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## Curriculum

### General International Relations | MA Requirements

#### General International Relations Program Learning Goals and Objectives <sup>[19]</sup>

Entering Class 2017-2018

MA students must take the equivalent of 16 non-language courses (64 credits) in order to graduate. Those students who are approved for dual degree or advanced standing may only need to take 12 courses (48 credits) or 14 courses (56 credits) as approved by Academic Affairs.

#### General International Relations (IR)

MA students concentrating in General International Relations (IR) must take at least 6 courses from the IR Areas or approved Policy Areas (ERE and STRAT). All General IR concentrators must take at least 1 course from a minimum of 3 separate areas. These areas include:

IR Areas:

- Conflict Management
- Global Theory and History
- International Law and Organizations
- International Political Economy

Policy Areas:

- Energy, Resources and Environment
- Strategic Studies

General IR students studying at SAIS Europe must take at least 3 IR concentration courses in Washington with the exception of dual-degree or advanced-standing students, who must take at least 2 IR concentration courses in Washington.

## International Economics

Students must complete 16 credits. The four required courses are:

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent: Microeconomics)
- International Trade Theory (prerequisite: Microeconomics)
- International Monetary Theory (prerequisite: Macroeconomics)

If a student passes a waiver exam <sup>[20]</sup> in one of these areas, the student must take a replacement International Economics program course(s) to fulfill the concentration requirement.

Starting with the entering class of Fall 2017, students who pass Microeconomics in Pre-Term <sup>[21]</sup> will have the concentration reduced to 12 credits, but still must complete Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory, and International Monetary Theory (or a replacement course(s) if waiver exam(s) passed). The Pre-Term Microeconomics course is not for credit and is not factored into the GPA.

Beyond the requirements, many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization <sup>[22]</sup> in one of four areas of economics. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets <sup>[23]</sup>.

### Concentration GPA Requirement

Students must achieve a combined GPA of at least 2.67 in four (or three if Microeconomics is passed in Pre-Term) required International Economics program courses or they must retake the course(s) until a 2.67 concentration GPA is achieved. In the standard case, the concentration GPA will be the average of the grades of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory, and International Monetary Theory.

If one or more of the four standard courses is waived, the school will use the highest grade(s) from any eligible replacement International Economics program course(s) to compute the International Economics concentration GPA.

## Quantitative Reasoning

Students must complete one course from the list below.

- Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
- Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)
- Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Macro Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Risk Analysis and Modeling

- Quantitative Global Economics (prerequisite International Monetary Theory)
- Credit Markets & Credit Risk (prerequisite Corporate Finance)

Students may not double-count the same course toward the Quantitative Reasoning requirement and as an International Economics concentration course and vice-versa.

If a student passes the statistics waiver exam, the student must take an alternate course from the list above to fulfill the Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

Starting with the entering class of Fall 2017, students who pass Statistical Methods for Business & Economics in Pre-Term <sup>[21]</sup> will have fulfilled the Quantitative Reasoning requirement. The Pre-Term course is not for credit and is not factored into the GPA.

### **Core Courses/Exams**

All students must pass 2 core courses and/or exams from the subjects below. General IR concentrators must pass Theories of International Relations as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the core courses/exams are not completed by the start of the final semester, the student no longer has the option of completing the exam and must enroll in the core course(s) for credit.

- American Foreign Policy Since World War II
- Comparative Politics
- Evolution of the International Systems
- Theories of International Relations

### **Language Proficiency**

MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in a second language. This language must be offered at Johns Hopkins SAIS. Students whose native language is not English may use English as their proficiency language. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering the school, even if not using English for proficiency.

### **Capstone**

General International Relations concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

- A twenty-page research paper whose focus and subject matter has been approved by the director.
- A twenty-page written report that draws conclusions about international relations based on an internship undertaken while at SAIS.
- Successful completion of the course SA.600.702 Contemporary Theory of International Relations. Note: students must select the paper option (vs. the exam option) to use this

course as a capstone.

- MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible).

### **Program Requirements by Academic Year**

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