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.
- Economic development organizations

Bachelor of Arts in International Political Economy

**Degree Requirements** [120 semester credit hours]¹

*View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester*

**Faculty**

**Professors:** Brian J. L. Berry, Patrick T. Brandt, Paul Diehl, Lloyd J. Dumas, Euel W. Elliott, Donald A. Hicks, Jennifer S. Holmes, Murray J. Leaf, Richard K. Scotch

**Associate Professors:** Simon M. Fass, Dohyeong Kim, Clint W. Peinhardt

**Clinical Associate Professor:** Karl K. Ho

**Assistant Professors:** Jonas Bunte, Vito D'Orazio

1. 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

**ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics

And choose one course from 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

II. Major Requirements: 60 semester credit hours
Major Preparatory Course: 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

- **ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics
- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics

Choose one course from 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

Major Core Courses: 12 semester credit hours

Choose four courses from the following:

- **GEOG 3370** The Global Economy
- **IPEC 3349** World Resources and Development
- **IPEC 4301** Political Economy of Industrialized Countries
- **IPEC 4302** Political Economy of Developing Countries
- **IPEC 4377** Politics of International Finance
- **PSCI 4329** Global Politics
- **PSCI 4356** International Political Economy
- **PSCI 4360** The Political Economy of Multinational Corporations

International Political Economy: 24 semester credit hours

All students are required to take at least twenty-four semester credit hours of approved courses. See the Program Head or undergraduate advisor for the up to date list.

Area Electives: 12 semester credit hours

This requirement may be satisfied with upper-division courses from any given geographic area within IPEC and related fields of study. See the Program Head or undergraduate advisor for the up to date list.

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: 18 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.

Bachelor of Science in International Political Economy

*Degree Requirements* [120 semester credit hours]¹

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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 1325** Applied Calculus I

**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

[¹](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2018/undergraduate/programs/epps/international-political-economy)

[²](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2018/undergraduate/programs/epps/international-political-economy)
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

- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics
- **EPPS 2303** Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences

II. Major Requirements: 60 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

- **ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics
- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics
- **EPPS 2303** Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences

Major Core Courses: 18 semester credit hours

- **ECON 3310** Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- **ECON 3311** Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

And one of the following:

- **ECON 4360** International Trade
- **ECON 4362** Development Economics
- **IPEC 4377** Politics of International Finance

And choose three courses from the following:

- **IPEC 3349** World Resources and Development
- **IPEC 4301** Political Economy of Industrialized Countries
- **IPEC 4302** Political Economy of Developing Countries
- **IPEC 4377** Politics of International Finance
- **PSCI 4329** Global Politics
**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. See the Program Head or undergraduate advisor for the up to date list.

**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. See the Program Head or undergraduate advisor for the up to date list.

**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: 18 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.

**Minor in International Political Economy: 18 semester credit hours**

Choose 6 courses from the following (with at least 4 being upper-division courses):

- **ECON 2301** Principles of Macroeconomics
- **ECON 2302** Principles of Microeconomics
- **GEOG 3370** The Global Economy
- **IPEC 3349** World Resources and Development
- **IPEC 4301** Political Economy of Industrialized Countries
- **IPEC 4302** Political Economy of Developing Countries
- **IPEC 4303** Political Economy of South and Southeast Asia
- **IPEC 4304** Political Economy of Latin America
IPEC 4305 Topics in Science, Technology and Institutions
IPEC 4307 Regional Topics in International Political Economy
IPEC 4308 Political Economy of Africa
IPEC 4309 Urban Development
IPEC 4310 Environmental and Health Policy in East Asia
IPEC 4376 Foreign Policy and Public Opinion
IPEC 4377 Politics of International Trade
IPEC 4384 Health and Environmental Policy: A Global Perspective
IPEC 4396 Topics in International Political Economy
PSCI 4329 Global Politics
PSCI 4332 Latin American Politics
PSCI 4347 The War on Drugs
PSCI 4348 Terrorism
PSCI 4356 International Political Economy
PSCI 4360 The Political Economy of Multinational Corporations

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 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.

3. A required major preparatory course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in Core Curriculum.

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