

PATTERSON SCHOOL

OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

The Patterson School is a highly ranked, selective 18-month masters degree program in diplomacy and international commerce at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

The school occupies a particularly unique niche. It is one of smallest ranked international studies programs, aiming to admit each year only 35 new students (all resident and full-time). This ensures an exceptional level of attention, instruction and interaction. This intimate learning environment is coupled with a surprisingly flexible curriculum, enabling each student to develop a highly personal path of study. At the same time, all students are exposed to both diplomacy and commerce, including site visits to government agencies, military bases and the headquarters, manufacturing or operating facilities of several leading multinational corporations. Finally, the school is an exceptional value, providing a world class education at a decidedly low cost.

Mission:

The Patterson School serves the state, nation and world by the rigorous education of future leaders to work in international diplomacy, commerce, development, intelligence, and security. This is accomplished in a flexible, intimate learning environment that integrates academic studies, practical training, and real world experience to prepare exceptional students for careers with global responsibilities in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

History:

For more than 50 years the Patterson School has focused exclusively on providing graduate education to students in the areas of diplomacy and international commerce. This was the vision of James Kennedy Patterson, the first president of the University of Kentucky, who provided the financial trust that established the school. Patterson School's directors have included Amry Vandebosch, Vince Davis, John Stempel, and Carey Cavanaugh.

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Data:

Enrollment: 35 students admitted each year; 76 total in program.
Tuition: annual in-state: \$10,344; annual out of state: \$20,796.

2011 Student Profile: Men: 55%
Women: 45%
Number of US States represented: 19
Number of Countries represented: 12

Alumni:

Over a thousand Patterson School alumni can be found working across government, business and in the non-profit sector. Significant groupings are at the Departments of State, Defense, Commerce, in the intelligence community and on Capitol Hill. Notable alumni include:

- Thomas M.T. Niles, former US Ambassador to Canada, Greece and the EU, and Assistant Secretary of State for Europe
- Nelson Messone, recently President of the UN Security Council and currently Gabon's Permanent Representative to the UN
- Andreas Prindl, Deputy Chairman of Lloyds (London)
- Timothy Adams, former Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs
- Naomi Tutu, human rights activist
- Charles Shearer, former President, Transylvania University

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