Why Fletcher?

The Opportunity to Shape the World

The complexity and turbulence of the 21st century demand internationally-minded professionals with the practical skills and intellectual agility to confront the world’s greatest challenges. The Fletcher School’s multidisciplinary approach provides an edge to those seeking to make an impact at all levels of government, business, international organizations, and non-profits. Fletcher students graduate with the tools, perspective, and relationships to shape both their careers and the world around them.

“I first came here as a student seeking to know the world. Only Fletcher offers this rich an experience in understanding how global events shape all of our individual lives, and no place offers a more significant opportunity to shape the world.”

Admiral James Stavridis, MALD 1983, PhD 1984
Dean of The Fletcher School
Supreme Allied Commander at NATO (2009–2013)
Diversity and Inclusion

The Foundation of Fletcher

The Fletcher experience is based on a diverse and inclusive community, which is essential for preparing leaders with a global perspective. With over 70 citizenships, Fletcher students represent a wide range of personal, professional, and academic backgrounds.

Our students and faculty foster an enriching environment characterized by candid discussions with a breadth of perspectives. Our students aspire to be active and responsible global citizens.

"Everyone is so eager to learn about each other’s story. Because we all come from different parts of the world, the diversity of thought, culture, language, and experience enriches our time at Fletcher.”

Laurance Cosper
MALD 2018, United States

“I love Fletcher because of its openness to different viewpoints and its commitment to internationalism. Faculty and staff are aware that our students, who come from all over the world, are our most prized charge. All of us at Fletcher are exposed to diverse cultures on a daily basis and are better teachers, and people, for it.”

Leila Fawaz
Issam M. Fares Professor of Lebanese and Eastern Mediterranean Studies

A Community for Life

Welcome to the Fletcher Family

At Fletcher, you don’t just earn a degree—you join a close-knit community that supports your goals for a lifetime. Being part of the Fletcher community pays dividends during your time at Fletcher and beyond, leading to professional opportunities and enduring personal connections. The Fletcher family is a global network of more than 9,500 committed, collaborative, and connected students and alumni who are there to support you.
Dedicated and Engaged Faculty
Investing in Students, Influencing the World

Professors at Fletcher are internationally respected leaders in their fields. They are practitioners, researchers, commentators, and expert advisors. They are also instructors, mentors, and colleagues, bringing passion for teaching into the classroom and beyond. Many Fletcher professors actively involve students in their research, writing, and fieldwork. They know what it takes for you to succeed in today’s world, and are genuinely dedicated to your intellectual, personal, and professional development.

Fletcher faculty members are widely involved in shaping and making sense of the world beyond campus. They frequently advise in both policymaking and private enterprise, expand the boundaries of scholarship, and offer insightful public commentary on current events. Professors are broadly accessible, with many continuing to mentor students well beyond their time at Fletcher.

“With the professors at Fletcher, I feel very comfortable asking questions or sharing contributions in the classroom. The Fletcher faculty is top quality, and I greatly appreciate that they still actively work in their areas of expertise.”

Faith Chepng’etich Biegon
MALD 2018, Kenya

“No matter the subject, there’s almost always a student in the room who has valuable knowledge and experience to share with the class. I’ve found that most classes produce some insight that ultimately influences my own thinking. This synergy between faculty and students energizes Fletcher’s intellectual community.”

Michael Glennon
Professor of International Law

“As a Fletcher student, I learned how to better understand and define the world’s problems. After applying those lessons to a career in international security, I returned as a professor to equip students with the necessary skills to tackle today’s most pressing challenges.”

Michele L. Malvesti, MALD 2000, PhD 2002
Professor of Practice in International Security Studies
A Curriculum That Works for You

Customized Skills for a Complex World

As a professional school, Fletcher offers a flexible curriculum oriented toward practical problem solving. Through our interdisciplinary curriculum, you will develop critical analytical skills, underpinned by historical, technical, and cultural knowledge. You will have ample opportunity to deepen existing skills and develop new ones.

Fletcher’s three divisions ensure a multidisciplinary grounding in international affairs. You’ll also delve into your interest areas through Fletcher’s 24 Fields of Study. The Fletcher curriculum helps you develop a professional persona that matches your passions and aspirations, and prepares you to thrive in a complex world.

“The flexibility and breadth of the MALD’s curricular structure allows me to deepen my understanding of familiar fields of study while simultaneously building new skills.”

Colin Steele
MALD 2018, United States

“I like Fletcher’s 360-degree approach to solving problems. Instead of bringing a single perspective to an issue, the Fletcher experience encourages me to think about different, and sometimes unexpected, angles.”

Mohammed Naqvi
MA 2016, United Kingdom

“Fletcher offers a unique opportunity to personalize your educational experience while learning from experts in the field.”

Alejandra Mazariégos
MALD 2016, Guatemala

FIELDS OF STUDY

Business for Social Impact
Development Economics
Gender Analysis in International Studies
Human Security
Humanitarian Studies
International Business and Economic Law
International Business Relations
International Environment and Resource Policy
International Finance and Banking
International Information and Communication
International Monetary Theory and Policy
International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
International Organizations
International Political Economy
International Security Studies
International Trade and Commercial Policies
Law and Development
Marketing
Pacific Asia
Political Systems and Theories
Public International Law
Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization
Strategic Management and International Consultancy
United States
Self Designed

FLETCHER’S THREE DIVISIONS

Diplomacy, History, and Politics
International Law and Organizations
Economics and International Business
Experience Beyond the Classroom
From Engaged Discussion to Real-World Action

At Fletcher, experiential learning is a key element of your education, and complements formal instruction. You will build upon coursework by engaging in fieldwork, consulting with real-world clients, and conducting critical research. Also, you will complete a capstone project that could range from writing a policy memo to creating a business plan to writing a traditional thesis. Fletcher encourages and supports you to pursue enriching experiences both on and off-campus, providing professional exposure as you advance your goals.

