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

Since 1955, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey has offered a path to opportunity and accomplishment for students seeking to make a difference in the world. Today, as part of Middlebury’s global network of schools and programs, 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.

The Institute’s academic structure features two closely connected schools: the Graduate School of International Policy and Management (GSIPM) and the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation, and Language Education (GSTILE). GSIPM offers degree programs in international business, international education management, international environmental policy, international policy and development, nonproliferation and terrorism studies, public administration, and international trade and economic diplomacy 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, with some enrolling as clients of the Institute’s 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 725 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, Institute students go on to careers in nonprofit management and sustainable businesses, 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 rain forest to the villages of sub-Saharan Africa, Middlebury Institute graduates are teaching and translating, building coalitions, and building companies. Every day, our graduates change the world.
Academic Leadership Team

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Institute Jeff Dayton-Johnson

Named to the new leadership post of vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Institute in November 2014. Development economist and interim dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management from July through November 2014. Former chair of the International Policy Studies program who co-led the 2013–14 initiative to align the IPS and MPA degree programs under the umbrella of Development Practice and Policy. Joined the Monterey Institute in 2011 after heading the OECD Development Centre’s Latin America and Caribbean Desk. Prior to joining the OECD in 2004, coordinated the Master of Development Economics program at Dalhousie University in Canada. Received his PhD in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, after completing his undergraduate education in Latin American studies at Berkeley and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management Kent Glenzer

Appointed dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management in January 2015. Associate professor of international policy and development since August 2011, specializing in the ethnography of development and social change, and organizational ethnography. Spent 25 years working with nonprofit agencies focused on international development, including four years with Oxfam America and 12 years with CARE USA. Lived and worked in Mali for nearly seven years, Mozambique for four years, and Ethiopia for more than two years. Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Mali).

Programs:
- Fisher MBA in Global Impact Management
- International Education Management (MAIEM)
- International Environmental Policy (MAIEP)
- International Policy and Development (MAIPD)
- International Trade & Economic Diplomacy (MAITED)
- Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies (MANPTS)
- Public Administration (MPA)
- Joint degree: MBA/MAIEP
- Joint degree: MBA/MAIPD
- Joint degree: MPA/MAIEM

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 PhD in applied linguistics from Georgetown University.

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

About Middlebury

Founded in 1800, Middlebury College has long been recognized as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country. The College provides its 2,400 undergraduate students with a rigorous liberal arts education and a wide range of opportunities to pursue interests and experiences outside the classroom.

The Institute became affiliated with Middlebury College in 2005, and was fully integrated as a graduate school of Middlebury in 2010. It was formerly known as the Monterey Institute of International Studies (1979 to 2015) and the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies (1955 to 1979).

Other Middlebury schools and programs include the Middlebury Language Schools, the Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad, the Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, the Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers’ Conferences, and the Middlebury School of the Environment.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the Middlebury Institute, January 2013.