



The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies

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Strategic Studies | M.A. Academic Requirements 2010-2011

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Strategic Studies must take at least 3 courses within this program. One of those courses must be Strategy and Policy and must be taken in their first semester.*

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Students also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of International Relations, that is, an additional 3 courses within IR, including courses from two programs other than Strategic Studies.*

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. Strategic Studies concentrators must pass Theories of International Relations 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 final semester, the student must enroll in the 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

Strategic Studies concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. Successful completion of Strategic Studies Research Seminar (SA.660.751)
2. Faculty certification of a project, as nominated by a faculty member and approved by the Director and Assoc. Director of the Program
3. An oral exam conducted by two Strategic Studies faculty members at the end of the final semester
4. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors- if eligible)

* *International Relations concentrators studying at the Bologna Center must take at least three IR courses in Washington. Exception: those concentrators who are joint-degree students or have advanced standing, must take at least two IR courses in Washington.*

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

Requirements for AY 09/10 class

Students concentrating in Strategic Studies may not pursue an additional concentration beyond International Economics. For further information, please read the department's [statement on dual concentrations](#).

International Relations: [Strategic Studies Degree Plan](#)

