Incoming Student Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I confirm my attendance?**
   To reserve your place, please login to your online status site and accept your offer of admission. If needed, further instructions can be found here.

2. **I confirmed my attendance, what are some of the next steps I should take?**
   In order to receive updates about orientation, course schedules, career development opportunities and all other program activities, you must fill out the form to be on our student email list. The form can be found here.

3. **Where can I find the course schedule?**
   Each semester, we send out our course schedule via email. However, we always keep a copy of the schedule on our website. Please visit [http://dga.rutgers.edu/](http://dga.rutgers.edu/), hover over the menu “Academics” and select the submenu “Courses.” There, you will see our course schedules as well as a list of syllabi from some of the courses we offered. For those of you who may have issues finding this page, it can be found here. If the schedule is not listed on the website for the semester you are attending, it simply means we are awaiting course numbers and have not put it up yet. Please check back at a later time.

4. **How do I register for courses?**
   In order to register for courses, you must go through WEBREG. For students unfamiliar with the WEBREG system, please go here for instructions. General information on how to register for courses can be found here.

5. **Where can I find information on housing?**
   Students interested in on-campus housing should contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life.
6. **Am I required to make an appointment for academic advising? Do you have any suggestions for courses I should take as a new student?**

You are not required to set up an appointment for academic advising, but we highly suggest it. If you are interested, please email our Associate Director, Natalie Jesionka, at njesionk@andromeda.rutgers.edu to set up an in-person meeting or arrange a time to speak via phone or Skype.

For incoming M.S. and Ph.D. students, we always recommend you take as many of the required courses first before taking electives. This will provide you with the foundational knowledge needed to excel in the program. Our required courses would be any of the Areas of Inquiry (AI) courses and the Foundation Course (Evolution of the Global System). If there is an elective that you are extremely interested in, you can go ahead and take that course since it may or may not be offered the next semester.

7. **What types of funding opportunities are offered?**

Please visit the Financial Aid section of our webpage to view the various funding opportunities available to our students.

8. **How can I find opportunities for internships, fellowships, careers and external funding?**

At the Division of Global Affairs we prepare our students for a wide variety of careers in global affairs. As part of our graduate programs our students are encouraged to take internships and fellowships which develop professional experience and gives to them the opportunity to explore the rich possibilities that an advanced degree in global affairs offers.

During the academic year, DGA distributes a weekly list of funding, grant, and career development opportunities for our students and alumni. If you are interested in receiving this list and are not (yet) part of the DGA community or have recently graduated, please sign up to our Global Affairs email list or sign up for the career development list here. Our weekly opportunity list can also be found on our webpage under "Career Development." For additional assistance with external support opportunities, please visit the Chaser Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support.
9. Can I transfer credits from my previous degree?
Graduate courses completed at other universities or in other departments or schools at Rutgers University may be accepted for credit at the Division of Global Affairs. In order to be eligible to apply for transfer credits, students must first complete twelve credits with a grade of B or higher at DGA and then submit a Transfer Credit Application. Applications are available at DGA and the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School-Newark, Conklin Hall, Room 241. Transfer Credit Applications must be approved by the DGA Deputy Director and the Dean of the Graduate School.

- Students who complete the M.S. degree at the Division of Global Affairs or other Rutgers programs may apply relevant accrued credits (with grades of B or higher) to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the M.S. or Ph.D. in Global Affairs.
- **M.S. transfer credits**: Up to nine credits of graduate-level course work at institutions other than Rutgers University, with grades of B or higher, may be applied.
- **Ph.D. transfer credits**: Up to fifteen credits of graduate-level course work at institutions other than Rutgers University, with grades of B or higher, may be applied.
- Transfer credits may not be obtained for thesis, independent study, or research.
- Transfer credits may not be applied to required Core Courses or Methodology Courses in either the M.S. or Ph.D. programs.

10. I want to be more involved in my program. What opportunities are there? Please see our website to find more information on the [Student Association of Global Affairs (SAGA)](http://saga.rutgers.edu).