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**AVERAGE
AGE**

**Age
Breakdown**

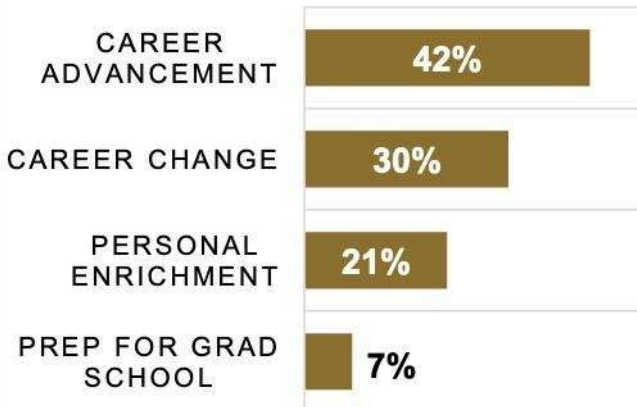
<30 **28%**
31-40 **47%**
41+ **25%**

**ALM in
International
Relations**

- Capstone track
- Thesis track

253 **DEGREE
CANDIDATES**

**REASONS FOR
PURSUING THE DEGREE**



WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE

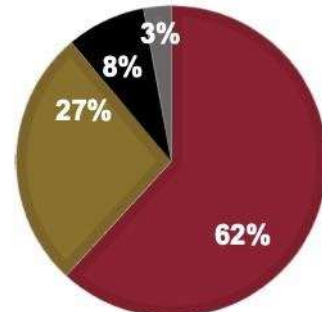
18% Live in MA
70% Live Outside MA
12% Live Outside the U.S.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- International Security
- Nuclear Deterrence
- Social Justice

**AVG # OF COURSES
TAKEN PER SEMESTER**

■ 1 COURSE ■ 2 COURSES
■ 3 COURSES ■ 4 COURSES



74%

of students are employed full time while earning this degree

AVERAGE YEARS OF PAID PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

13
years

AVERAGE TIME TO GRADUATION

4.5 years



87% **GRADUATION RATE**

97% of recent graduates would recommend the program

SELECT JOB TITLES HELD BY OUR GRADUATES

U.S. Army Officer
Foreign Affairs Officer
Executive Director
Command Center Operator
Research Manager
Foreign Policy Analyst

WHERE GRADUATES HAVE GONE ON TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES

Boston College
Georgetown University
Northeastern University
Harvard Graduate School of Education
Pace University



Alumni Comment Corner



MEET ALM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GRADUATE, JEFFERSON BOWERS

Job title prior to HES: U.S. Army Green Beret

Current job title: Chief Operating Officer Security Advisory Service,
Roman Sanford, LLC

How has earning a degree from HES helped you professionally?

HES, and the rest of the Harvard Community provided me with tremendous opportunities to broaden and refine my professional skillset at the highest levels. The depth of knowledge I garnered during my candidacy allowed me to significantly bolster the level of service I provide to our clients. What's more, my experience at HES further developed me as a leader by expanding my core competencies. Overall, the knowledge and experience I gained while pursuing my degree has proved invaluable to my professional life.

Did you earn a graduate certificate?

Yes, I earned a graduate certificate in International Security.

Most helpful resource at HES:

The surplus of human capital. Almost immediately upon my arrival to Cambridge, I recognized that I was surrounded by some of the most talented, capable, and experienced individuals in the world. My instructors, advisors and peers all challenged me to push myself to the edge of my potential on a daily basis, and I credit almost all of my success to them.

Advice for prospective or current degree candidates:

Work hard. Manage your mind and stay the course. As a graduate degree candidate, you will be expected to meet the same rigorous academic standards as any other Harvard graduate student. Therefore, disciplined study habits are a must. Furthermore, taking courses online and on-campus will more than likely add an additional layer of stress to your overall experience. Maintaining a positive attitude while remaining flexible will carry you through to the finish line. Lastly, don't quit. I can assure you that there will come a time when you feel completely overwhelmed and frustrated. When that day comes, remember to keep your world small and take it one day at a time.

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Fast Facts About International Relations Degree

Tracks

- Capstone track
- Thesis track

Related Graduate Certificates

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Average Age

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Age Breakdown

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Number of Degree Candidates

253

Where Students Live While Earning the Degree

- 18% live in Massachusetts
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Reasons for Pursuing the Degree

- Career advancement: 42%
- Career change: 30%
- Personal enrichment: 21%
- Prep for grad school: 7%

Average Years of Paid Professional Experience in the Field

13 years

Percentage of Students Employed Full-Time While Earning the Degree

74%

Average Number of Courses Taken per Semester

- 1 course: 62%
- 2 courses: 27%
- 3 courses: 8%
- 4 courses: 3%

Average Time to Graduation

4.5 years

Graduation Rate

87%

Select Job Titles Held by Our Graduates

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Where Graduates Have Gone On To Continue Their Studies

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Percentage of Grads Who Would Recommend the Program

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Meet ALM in International Relations Graduate, Jefferson Bowers.

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