International Development Program | M.A. Requirements

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 DEVELOPMENT

Students concentrating in International Development (IDEV) must complete Microeconomics (B- or greater) prior to matriculating at SAIS through SAIS Summer, Non-Degree or Pre-Term programs or by passing the SAIS waiver exam. Students concentrating in International Development must take at least 6 courses in the program in addition to a constrained International Economics and Quantitative Reasoning course. Students cannot count their constrained International Economics and Quantitative Reasoning courses toward their IDEV requirements of at least 6 courses in the program.
IDEV REQUIREMENTS

- 1 course Introduction to Development (SA.400.821) required in the fall semester of the first year
- 2 courses starting with the prefix SA.400.XXX and/or IDEV Approved Regional Courses
- 3 courses from one of the Professional Tracks

IDEV Professional Tracks
Students choose one of the following:

- Development Economics (DevEc)
- Finance and Development (F&D)
- Governance, Politics and Development (GP&D)
- Management for Development (MfD)
- Social Entrepreneurship and Business (SEB)
- Social Policy and Programs (SP)
- Self-Designed (Program Approval Required)
- Trade and Development (T&D) (no longer offered)

Approved Courses for IDEV Professional Tracks AY15-16

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.
- Macroeconomics (prerequisite Microeconomics)
- International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)
- International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)
- One IDEV constrained economics course from below or another development economics course approved by IDEV
  - Theories & Models of Economic Development (BO SA.320.715)
  - Introduction to Economic Development (SA.320.724)
  - Microeconomics of Development (SA.320.731)
  - Topics in Growth and Development (SA.320.735)
  - Economic Development (SA.320.744)
  - Comparative Perspectives on Economic Growth & Development (SA.320.750)

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

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, SAIS 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 as their constrained IDEV course.
· Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
· Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)
· Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)

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 SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses in addition to their concentration requirements. If the core courses/exams are not completed by the start of the final semester, a student must enroll for credit in the core course(s). IDEV students are strongly encouraged to take Comparative National Systems as one of their core exams and/or courses.
· 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 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 SAIS, even if not using English for proficiency.

CAPSTONE

IDEV concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:
1. IDEV Oral Exam with an IDEV examiner and an economist
2. IDEV Practicum
3. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)

Students who choose to dual concentrate must choose IDEV as their primary concentration. All dual-concentrations must be approved by IDEV.


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