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Curriculum

INTERNATIONAL LAW & ORGANIZATIONS | MA Academic Requirements

International Law & Organizations Program Learning Goals and Objectives ^[8]

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.

INTERNATIONAL LAW & ORGANIZATIONS

MA students concentrating in International Law and Organizations (ILAW) must take at least 4 courses within this program. One of those courses must be SA.650.700 Introduction to International Law or SA 650.760 Foundations of International Law (at SAIS Europe) or SA.744.400 Legal Foundations of International Relations (at HNC) but can be waived with permission of the program's Associate Director or Director. If this course is waived, it must be replaced with another ILAW course.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Students must also fulfill the requirements for International Relations (IR), which include 2 additional courses from 2 different IR Areas or 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 3 IR courses in Washington with the exception of dual-degree or advanced-standing students, who must take at least 2 IR 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 ^[9] 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 ^[10] 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 ^[11] in one of four areas of economics. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets ^[12].

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 ^[10] 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. ILAW 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 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:

- 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 ILAW faculty member.
- 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.
- 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: SA.650.802 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; SA.650.800 PACE/ICLN International Criminal Court Moot Competition; or SA.650.780 International Human Rights Clinic.
- 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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