics (2) Poverty, Inequalities & Development (4)	Operations Management (4) Strategic Management (4) Financial Management (4) Managerial Accounting (4) Ecology (2)	Marketing (4) Corporate Finance (4) Social Justice & Management (2) Team Consulting Project (6)
Fall Two	Spring Two	
Human Resource Management (4) Evaluation (2) Economics (2) Planning & Implementation (4) Principles of Ecology (2) Elective (2)	Gender (2) Rights-Based Development (2) Masters Paper (NC) Electives (10)	

Admissions

Students have three options for admission:

- Simultaneous application and admission prior to entry to either program
- Application to MA/SID program when student is already enrolled in the MBA program
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In each case, the student must fulfill requirements for admission to both programs. In the case of students who are in the MA/SID program and desire to enter the MBA program, they will be required to take the GMAT or GRE.

Application Requirements

- A completed application form
- A *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) or resume
- A detailed statement of purpose describing your career objectives and work experience
- A writing sample (supplemental questions can be found on the admissions website)
- Three original letters of recommendation (at least one professional and one academic) on official letterhead sent directly to the Admissions Office from the recommenders. These letters must be accompanied by a Brandeis University Recommendation Form. Faxed letters are acceptable to begin the review, but originals are required before any offer of admission or award is made.
- Original or certified true copies of transcripts from all university-level studies, sent directly to the Admissions Office from each university. An unofficial transcript is acceptable to begin consideration, but the original is required to complete the application. Transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation.
- An official GMAT or GRE score report (GMAT preferred)
- An official TOEFL or IELTS score report is required for all international applicants whose native language is not English

Detailed instructions on completing an application can be found in the Admissions section of the Heller website.

Financial Aid

Financial aid to the dual degree program is based on merit and is awarded assuming that the applicant will enroll in the dual degree program. If an applicant is offered admission to only one program, or if an applicant chooses to only enroll in one program, that program alone will offer admission and financial aid. If a student currently enrolled in either program chooses to apply, and is offered admission to the dual degree, all previous offers of financial aid for subsequent semesters are voided and a new, joint offer of admission with financial aid is made. Financial aid awards are offered in terms of a partial tuition



Careers

The Heller School prepares students for leadership roles in a complex, multi-cultural society. The school's academic rigor and intellectual integrity provide a solid core that will stretch to push traditional boundaries, giving students the skills and perspectives to make a difference and to have a major impact on the lives of people here and abroad. The Heller School's Office of Career Services assists students in developing and implementing their career goals and works with employers to find the best talent for their organizations. The staff counsel students individually to map out career plans and strategies, assist with resume and cover letter development, offer networking contacts, and practice interviewing techniques. Alumni are also supported as they develop or make transitions in their careers.

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