Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in International Political Economy

The undergraduate degrees in international political economy prepare students to manage today’s increasingly complex international environment. Our interdisciplinary degree is also designed to efficiently accommodate study and internship abroad experiences.

Today, more careers increasingly require international knowledge and skills that transcend the confines of traditional disciplinary training. Our International Political degrees (BA & BS) will develop students’ critical skill sets to meet the needs and demands of the international diplomatic and business sectors.

Careers in International Political Economy

The international political economy program offers an education focused on helping individuals succeed in the dynamic, global work force. These skills include critical thinking, knowledge of multiple cultures, and cultural contexts, rigorous research skills, and the ability to communicate effectively in an array of environments. Our students take a core of classes from multiple disciplines, including government, economics, geography, literature, foreign language, and interdisciplinary classes, providing them with a broad perspective that makes them more competitive in the evolving job market.

Students will be prepared for analytical and administrative positions in the public, nonprofit and private sectors. Employment options include careers in the diplomatic corps; positions with international organizations including the United Nations, World Trade Organization and World Bank, and positions with multinational corporations as analysts and managers. The University’s Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing their career. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews, writing professional cover letters and resumes and help students connect with campus recruiters, among other services.

International Political Economy at UT Dallas

International political economy students at UT Dallas have two undergraduate degree options. The BA student will take more literature and history courses to prepare for diplomatic, governmental or nongovernmental organizations. Those seeking a BS degree will take more economics courses to prepare for employment in areas related to international business or government.

Some students choose to continue their graduate education at UT Dallas, enrolling in the international political economy master’s degree program. Undergraduate and graduate students benefit from exposure to UT Dallas’ acclaimed faculty across multiple disciplines.

The general BA and BS degrees require 120 semester credit hours to graduate: 42 hours from the University’s core curriculum; 60 credit hours of major requirements; and 18 semester credit hours of electives.

Fast-Track

UT Dallas undergraduates who meet the requirements for admission to graduate school and have at least a 3.25 UT Dallas cumulative GPA should consider the Fast-Track option. Fast-Track allows students to take up to 15 credit hours of graduate courses their senior year that can be applied toward both their bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. Students who successfully complete the Fast-Track requirements are not required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) before entering the master’s program.

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)

Every new generation inherits a world more complex than that of its predecessors, which prompts a need for new thinking about public policies that impact people’s daily lives. While our colleagues in the Naveen Jindal School of Management or the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science are creating new managerial or technological systems, we in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS) examine the implications of innovation and change for individuals and communities.
As an undergraduate in EPPS, you will have the opportunity to work with professors who are probing issues that will affect your future. You will develop the vital skills you need to thrive in a rapidly evolving, highly competitive job market. EPPS will prepare you for careers in government, non-profits and the private sector that enable you to make a real difference in the world of today and tomorrow.

EPPS is at the forefront of leadership, ethics and innovation in the public and nonprofit sectors. Our students and faculty look forward to new opportunities to study and address the complex and evolving issues of the future.

Research informs much of the instruction. The school has seven centers of excellence:

- Center for Crime and Justice Studies
- Center for Global Collective Action
- Center for the Study of Texas Politics
- Institute of Public Affairs
- Institute for Urban Policy Research
- Texas Schools Project
- The Negotiations Center

**Degrees Offered**

**Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, political science, public affairs, sociology

**Master of Science:** Applied sociology, criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, justice administration and leadership

**Master of Arts:** Political science, political science-constitutional law studies, political science-legislative studies

**Master of Public Affairs:** Public affairs

**Master of Public Policy:** Public policy

**Doctor of Philosophy:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public affairs, public policy and political economy

**Certificates**

EPPS offers the following graduate certificates, which generally can be completed in one year of part-time evening classes:

- Geographic Information Systems (GISc): a 15-hour graduate-level certificate focusing on the application of GIS in government, private sector and scientific areas, which can be completed in one year of part-time evening classes.

- Remote Sensing: a 15-hour for-credit graduate certificate focusing on remote sensing and digital image processing, which can be completed in one year of part-time evening study.

- Geospatial Intelligence: a 15-hour graduate certificate focusing on the application of geospatial ideas and techniques to national security and other intelligence activity.

- Local Government Management: a 15-hour graduate certificate focusing on the application of geospatial ideas and techniques to national security and other intelligence activity.

- Nonprofit Management: a 15-hour graduate certificate designed to provide an overview of the nature and context of nonprofit organizations and develop competencies needed by nonprofit managers.

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