The Master of Arts in Humanitarian Assistance (MAHA) is a one-year joint degree offered by the **Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy** and the **Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy** at **Tufts University**. The program is targeted at mid-career professionals with field experience in humanitarian assistance. The program offers an academic setting where professionals can develop their knowledge and skills in the areas of nutrition, food security and livelihoods, displacement and forced migration, and protection as they relate to humanitarian action in famines, complex emergencies, and natural disasters, or among populations at risk.

The **Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy** has achieved international recognition for its cross-disciplinary training of professionals in programs such as human nutrition and nutritional epidemiology, applied nutrition and food policy, and humanitarian assistance.

The **Fletcher School** is devoted to graduate study in international affairs and educates professionals for careers in conflict negotiation, human rights, development, international law, global business, and humanitarian assistance.
Curriculum and Requirements
The MAHA consists of two semesters of academic work, totaling eight courses and one capstone project. Students are expected to complete three mandatory courses, three core electives selected from a specialized list of courses offered at the Friedman School and the Fletcher School, and two courses of their own choosing. The capstone project typically draws on students’ previous field experience, to which theoretical and analytical skills acquired in the program are applied. In addition, students must pass a short online course on research ethics, and those whose native language is English must pass a foreign language examination. This examination may also be required for non-native English speakers who have been primarily educated in English.

Students are assigned academic and capstone advisers who oversee their progress, advise on course selection, provide guidance on capstone writing, and ensure that degree requirements are met.

Students must take these three courses:
• NUTR 223: Seminar in Humanitarian Issues
• NUTR 229: Humanitarian Action in Complex Emergencies
• NUTR 308: Nutrition in Complex Emergencies

Students must take three of the following courses offered by either the Friedman School or the Fletcher School (courses may change):
• NUTR 201: Fundamentals of Nutrition Science
• NUTR 217: Seminar on Program Monitoring and Evaluation
• NUTR 238: Economics of Food Policy Analysis
• NUTR 304: Nutrition, Food Security, and Development
• NUTR 324: International Humanitarian Response
• DHP D206: Ethics of Development and Humanitarian Aid
• DHP D221: Seminar on International Mediation
• DHP P222: Development Aid in Practice
• DHP D225: Conflict Resolution Practice
• DHP D232: Gender, Culture and Conflict in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies
• DHP D235: Field Methods Module
• DHP D239: Forced Migration
• DHP D236: Migration and Governance in the Global South
• EIB E241: Development Economics: Policy Analysis
• ILO L210: Human Rights Law

Students also take two electives of their choice.

Admission to the MAHA
Candidates must hold a BA or comparable degree, have significant field experience in humanitarian assistance, be committed to furthering their humanitarian assistance career, and have proven English proficiency.

Tuition and Financial Aid
Tuition is set each year and reviewed annually, but students can expect to spend about $50,000 total: $32,400 on tuition plus $17,000 on living expenses and fees. Financial aid and limited scholarships are available. For more information, see the financial aid procedures of the Friedman School.

Governance and Administration
This program is offered jointly by the Friedman and the Fletcher schools. It is administered academically by a joint MAHA committee comprised of faculty from each school. Students are selected for admission by this committee, subject to review and approval by the Admissions Committee of each school. Administration, management, and financial control of the program are provided by the Friedman School.

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