

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND POLICY, MA

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Academic Advising

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The International Commerce and Policy, MA program (ICP) is an interdisciplinary course of study to help students from around the world prepare for jobs in the new economy. Unlike traditional international affairs programs, the degree is focused on such international economic issues as global trade and investment. The MA in international commerce and policy differs from an MBA program by providing training in the political, social, and technological aspects of the global economy. In today's world, it is critical for all participants in global markets to understand the multifaceted environment in which they work.

Faculty

The core faculty is augmented by adjunct faculty members who bring a wealth of practical knowledge and experience, as well as strong academic qualifications to the program. Adjuncts are drawn from the U.S. Commerce and State Departments, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission, among other government agencies, as well as from the private sector, the think tank community, and trade associations.

Courses

Courses are offered primarily in the late afternoon and evening to fit the schedules of busy professionals. In addition to classroom study, the program emphasizes experiential learning by supporting student internships, cooperative education, and research activities with private- and public-sector employers, and sponsoring a variety of study-abroad experiences.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applications

Please see Graduate Admission Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) for general information on graduate admission to George Mason University. Specific information on application requirements and deadlines may be found on the Schar admissions website (<http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions/>).

Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome to apply; however, some knowledge of economics, preferably through at least two undergraduate economics courses, is encouraged. While many students may have prior educational and work-related training in business and economics, others see the ICP Program as a bridge from government, education, and other non-business occupations to careers in the global economy.

Completed applications for fall and spring semesters are reviewed on a rolling basis, with late applications considered on a space-available basis. Students may be admitted for nondegree study and apply a limited number of credits toward the master's degree should they choose to apply to the degree program later, in accordance with university policy.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Termination from Program

Students admitted to an Schar graduate program will be terminated from Schar upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in Schar. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses.

Program Requirements

The ICP Program requires 36 credits of coursework. All degree candidates must take 21 credits of work in required courses. The remaining 15 credits consist of electives that may include internships, independent studies, and study abroad. Upon entering the program students complete core courses first to prepare for higher-level elective coursework.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 36

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Three credits of		3
ITRN 500	Global Political Economy	
ITRN 501	Data Analysis for Global Political Economy	3
Three credits of		3
ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	
Three credits of		3
ITRN 504	Microeconomics and Trade Policy	
ITRN 602	Global Financial Crises and Institutions	3
ITRN 603	Global Trade Relations	3
ITRN 605	Technology, Culture and Commerce	3
Total Credits		21

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits of electives in consultation with the student's advisor		15
Total Credits		15

If desired, a student has the option to declare one of three concentrations. Students without a concentration may select any ITRN or

POGO course, any courses from the concentrations listed below, or other courses as approved by the advisor or program director.

Concentration in Global Finance, Investment and Trade (GFIT)

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses of the 15 elective credits within the area of concentration. Preapproved courses include the following: ¹		
BIOD 622	Negotiating in the International Arena	12
GOVT 742	International Negotiation	
ITRN 604	International Trade and Technology	
ITRN 612	International Business Operations and the Multinational Corporation	
ITRN 701	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy	
ITRN 702	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy: Study Abroad	
ITRN 710	International Business Transactions: Finance and Investment	
ITRN 711	United States Law and Global Trade	
ITRN 712	World Trade Organization and Global Trade	
ITRN 731	Business-to-Business Marketing in International Commerce	
ITRN 736	Sources of Growth in East Asia	
ITRN 738	Fundamentals of International Marketing	
ITRN 740	Trade and Regulatory Compliance	
ITRN 758	Global Market Planning Practicum	
POGO 731	Business and Politics in Emerging Markets	
ITRN 761	European Political and Economic Union	
ITRN 767	Political Economy and Integration in Latin America	
ITRN 769	International Entrepreneurship	
ITRN 770	International Contract Negotiation	
ITRN 771	Trade, Investment, and Politics in South and Southeast Asia	
ITRN 791	Advanced Trade Policy	
PUAD 739	Issues in International Management	
PUBP 710	Topics in Public Policy	
PUBP 716	Transportation Operations and Logistics	
PUBP 736	International Migration and Public Policy	
PUBP 763	Illicit Trade	
PUBP 764	Transnational Crime and Corruption	
PUBP 765	Human Smuggling and Trafficking	
PUBP 782	International Financial Policy	
PUBP 783	Global Governance	
POGO 750	Topics in Policy and Government	
Total Credits		12

¹ Courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor.

