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Thursday, 8 October 2026

Agenda

- Johns Hopkins SAIS and SAIS Europe
- The MAIA program and single courses
- Academics at SAIS Europe
- Career and professional development
- Application process and scholarships
- Your questions

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- JHU founded in 1876 in Baltimore by philanthropist Johns Hopkins
- 27,000 full-time and part-time students in ten academic divisions
- First research university in the United States
- 29 Nobel laureates
- School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) founded in 1943 by Paul H. Nitze and Christian Herter
- SAIS Europe founded in 1955
- Hopkins-Nanjing Center founded in 1986

Bologna,
Italy
Washington,
D.C.
Nanjing,
China

Our Purpose

- Equip future leaders with the skills, knowledge, and ethical framework necessary to tackle complex global issues

- Learn from the best, become an expert, build your global network and advance your career.

"Back then [in 1943, when SAIS was founded], the world was reeling from the Second World War. The old order was in ruins, and Nitze and Herter believed that this institution should play an integral role in building a new order. **SAIS graduates have been fulfilling that promise** ever since."

— Former U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, former Johns Hopkins SAIS Herter/Nitze Distinguished Scholar

SAIS EUROPE

- European and Transatlantic perspective
- Close-knit community
- 200 students from around 40 countries
- Small classes
- Research institutes
  - SAIS Europe Research and Events
  - Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD)

Research and events

CCSDD

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MAIA

Open to students in the first year of the MA SID&IPE program

- Two Degrees: Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche or International Politics and Economics and the MAIA
- Choose from over 75 courses each year
- Take six courses over two semesters (including two economics courses)
- Take Research Methods Class
- Academic Writing Sessions
- Language Learning for Professional Purposes
- Write an original thesis
- Career Services
- Those admitted will need 64 CFU before they begin classes at SAIS

Language Requirements

Native English-speakers required to pass a proficiency exam in one of the modern foreign languages

Non-native English speakers must pass the English proficiency exam prior to graduation

Languages

- Arabic
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish

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SINGLE COURSE

Open to all students in the MA SID&IPE program

- You can take one course in the Spring Semester as part of your electives (*crediti liberi)*
- Choose from over 40 courses offered in the Spring Semester.
- Proficiency in English required
- Application (*bando)* available on the Unibo website.

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The academic difference

Jessica Fanzo is the James Anderson Professor of Food Policy & Climate at SAIS Europe. Her work focuses on the links between **food systems, nutrition, climate, and sustainability**, with a particular focus on equitable and healthy diets. She has held academic and research positions at Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University and has worked with the UN and international organizations. She currently leads the **Food Systems Dashboard** and the **Food Systems Countdown to 2030 Initiative**. In 2024, she was elected to the **U.S. National Academy of Sciences**.

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Career and professional development

- One-on-one career coaching
- Professional skills courses
- Career treks
- Career day
- Connection with alumni
- Alumni Mentoring Program

