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## **American University Launches Online Master of International Service (MIS) Offering**

**-- New executive degree is designed for professionals with nine or more years of experience in the field --**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- American University's School of International Service (SIS), the largest school of international relations in the United States, today announced a new online executive degree track, Master of International Service (MIS), designed for skilled professionals working in international relations fields around the world. Offered online in partnership with 2U Inc. (NASDAQ: TWOU), a leading provider of online education solutions for top-tier nonprofit colleges and universities, the executive track provides international relations professionals with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills in areas that are immediately applicable to their careers without the need to relocate.

The condensed 30-credit MIS program is designed exclusively for students with at least nine years of professional experience in the field of international relations. The online program complements the school's existing on-campus executive program and existing Master of Arts in International Relations online graduate degree program. The course curriculum builds upon fundamental theories of international relations in areas including research methods, economics, and leadership. Students will have the opportunity to specialize in the following areas of study: Global Security, International Development, International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, and United States Foreign Policy and National Security.

"American University's School of International Service's new Master of International Service degree addresses the demand from deeply experienced international relations professionals who are seeking to further their existing careers, but require the flexibility of an online program with a full range of concentrations," said James Goldgeier, Dean of the School of International Service. "As a top-10 ranked school of international relations with demonstrated excellence in online graduate education, SIS is uniquely qualified to enhance its existing online offerings with this new degree track that is available to qualified students around the globe."

Students in the online executive MIS program will complete an intensive immersion experience held on the university's Washington, D.C. campus. The program concludes with a capstone project, taken in the student's final semester, that blends professional skills training with an applied policy or research project bridging theory and practice.

American University's School of International Service is the only top-10 ranked school of international relations to currently offer a fully online graduate degree. The school's existing program, IR Online, offered in partnership with 2U Inc., features collaborative, live classes during which students build meaningful relationships with peers and faculty in a face-to-face online setting. It also includes high-quality, interactive coursework designed by expert faculty at American University. The new online executive program now expands the school's online offerings to experienced professionals.

For more information about International Relations Online, please visit [www.IRonline.american.edu](http://www.IRonline.american.edu) or call 1-855-306-AUIR.

### **About American University and the School of International Service**

Located in Washington, D.C., American University is a leader in global education, enrolling a diverse student body from throughout the United States and around the world. AU's School of International Service is ranked consistently among the top ten schools of international relations. SIS prepares graduates for global service in government, nonprofits, and business. On campus, more than 100 full-time SIS faculty teach more than 3,000 students, from undergraduates to PhD candidates, representing 150 countries.

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