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INTERNATIONAL LAW & ORGANIZATIONS | MA Academic Requirements

International Law & Organizations Program Learning Goals and Objectives [33]

Entering Class 2015-2016

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.

INTERNATIONAL LAW & ORGANIZATIONS

Students concentrating in International Law and Organizations (ILAW) must take at least 4 courses within this program. One of those courses must be Introduction to International Law (SA.650.700) or Foundations of International Law (SA 650.760) in SAIS Europe, but can be waived with permission of the program's Associate Director or Director.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Students must also fulfill the general requirements for International Relations (IR) which include 2 additional courses within IR from two different IR or selected Policy Areas other than ILAW. These areas include:

IR Areas:
· Conflict Management
· Global Theory and History
· International Political Economy

Policy Areas:
· Energy, Resources and Environment
· Strategic Studies

IR students studying at SAIS Europe must take at least three IR courses in Washington with the exception of dual-degree or advanced-standing students, who need must take at least two IR courses in Washington.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.
· Microeconomics
· Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
· International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)
· International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)

Eligible students who pass the waiver exams in these subjects or who pass Micro and/or Macro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization [34] [35] in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets [36].

Students must receive a 2.67 average in the 4 required economics courses or they must retake a course(s) until a 2.67 average is obtained. If any of the 4 courses are achieved by passing a waiver exam or during Pre-Term, the student must substitute an economics elective course(s) in place of the waived course(s) in order to fulfill the economics requirement above. In this case, the school will use the highest economics program elective course grade(s) to compute this average if a student is replacing one or more of the 4 required courses of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Trade Theory or International Monetary Theory.

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
· Corporate Finance (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
· Quantitative Methods in International Relations (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

Students may not double-count a Quantitative Reasoning requirement as one of the four required

International Economics courses and vice-versa. Eligible students who pass the statistics waiver exam or pass the statistics course in Pre-Term are still required to take an alternate Quantitative Reasoning course from the list above.

CORE COURSES/EXAMS

All students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses in addition to their concentration requirements. ILAW concentrators must pass Theories of International Relations as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the second core is not completed by the start of the final semester, a student must enroll in second core course.

- American Foreign Policy Since World War II
- Comparative National Systems
- 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 the school. 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, even if not using English for proficiency.

CAPSTONE

International Law concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. Submission of a substantial (no less than 8,000 words, including footnotes or endnotes) research paper of publishable quality on March 1st of their final semester. This paper can be the revised product of a regular IL course or independent research supervised by an IL faculty member.
2. Successful completion of an oral exam testing the student's knowledge of international law and organizations based on the student's particular coursework. The exam will be administered at the end of the student's final semester by at least one full-time or adjunct professor from the International Law & Organizations Program.
3. Successful completion of an IL tools course during the student's second year that is based on practical applications of substantive law. The following count as IL tools courses: Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (SA.650.802), PACE/ICLN International Criminal Court Moot Competition (sa.650.800) or International Human Rights Clinic (SA.650.780).
4. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)

***For those whose final semester is fall, consult the Program Director for due date.*

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