



The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies

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International Development Program | M.A. Requirements 2010-2011

CONCENTRATION

- Microeconomics must be successfully passed prior to entering SAIS (SAIS Summer course, Pre-Term or waiver exam)
- The IDEV gateway course, Introduction to Development, must be completed during the fall first semester
- 2 IDEV [approved regional courses](#)

Tracks

Students must select one of three IDEV tracks (Finance and Development; Politics and Governance; Human Development (includes Global Health and Development)) and meet the following requirements:

- 3 courses in a selected track
- 1 course in either of the other two tracks or from a list of [tools courses](#)

Optional Specializations

In addition to satisfying the above IDEV academic requirements, IDEV students can opt for a specialization in [Emerging Markets](#), which is administered through the IDEV Program, and/or one of the [specializations](#) offered through the SAIS International Economics Program, either Development Economics or International Finance, as appropriate for their IDEV track.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the MA degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. For the two SAIS elective economics courses (in addition to Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory and International Monetary Theory), IDEV students must take one of the courses in either the Development Economics or Finance categories. For the second constrained economics course, IDEV students must take either a statistics course or, if you have passed the statistics waiver exam, one of the econometrics courses.

The following courses will NOT fulfill the constrained IDEV economics requirements: Multinational Corporate Finance, Financial Derivatives and Risk Management, Global Investment Management and Global Business Strategy.

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. International Development concentrators must pass Comparative National Systems as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the other core is not completed by the start of their fourth semester, the student must enroll in a core course.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in a language taught at SAIS. International students whose native language is not English may use English as their proficiency language. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

IDEV concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. International Development Oral Exam with an IDEV examiner and an economist
2. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)

A total of 16 courses are required for the SAIS MA degree.

[Click here for a chart outlining 2010-2011 academic requirements.](#)

[Click here for a chart outlining 2009-2010 academic requirements.](#)

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