

International Economics

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## Curriculum

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### International Economics M.A. Academic Requirements 2013-14

#### International Economics Learning Goals and Objectives

Every M.A. student at SAIS is required to complete a concentration in International Economics. Beginning with matriculants in the Fall term of 2013, completing the International Economics concentration requires that the student successfully complete a minimum of four (4) for-credit economics courses at SAIS, which must include: microeconomics, macroeconomics, international trade theory, and international monetary theory. Importantly, please note that this is separate from the quantitative coursework requirement, which is also required of all SAIS M.A.s.

Additionally, for students with sufficient interest and room in their two-year program of study we allow specialization in one of several areas of International Economics. At the present time, we recognize specializations in the following areas: (i) Quantitative Methods and Economic Theory, (ii) International Finance, (iii) Microeconomics of Development, and (iv) Economic Policy. Achieving an economics specialization generally entails successful completion of a program of study centered on four (4) additional higher-level electives appropriate to the specialization area. Students who achieve a specialization will have this appropriately denoted on their transcript. Completing an economics specialization is not required for fulfilling the SAIS M.A. However students with superior economics preparation or aptitude are encouraged to attempt one.

The above requirements are listed out below for further clarity.

## Economics Concentration Requirements

Minimum economic courses requirement: Must successfully complete a minimum of four (4) for-credit economics courses at SAIS.

### Fundamental Course Requirements

Must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate-level courses in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics by either passing these courses as part of the minimum economics course requirement, or passing the respective waiver exam (See "Waiver Exams" off the International Economics webpage.) If achieved by passing a waiver exam, the student must substitute an economics elective course in place of the waived course in order to fulfill the minimum economic courses requirement above (this is the "substitution rule" for waived courses).

### Core Course Requirements

Must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate-level courses in International Trade Theory and International Monetary Theory by either passing these courses as part of the minimum economics course requirement, or passing the respective waiver exam (See "Waiver Exams" off the International Economics webpage.) If achieved by passing a waiver exam, the student must substitute an economics elective course in place of the waived course in order to fulfill the minimum economic courses requirement above (this is the "substitution rule" for waived courses).

Again, the economics concentration requirements are separate from the quantitative coursework requirement of the SAIS M.A. degree.

### Economics Specializations Course Requirements

Economics Specializations:

For students with sufficient interest and room in their two-year program of study, we allow specialization in any of the following areas of International Economics: (i) Quantitative Methods and Economic Theory, (ii) International Finance, (iii) Microeconomics of Development, and (iv) Economic Policy. Each of these generally require a set of four additional electives in the specialization area, with some specializations having other additional requirements. Achieving a specialization is not required for fulfilling the SAIS M.A.

### M.A. Oral Exam to Compete for Honors

The M.A. oral exam tests students' knowledge of international economics and their chosen functional or regional concentration. Exams are held in August, December and May and are scheduled by the SAIS Registrar's Office. Only the top 30 percent of the student body are eligible to compete for honors. The 30 percent cutoff is determined by students' grade point average after their third semester (after the second semester for students who have advanced standing of one semester). Students with conferral dates of August or December will be selected to compete for honors based on the previous May's GPA cutoff.

Two examiners administer the oral exam: a full- or part-time professor from the student's functional or regional program, and an international economist from the SAIS faculty or from the local academic, government or policy community. If a student is pursuing a third concentration, three examiners will administer the oral exam.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

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