Concentration in Global Development and Governance (GDGV)

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses of the 15 elective credits within the area of concentration. Preapproved courses include the following: ¹		
BIOD 620	Global Health Security Policy	12
BIOD 726	Food Security	
GOVT 631	Seminar in Comparative Politics and Institutions	
GOVT 742	International Negotiation	
ITRN 701	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy	
ITRN 702	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy: Study Abroad	
ITRN 736	Sources of Growth in East Asia	
ITRN 760	International Environmental Politics	
ITRN 761	European Political and Economic Union	
ITRN 767	Political Economy and Integration in Latin America	
ITRN 769	International Entrepreneurship	
ITRN 770	International Contract Negotiation	
ITRN 771	Trade, Investment, and Politics in South and Southeast Asia	
POGO 730	Global Economic and Human Development	
POGO 731	Business and Politics in Emerging Markets	
PUAD 636	The NGO: Policy and Management	
PUAD 739	Issues in International Management	
PUBP 655	State- and Institution-Building	
PUBP 710	Topics in Public Policy	
PUBP 732	Labor Markets and Policies	
PUBP 736	International Migration and Public Policy	
PUBP 753	Ethics in Public Policy	
PUBP 757	Public Policy in Global Health and Medical Practice	
PUBP 758	Global Threats and Medical Policies	
PUBP 760	Science and Technology Policy in the 21st Century	
PUBP 761	Social Entrepreneurship and Public Policy	
PUBP 763	Illicit Trade	
PUBP 764	Transnational Crime and Corruption	
PUBP 765	Human Smuggling and Trafficking	
PUBP 781	Entrepreneurship and Economic Development	
PUBP 783	Global Governance	
POGO 750	Topics in Policy and Government	
Total Credits		12

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Concentration in Global Risk and Strategy (GRS)

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses of the 15 elective credits within the area of concentration. Preapproved courses include the following: ¹		
BIOD 706	Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons Policy and Security	12
BIOD 620	Global Health Security Policy	
BIOD 709	Nonproliferation and Arms Control	
BIOD 722	Examining Terrorist Groups	
BIOD 725	Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction	
BIOD 726	Food Security	
ITRN 701	Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy	
ITRN 710	International Business Transactions: Finance and Investment	
ITRN 740	Trade and Regulatory Compliance	
ITRN 756	National Security and the Global Economy	
GOVT 744	Foundations of Security Studies	
GOVT 745	International Security	
POGO 731	Business and Politics in Emerging Markets	
PUAD 504	Managing in the International Arena: Theory and Practice	
PUAD 630	Emergency Planning and Preparedness	
PUAD 631	Disaster Response Operations and Recovery	
PUAD 637	Managing Homeland Security	
PUAD 727	Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making	
PUBP 505	Politics and Practice of International Security Policy	
PUBP 655	State- and Institution-Building	
PUBP 710	Topics in Public Policy	
PUBP 714	Topics in Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics	
PUBP 736	International Migration and Public Policy	
PUBP 743	National Security Management and Policy	
PUBP 751	International Police Operations	
PUBP 759	National Security Law and Public Policy	
PUBP 763	Illicit Trade	
PUBP 764	Transnational Crime and Corruption	
PUBP 765	Human Smuggling and Trafficking	
PUBP 769	Political Violence and Terrorism	
POGO 750	Topics in Policy and Government	
Total Credits		12

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Accelerated Master's**Bachelor's Degree (any)/International Commerce and Policy, Accelerated MA Overview**

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in International Commerce and Policy. If accepted students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their major and an MA in International Commerce and Policy with a reduced number of overall credits and within a reduced time frame, sometimes within five years. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

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To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 75 credits, including at least 12 credits of Government, Economics and/or Global Affairs courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (six credits) that may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, students may take another two courses (six credits) to be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are ITRN 500 Global Political Economy, ITRN 504 Microeconomics and Trade Policy, ITRN 503 Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy and ITRN 605 Technology, Culture and Commerce. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).