




# JOHNS HOPKINS SAIS EUROPE

Monday, 27 October 2025

# 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
  - Bologna Institute for Policy Research (BIPR)
  - Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD)



# MAIA

**Open to students in the first year of the MA IR program**

- Two Degrees: Laurea Magistrale in International Relations and the MAIA
- Choose from over 75 courses each year
- Take six courses over two semesters (including two economics courses)
- Language Learning for Professional Purposes
- Take Research Methods Class
- Academic Writing Sessions
- Write an original thesis
- Career Services
- Those admitted will need 60 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



# SINGLE COURSE

**Open to all students in the MA IR 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.

# The academic difference



Prof. Andrew C. Winner is an Adjunct Professor at SAIS Europe and a professor emeritus at the U.S. Naval War College.

He is an expert in nuclear deterrence, maritime strategy, and European and South Asian security.

He has served in senior roles at the U.S. State and Defense Departments.

He received top U.S. Navy civilian awards for his work on deterrence and maritime cooperation.

# 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



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

# 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 (non-native English speakers)	No application Fee	Interview

# APPLICATION DEADLINES

## Early Notification

**Application  
Deadline**

Nov 1  
2025

**Decision**

Dec 16  
2025

## Regular Decision

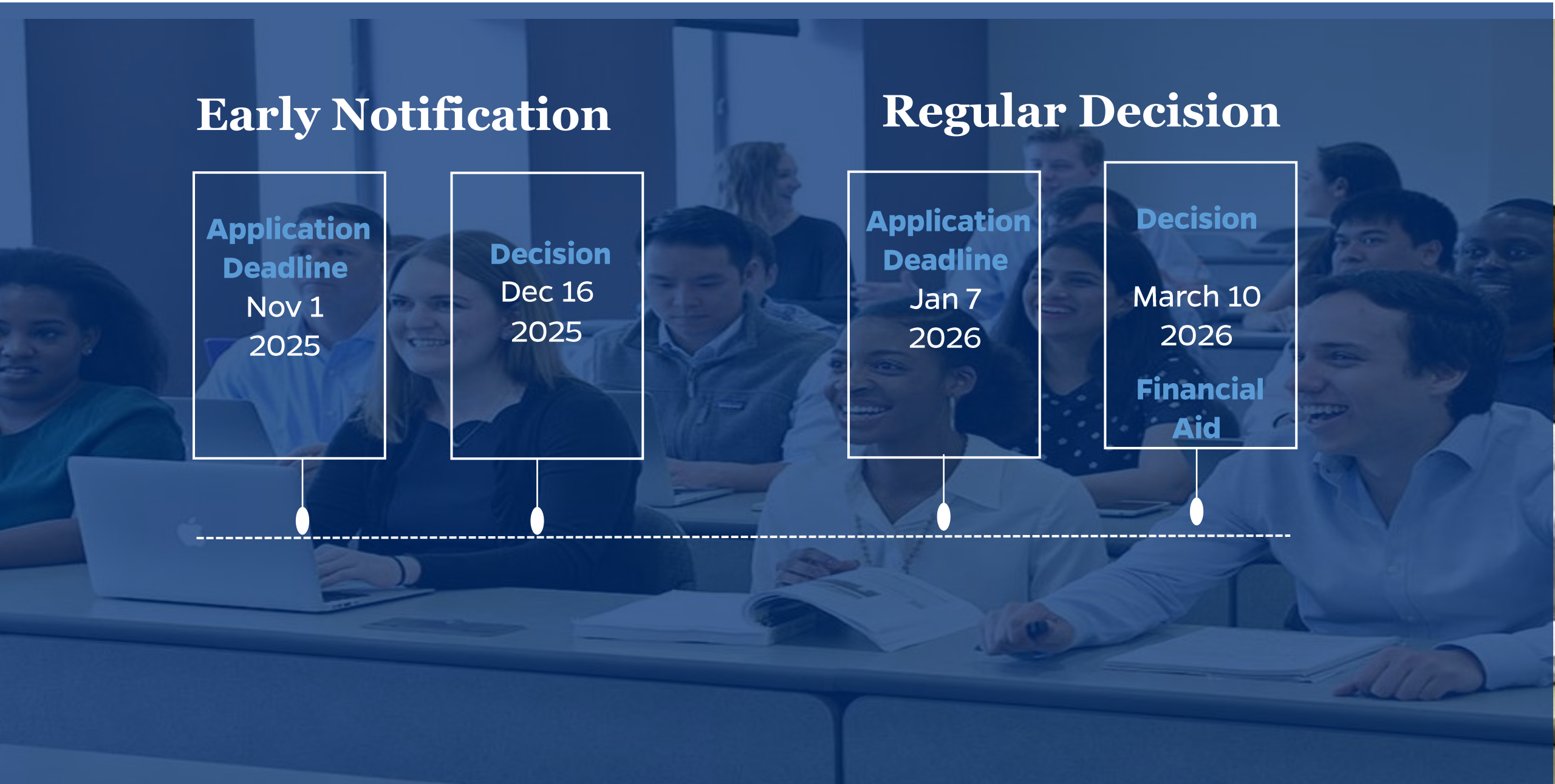
**Application  
Deadline**

Jan 7  
2026

**Decision**

March 10  
2026

**Financial  
Aid**



# Experiencing SAIS Europe



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M.A.I.A. (AY 2025-26) – COOP UniBo



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# Financial Assistance

- Funding available
- Most Unibo students receive financial support
- Scholarships awarded on merit and financial need
- Deadline February 15, 2026

# 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



# Connect with Us

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