The Monterey Institute: Every Day, Our Graduates Change the World

Since 1955, the Monterey Institute of International Studies has offered a path to opportunity and accomplishment for students seeking to make a difference in the world. Today, operating as a graduate school of Middlebury College, one of the nation’s preeminent liberal arts colleges, the Institute prepares students for professional careers in fields including international policy, translation and interpretation, language teaching, and international business using a signature approach that features intense, practical, active learning that is relevant, creative, and adaptive.

GSIPM offers degree programs in international business, international education management, international environmental policy, international policy studies, nonproliferation and terrorism studies, and public administration, as well as a bachelor of arts in international studies, while GSTILE offers programs in conference interpretation, teaching English to speakers of other languages, teaching foreign language, translation, translation and interpretation, and translation and localization management.

The interdisciplinary focus of both schools maximizes faculty collaboration and innovation and produces a variety of unique learning opportunities for Institute students. For example, policy students engage in content-based language learning that ensures they develop a technical vocabulary specific to their discipline, even as interpretation students hone their craft by interpreting at public forums organized by policy students. Leading practitioners in each area of study are often featured as guest lecturers or seminar participants, and several student clubs sponsor annual conferences that gather leaders and innovators in their chosen field. Members of the diplomatic corps of both the United States and other nations are frequent visitors on campus, and occasionally even enroll as clients of the Institute’s non-degree Custom Language Services.

The Institute’s international flavor is a fundamental part of its identity and character. About half of its faculty members are originally from outside of the United States, and in a typical year, the 800 or so Institute students hail from more than 50 countries and speak more than 30 languages. In a typical class, a third or more are international students, and of the students born in the United States, more than 90 percent have lived or worked outside of the U.S. prior to coming to Monterey. The average student age is 27.

From this intellectually challenging and highly international environment, Monterey Institute students go on to careers in non-profit management and sustainable business, high-level diplomacy and close-to-the-ground international development. Their language and cross-cultural skills enable them to bridge gaps of understanding, localizing products and mediating conflicts, even as their professional competencies prepare them for positions of influence in a wide variety of international organizations.

From the halls of the United Nations to the boardrooms of Hong Kong, from the Brazilian rainforest to the villages of sub-Saharan Africa, Monterey Institute graduates are teaching and translating, building coalitions and building companies. Every day, our graduates change the world.
Academic Leadership Team

President Sunder Ramaswamy

Named the 13th president of the Monterey Institute in January 2009. Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Economics at Middlebury College, where he previously served as dean for faculty development and research, acting dean of faculty, and chair of the Economics Department. Also served as director of the Madras School of Economics in Chennai, India. Received his Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University in 1991, in addition to an M.S. from Purdue, an M.A. from the Delhi School of Economics, and a B.A. in economics from St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, India.

Provost Amy Sands

Provost at the Monterey Institute since 2008. Previously served as dean of the former Graduate School of International Policy Studies, and as deputy director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. Prior to joining the Institute in 1996, held a senior position at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Holds a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, as well as an M.A. and a Master’s of Law and Diplomacy from Fletcher, and a B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin.

Dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management Yuwei Shi

Former deputy director of the MBA Management of Technology Program and founding director of the Executive Program at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Consulting and executive management training clients include global Fortune 200 companies and governments in North America, Europe, and Asia. Received the Institute’s 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award and served on the Academic Excellence Task Force. Earned a Ph.D. in organization, strategy and international management from the University of Texas at Dallas. Also holds an M.A. in comparative law from the Dedmen School of Law at Southern Methodist University, and a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Dean of the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation, and Language Education Renée Jourdenais

Longtime Institute faculty member and former dean of language and educational linguistics. Strong credentials as a manager of academic programs and collaborator with faculty colleagues. Played critical role in developing and organizing several language training and education programs with Middlebury faculty. Works extensively in curriculum development and language assessment. Received her Ph.D. in applied linguistics from Georgetown University.

Programs:
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MATESOL)
- Teaching a Foreign Language (MATFL)
- Translation and Interpretation (MATI)
- Translation (MAT)
- Conference Interpretation (MACI)
- Translation and Localization Management (MAT/MATLM)
- Language Studies

Dean of Advising, Career, and Student Services Tate Miller

Former director of international programs at the institute, former assistant dean of international policy studies. Manages center devoted to providing career and academic advice to students, and oversees administration of student services. Has also taught at Shandong University and lectured at Beijing University in China. Holds an M.A. in commercial diplomacy from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.