RECENT CONFERENCES

- Religion, Law, and Diplomacy
- Gender and International Affairs
- Managing Political Risk
- Africana Conference: From Rhetoric to Action
- Arctic Conference
- Greece’s Turn? Litmus Test for Europe
- Innovate Tufts: Fletcher Disrupts
- Tufts Energy Conference

“Students have full responsibility for both the product and the client relationship, which provides a significantly richer experience for them and better results for our world-class clients.”

Tony Chan
Senior Director, International Programs & Operations, Habitat for Humanity International

FLETHER EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND
This fund provides grants to students to pursue independent research and experiential learning opportunities.

Fletcher Digital Diplomats: Cyber 9/12 Student Challenge
Acting as National Security staff, the Fletcher cyber crisis simulation team was tasked with developing a policy response to a scenario involving a botnet takeover of China’s Agriculture Bank targeting J.P. Morgan in the United States. They gained valuable networking experiences working with key figures in cyber policy.

Tufts’ Water: Systems, Science, and Society (WSSS)—Palestine Practicum
Fletcher students conducted household surveys and analyzed tap water samples in the West Bank. This project resulted in policy recommendations related to water security and access.

“The unique backgrounds of the team members, particularly their interest and experience in both government affairs and business, allowed them to bring a broad perspective and high quality thinking to our complex project.”

Evan Goldberg
Senior Director, Strategy and Business Development, Pfizer China

“The best thing about this experience was the international background of the team members. Quick learning from the students in the area of INGO is a big difference between this team and other schools.”

Rusty Tunnard
Professor of Practice of International Business, on the Field Studies in Global Consulting seminar

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The Network That Gives Back
Our Alumni, Your Strongest Advocates

When you invest in a Fletcher education, the degree you earn is just the beginning of a lifelong connection with our network. Our alumni impact the world in serious ways, but they’re also serious about their personal and professional engagement with the Fletcher community. Whether for career advice, professional contacts, expert insight, or a familiar face, Fletcher alumni go out of their way to support each other.

Your Next Job, Your Best Job, and a Life of Impact
Building Your Career as a Fletcher Graduate

Our alumni are tenacious, creative, and savvy, and employers around the world value the versatile skill sets and multidisciplinary expertise that Fletcher graduates bring to the table. From policy experts to entrepreneurs to development professionals, Fletcher graduates are bold and innovative leaders.

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The spirit of the Fletcher alumni network is undoubtedly strong. Regardless of location, Fletcher alumni are both approachable and helpful and make me feel connected, encouraged, and prepared for when I leave Fletcher.”

Jolyda Sou
MALD 2018, Cambodia
Boston’s Advantage
The Center of Intellectual and International Pursuits

Boston is an academic and intellectual hub, home to more than 60 colleges and universities. A truly multicultural city, Boston boasts the largest concentration of international students in the world.

Fletcher students take advantage of our location in many ways. Academically, students embrace cross-registration options and Boston’s unparalleled environment for study and research. Professionally, students have opportunities in thriving business, technology, entrepreneurial, diplomatic, and non-profit communities. Students also enjoy Boston’s vibrant cultural life.

Students maintain and grow their networks through worldwide travel, as well as organized career trips to Washington, D.C. and New York City. In addition, our convenient location—and connection to Tufts University—consistently draws quality speakers and conference attendees.

Tufts University
Founded in 1852, Tufts University is among the oldest institutions of higher education in the Boston area. A major research institution with three undergraduate colleges and eight graduate and professional schools, Tufts maintains four campuses across Massachusetts and one in France. Tufts is celebrated for its international perspective, emphasis on active citizenship, and strength in the life sciences.

Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy (MALD)
A two-year, highly flexible, interdisciplinary professional degree in international affairs.

Master of International Business (MIB)
A two-year hybrid international business/international affairs degree program.

Master of Arts (MA)
A one-year international affairs degree program designed for mid-career or senior level professionals with eight or more years of professional experience.

Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs (MATA)
A two-year degree jointly awarded by The Fletcher School and the College of Europe, with a focus on transatlantic issues.

Master of Laws in International Law (LLM)
A one-year program in international law for professionals eligible to practice law.

Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP)
A twelve-month hybrid program in international affairs designed for mid-career or senior level professionals with eight or more years of professional experience. By combining internet-mediated instruction with three two-week residencies, students are able to remain at their jobs while earning a Fletcher MA.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
An interdisciplinary, advanced course of study in international relations.

Map Your Future (MYF)
An application pathway for college seniors to gain admission to the MALD or MIB degree program two to three years in the future.
We invite you to visit Fletcher, interview, sit in on a class, and meet our students. Unable to make it to campus? Join us for one of our virtual information sessions, take advantage of our Skype interview program, or check our travel calendar to see if we’re visiting a city near you.

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