24,000
SAIS Graduates

220,000
Johns Hopkins University Alumni

Where Unibo / SAIS Alumni Are Now

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Application Process

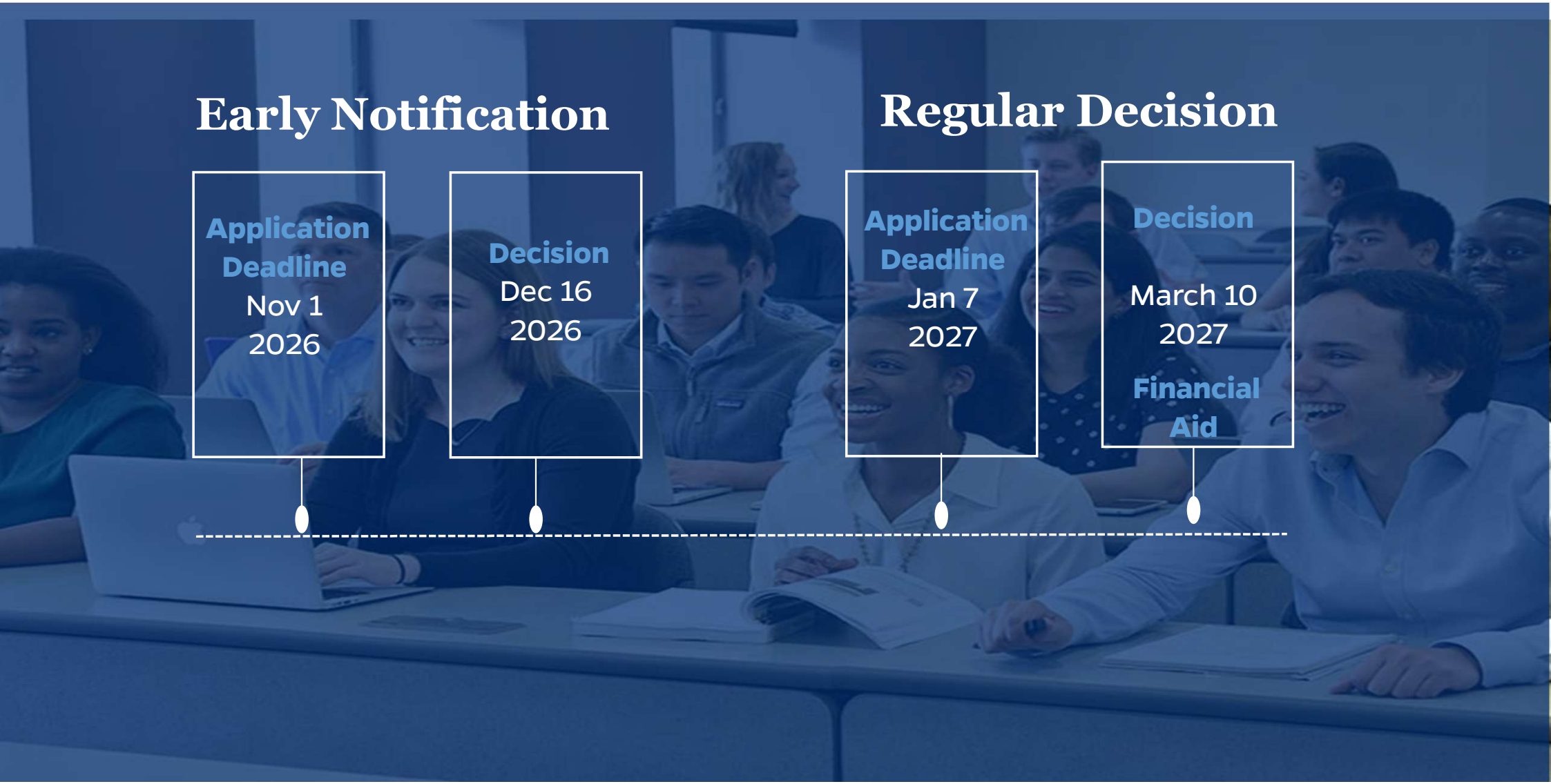
HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS

- Writing/Verbal Skills
- Economics/Quantitative Skills
- Academic Background & Foreign Language Preparation
- Professional Readiness

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Resume/CV	Writing Samples: Statement of Purpose and Essay	Transcripts	Letters of Recommendation
GRE or GMAT (optional)	TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge scores (based on language requirements)	No application Fee	Interview

APPLICATION DEADLINES



Early Notification

Application Deadline
Nov 1
2026

Decision
Dec 16
2026

Regular Decision

Application Deadline
Jan 7
2027

Decision
March 10
2027

Financial Aid

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Experiencing SAIS Europe

Monique Michelle Treutler

M.A.I.A. (AY 2026-27) – COOP UniBo

Financial Assistance

- Funding available
- Most Unibo students receive financial support
- Scholarships awarded on merit and financial need
- Deadline February 15, 2027

Invest in your future

- Study at one of the top graduate programs in IR
- Learn about career and professional opportunities you did not know existed
- Embark on a rewarding career
- Become part of a powerful and engaged network of alumni

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