

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

International Political Economy (B.A., B.S.)

The International Political Economy program is an interdisciplinary academic program to help students successfully in today's increasingly complex international environment. Graduates will develop skill sets that include critical thinking, knowledge of multiple cultures, and effective communication skills. Students will be prepared for entry-level analytical and administrative positions in the public, nonprofit, and for profit private sectors. The School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences offers both the B.A. and B.S. degree in International Political Economy. The B.A. degree places a somewhat greater emphasis on culture, literature, and history. The B.S. degree places a somewhat greater emphasis in economics and international finance.

Employment options include, but are not limited to:

- Careers in the diplomatic corps;
- Positions with international organizations including The United Nations, World Trade Organization, World Bank, and others;
- Positions with multinational corporations as analysts and managers.

Bachelor of Arts in International Political Economy

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([PSCI 3325](#) or [PSCI 4360](#) or [PSCI 4307](#))

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and [GOVT 2302](#))

6 semester credit hours American History ([HIST 1301](#) and [HIST 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Economics Elective ([ECON 2301](#))²

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts ([ARTS 1301](#))

3 semester credit hours Humanities ([HUMA 1301](#))

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)³

3 semester credit hours Mathematics (at or above College Algebra [MATH 1314](#))

4 semester credit hours Quantitative Reasoning ([EPPS 3405](#))^{2, 4}

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements: 22 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses (1 semester credit hour beyond Core Curriculum)

[EPPS 3405](#) Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab^{2, 4}

Major Core Courses (Select 7 courses from the following)

[ECON 2302](#) Principles of Microeconomics

[GEOG 3370](#) Global Economy

[GEOG 2303](#) People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions

[GEOG 3304](#) Tools for Spatial Analysis

[PSCI 4329](#) Global Politics

[PSCI 4356](#) International Political Economy

[ISSS 3349](#) World Resources and Development

[LIT 3304](#) Advanced Composition

III. Elective Requirements: 36 semester credit hours

International Political Economy (15 semester credit hours)

All students are required to take at least eighteen semester credit hours of Advanced Elective approved courses.

Area Electives (9 semester credit hours)

This requirement may be satisfied with upper-division courses from any given area within IPE related fields of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Foreign Language Requirement (12 semester credit hours)

Four consecutive semesters (spring and fall semesters) in one language of choice or if the language credit is obtained without requiring to take classes, 12 semester credit hours of Free Electives (upper-division or lower-division) can be taken by student.

IV. Free Electives Requirements: 20 semester credit hours

This requirement may be satisfied with lower- and upper-division courses from any field of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Bachelor of Science in International Political Economy

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([ECON 4382](#) or [PSCI 4360](#) or [PSCI 4307](#))

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and [GOVT 2302](#))

6 semester credit hours American History ([HIST 1301](#) and [HIST 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Economics Elective ([ECON 2301](#))²

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts ([ARTS 1301](#))

3 semester credit hours Humanities ([HUMA 1301](#))

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)³

3 semester credit hours Mathematics ([MATH 1325](#))

4 semester credit hours Quantitative Reasoning ([EPPS 3405](#))^{2, 4}

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements: 28 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses (1 semester credit hour beyond Core Curriculum)

[EPPS 3405](#) Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab^{2, 4}

Major Core Courses (select 9 courses from the following)

[ECON 2302](#) Principles of Microeconomics

[ECON 3310](#) Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

[ECON 3311](#) Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

[ECON 4360](#) International Trade

[GEOG 2303](#) People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions

[GEOG 3304](#) Tools for Spatial Analysis

[ISSS 3349](#) World Resources and Development

[LIT 3304](#) Advanced Composition

[PSCI 4329](#) Global Politics

[PSCI 4356](#) International Political Economy

III. Elective Requirements: 33 semester credit hours

International Political Economy (15 semester credit hours)

All students are required to take at least fifteen semester credit hours of Advanced Electives from approved courses.

Area Electives (6 semester credit hours)

This requirement may be satisfied with upper-division courses from any given area within IPE related fields of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Foreign Language Requirement (12 semester credit hours)

Four consecutive long semesters (spring and fall semesters) in one language of choice or if the language credit is obtained without requiring to take classes, 12 semester credit hours of Foreign Language Electives (upper-division or lower- division) can be taken by student.

IV. Free Elective Requirements: 17 semester credit hours

This requirement may be satisfied with lower- and upper-division courses from any field of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Minor in International Political Economy (18 semester credit hours)

Please see your advisor for the latest requirements for this minor.

1. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parentheses are the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
2. A Major requirement that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in Core Curriculum.
3. Students wishing to pursue Master's or Ph.D. degrees in economics should consult their advisor about appropriate mathematics and quantitative methods courses.
4. Three semester credit hours are counted under Quantitative Reasoning core, and one semester credit hour is counted under Major Preparatory Courses.

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