School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

International Political Economy (BA, BS)

The International Political Economy program is an interdisciplinary academic program to help students function 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 analytical and administrative positions in the public, nonprofit, and for profit private sectors. The School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences offers both the BA and BS degrees in International Political Economy. The BA degree places greater emphasis on culture, literature, and history. The BS degree places greater emphasis on economics and international finance.

Employment prospects include, but are not limited to:

- The diplomatic corps;
- International organizations including The United Nations, World Trade Organization, World Bank, and others;
- Multinational corporations;
- Nongovernmental organizations.

Bachelor of Arts in International Political Economy

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)¹

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

MATH 1314 College Algebra

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses (see advisor)
Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History core courses (see advisor)

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

- GOVT 2305 American National Government
- GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

- ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

One of the following:

- EPPS 2302 Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences
- EPPS 2303 Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences

And any 3 semester credit hours from Component Area Option core courses (see advisor)

II. Major Requirements: 63 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses: 15 semester credit hours

- ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

And four of the following:

- GEOG 3370 The Global Economy
- GEOG 2303 People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions
- GEOG 3304 Introduction to Geospatial Information Sciences
- IPEC 3349 World Resources and Development
- IPEC 4301 Political Economy of Industrialized Countries
- IPEC 4302 Political Economy of Developing Countries
International Political Economy: 24 semester credit hours

All students are required to take at least twenty-four semester credit hours of electives from approved courses.

Area Electives: 12 semester credit hours

This requirement may be satisfied with upper-division courses from any given area within IPEC and related fields of study.

Foreign Language Requirement: 12 semester credit hours

The language requirement is 12 semester credit hours of the same language. Students can petition the Program Head for exceptions. If the language credit is obtained without taking classes, twelve additional semester credit hours of Free Electives (upper-division or lower-division) can be taken by student.

III. Electives Requirements: 15 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 courses to qualify for graduation.
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses (see advisor)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours
- **HIST 1301** U.S. History Survey to Civil War
- **HIST 1302** U.S. Survey from Civil War

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours
- **GOVT 2305** American National Government
- **GOVT 2306** State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours
- **ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours
One of the following:
- **EPPS 2302** Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences
- **EPPS 2303** Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences
And any 3 semester credit hours from Component Area Option core courses (see advisor)

II. Major Requirements: 63 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses: 21 semester credit hours
- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics
- **ECON 3310** Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- **ECON 3311** Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- **ECON 4360** International Trade
And three of the following courses:
- **GEOG 2303** People and Place: An Introduction to World Geographic Regions
**International Political Economy: 21 semester credit hours**

All students are required to take at least twenty-one semester credit hours of electives from approved courses.

**Area Electives: 9 semester credit hours**

This requirement may be satisfied with upper-division courses from any given geographic area within IPEC and related fields of study.

**Foreign Language Requirement: 12 semester credit hours**

The language requirement is 12 semester credit hours of the same language. Students can petition the Program Head for exceptions. If the language credit is obtained without taking classes, twelve additional semester credit hours of Free Electives (upper-division or lower-division) can be taken by student.

**III. Elective Requirements: 15 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 courses to qualify for graduation.

1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

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