INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND POLICY (ITRN)

500 Level Courses

ITRN 500: Global Political Economy. 1-4 credits.
Foundation course in the ICP program. Explores issues and ideas affecting global security, stability, growth and development from country, regional and thematic perspectives. Introduces students to key concepts, policies, and practices that underpin international commerce, international relations more broadly, and non-governmental transnational activities. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 501: Data Analysis for Global Political Economy. 3 credits.
Provides the skills necessary to conduct qualitative and quantitative research and analysis of data related to global political economy. Students obtain practical information on sources of data, their origins, strengths, and weaknesses. Helps develop tools for statistical analysis of data, leading up to binary regression, and includes the use of software for analyzing and displaying information. It covers major data sources and indices related to international economic policy, including trade data, economic and financial indicators, and development indicators. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
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ITRN 504: Microeconomics and Trade Policy. 1-4 credits.
Provides a foundation in microeconomics, including supply and demand analysis, market failure. Covers applications of this microeconomic foundation to international trade theory, trade policy analysis, preferential trade agreements, and international production. Emphasis is on graphical and algebraic analysis. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
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600 Level Courses

ITRN 602: Global Financial Crises and Institutions. 3 credits.
Examines the modern financial sector: how it operates, its regulation, and its role in risk transmission and crisis formation. Reviews global financial markets and instruments. Considers the role of multilateral and regional financial institutions in management of crises, macroeconomic adjustment, development policy and capital flows with emphasis on financial crises including the 2007-09 crisis. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Required Prerequisites: ITRN 503B^, 503XS, 503B, or 503XS.

B^ Requires minimum grade of B^.

XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 603: Global Trade Relations.** 3 credits.
Examines U.S. trade policy in the context of global trade relations. Considers the global trading system from legal, institutional and political perspectives, giving particular attention to trade agencies in the United States and abroad, international agreements, and the World Trade Organization. Trade policy formation is analyzed within the context of competing interest groups and corporate strategies. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Required Prerequisites: (ITRN 504B or 504XS).
B- Requires minimum grade of B-.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 604: New Technologies in the Global Economy.** 3 credits.
Addresses the role and impact of new technologies on global trade, production, and finance. New technologies considered include digital, robotics, artificial intelligence, blockchain, machine learning, and virtual presence. Applications covered include global value chains, financial technology, cryptocurrencies and monetary policy, innovation management, logistics, and international development. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
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**ITRN 612: International Business Operations and the Multinational Corporation.** 3 credits.
Examines international business environment and challenges facing companies in conducting operations in increasingly interconnected global marketplace. Focuses on issues of management and organization, and resolution of conflicts that may arise between business organizations and home and host governments. Also focuses on role of multinational corporations in international environment, and impact on global trade, economic development, and political system. Also studies trade and international investment theories and world financial environment. Explores broad issues such as sovereignty of decision making and global impact of business activities. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
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Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 701: Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy.** 1-3 credits.
Offers specialized courses on various aspects of international commerce and policy. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May be repeated within the term.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 702: Special Topics in International Commerce and Policy: Study Abroad. 3-6 credits.
Provides opportunity for study abroad under supervision of Mason faculty. Notes: Course topics, content, and locations vary. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 710: International Business Transactions: Finance and Investment. 3 credits.
Focuses on techniques for financing trade and payment methods, including letters of credit, counter trade, and other approaches. Covers issues of direct concern in financing international business operations, such as preparing financing proposals, risk insurance, international taxation, pricing policies, and currency conversion and foreign exchange risk management. Introduces foreign direct investment, alliances and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other methods for investing overseas. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 711: United States Law and Global Trade. 3 credits.
Surveys types of regulations imposed by United States, foreign governments, and international institutions on transnational business activities. Reviews principal regulatory bodies in United States and overseas, and powers and authorities. Covers tariffs and customs regulations; product safety and environmental restrictions; intellectual property, copyright, trademark, and patent regulations; and licensing rules. Also covers special restrictions that may be imposed because of political considerations such as embargoes, munitions controls, and antibribery and antiboycott regulations. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 712: World Trade Organization and Global Trade. 3 credits.
Focuses on legal aspects of international trade regulation by studying international legal and political regime established under WTO, and assessing impact of domestic economic legislation on U.S. trade regulations. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 715: Global Environment and the World Economy. 3 credits.
Examines growing relationship between environmental interdependence and developing world economy. Assesses increased globalization of environmental and health issues with a focus on the impact on those issues on international transactions involving trade and development. Attempts to develop an understanding of relationship of scientific knowledge to global environment in context of existing political and economic institutions. Emphasizes formulating and assessing policies and structures for corporations, nations, regions, and international organizations. Tensions among free trade, international competitiveness, and regulatory responses are central. Gives attention to practices of nations and international organizations, emerging forms of regional and international cooperation, and growing use of multilateral agreements. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 716: European Union in the International System. 3 credits.
Examines current developments in European market integration from global perspective. Emphasizes impact of single market, and proposed economic and monetary union of United States and other major trading partners. Examines European economic relations with Eastern Europe, former Soviet Union, and Lome Pact countries. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.
Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 720: Regional and Supranational Organizations. 3 credits.
Assesses role of international organizations in international system today, and focuses on wide range of international and regional economic and political institutions. Emphasizes changing nature of these organizations in relation to nation states, and relationship of international organizations to U.S. national security and economic interests. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 736: Sources of Growth in East Asia. 3 credits.
Examines extraordinary economic success of East Asian NIEs and some of their problems. Focuses on understanding proximate sources of growth, role of technological development, and salient political issues. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 738: Fundamentals of International Marketing. 3 credits.
Offers working knowledge of principles and practices that enable managers to effectively market organizations, products, services, and brands. Emphasizes international dimensions of marketing where appropriate. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 744: The Politics of International Competitiveness. 3 credits.
Provides inquiry into governance problems of public managers and political leaders as they cope with global competitiveness in post-industrial era. Focuses on integrating public and private sectors worldwide, with special emphasis on U.S. role and how it influences such areas as technology transfer, national security, electronic commerce, trade policies, money flows, and human resources. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ITRN 500.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 756: National Security and the Global Economy. 3 credits.
Examines impact of globalization and changes in international economic and political systems on concepts of national security. Emphasizes nexus of economic and security concerns in post-Cold War era, with particular attention to emerging issues including trade and economic security, proliferation of advanced military technology and control of weapons of mass destruction, international drug trafficking, and defense conversion. Focuses on implications of changing security requirements on U.S. defense and economic policy and activities. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ITRN 500.

Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.
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**ITRN 758: Global Market Planning Practicum. 3 credits.**
Provides opportunity to develop international market plan for specific industry or service sector. Students consult with industry experts and use key trade databases to develop strategic plan that recommends market entry strategies. Completed market plan submitted to industry experts for use and dissemination. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 760: International Environmental Politics. 3 credits.**
Examines growing concerns related to global environmental issues and problems they pose to domestic, foreign, and international political institutions. Covers major environmental issues including global warming, ozone depletion, cross-border flow of pollution, and threats to biodiversity. Assesses strengths and weaknesses of traditional political institutions in dealing with these issues and providing for sustainable economic development while limiting environmental damage. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Green Leaf Focused Course

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ITRN 500.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 761: European Political and Economic Union. 3 credits.**
Examines movement for European integration since World War II, focusing on political and institutional development of European Community/Union. Topics include theories of European integration, Treaties of Rome, Single European Act, Maastricht Treaty, European Union (EU) policies and programs, and EU’s external relations. Analyzes changing nature of U.S.-EU relations and prospects for EU enlargement into Central and Eastern Europe. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 764: Trade, Investment, and Politics in East Asia. 3 credits.**
Examines issues related to international transactions involving Korea, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, with some attention to Japan. Focuses on trade and financial relations between these East Asian nations and United States. Assesses impact of culture and domestic political and economic institutions within these states, and roles in regional institutions and in international system. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**
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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 765: Trade, Investment, and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa. 3 credits.**
Examines role and potential of sub-Saharan Africa in international trading system. Emphasizes political, historical, cultural, and development factors. Focuses on perspectives of U.S. firms and on international institutions trading or investing in region. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
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**ITRN 766: Trade, Investment, and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa. 3 credits.**
Examines major economic, political, and cultural issues that influence trade and investment relations with Middle East and North Africa. Focuses on roles of international and regional institutions in economic development, and develops understanding of challenges facing region and their implications for formulating trade and investment strategies by U.S. firms. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ITRN 500.

**Registration Restrictions:**
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 767: Political Economy and Integration in Latin America. 3 credits.
Examines contemporary political, economic, and cultural dynamics of Latin American and Caribbean regions. Emphasizes issues and trends that affect U.S.-Latin American political, business, and trade relations, particularly recent political and economic reforms. Examines roles of domestic interest groups and decision-making systems in individual countries, and evolution of regional integration arrangements and integration with international system. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
Required Prerequisites: (ITRN 503B, 503XS, 504B, 504XS, PUBP 720B or 720XS).
B- Requires minimum grade of B-.
XS Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.
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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 768: Global Intellectual Property Rights and International Trade. 3 credits.
Examines national and regional systems, international contractual relations (licensing), and the evolving global system for protecting intellectual property. Addresses current international treaty system and the ongoing multilateral efforts to strengthen worldwide intellectual property protection. Examines intellectual property regimes worldwide, including regional and bilateral challenges and opportunities, and relevant U.S. law and policy responses. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: ITRN 500.
Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

ITRN 769: International Entrepreneurship. 3 credits.
Introduces practical planning approach for small and medium-size entrepreneurial firms seeking to enter international marketplace. Focuses on key business and financial documents related to doing business overseas; and assesses role of language, technology, and information systems in formulating successful business strategy. Role playing and simulated negotiations provide opportunities for students to sharpen business skills. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:
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Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 773: International Strategic Management. 3 credits.**

Presents comprehensive approach to international strategy formulation, implementation, and evaluation processes affecting policy and program development within multinational firms and government agencies. Integrates marketing, finance, accounting, and management. Covers techniques for forecasting international business, political, economic, technological, legal, and sociocultural forces. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

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**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**ITRN 791: Advanced Trade Policy. 3 credits.**

Covers international trade theory, trade policy analysis, regional economic integration, and institutional arrangements governing world trade. Examines dispute settlement regimes, and relationship between trade and environment. Includes WTO and constituent agreements in the areas of goods, services, intellectual property, and trade-related investment measures. Offered by Schar School of Policy & Govt (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/). May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

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**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)