

**MASTER'S DEGREE (M.S.) IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (IPE)
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ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND POLICY SCIENCES (EPPS)
ADVISING GUIDE**

Welcome to the Masters program in International Political Economy (IPE). Please refer to this advising guide to help you successfully complete the program.

Message from the IPE Associate Program Head, Dr. Holmes

In today's world, politics and the economy are intertwined. The MS in IPE degree offers you an education to succeed in this dynamic, global workforce. In addition to providing strong analysis and evaluation skills, students will gain exposure to both knowledge of different geographic regions and issues of development, security, and international policy.

More than a half a million employees will leave the government in the next five years, every firm has a global component, and non-profits need people with a broad perspective. Our interdisciplinary degree offers internships, critical analysis and communication skills that will help you succeed regardless of the changes in the world around you. We look forward to helping you reach your goals.

Helpful Hints:

Before the start of each semester, I will email students with suggested classes for the core, area studies, theme and elective classes to help students pick their classes. Students may petition to have other classes count in the theme or area studies requirements. Students are also strongly encouraged to consult the degree plan when choosing their classes to maximize efficiency and to promote rapid progress through the program.

Degree Requirements

Students seeking a Master of Science in International Political Economy must complete at least 36 semester credit hours of work in the program. The program has three components: 18 hours of required coursework, 12 hours of prescribed electives, and 6 hours of free electives. Students must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average to graduate. Moreover, students must demonstrate a foreign language proficiency equivalent to two years of university-level study in one foreign language before graduation.

Required Courses (18 hours)

All of the following:

POEC/PA 5313	Descriptive and Inferential Statistics
POEC 5316	Advanced Regression Analysis
POEC 5307	Economics for Public Policy

One of the following:

POEC 6360 World Political Economy **or** POEC 6366 International Economics

One of the following:

PSCI 6309	Public Policy and Organization
POEC 6335	Institutions and Development
POEC 6337	Comparative Institutions
POEC 6362	Political Development

One of the following:

POEC 6V76	Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies
POEC 5310	Research Design I
POEC 6352	Evaluation Research

Prescribed Electives

Students complete 12 hours of Prescribed Electives, approved by the Associate Program Head. Suggested classes are listed in the following pages, although offerings change semester to semester. The prescribed electives consist of the following:

1. An *area studies concentration* in which the student completes two courses (six hours) in history, advanced language, or area studies courses that address a single region, including Europe, Latin America, the Middle East or Greater Asia.
2. A *theme concentration* in which the student completes two courses (six hours) in Development, International Business and Public Policy, or International Negotiations & Security Studies

Elective Courses

Students also select, in consultation with the Associate Program Head, an additional six hours of coursework. Students are encouraged to participate in internships.

Sample Area Studies Prescribed Electives

Asia/Middle East

HIST 7399	Special Topics in History (If relevant region)
HUHI 6348	Studies in Asian History
HUSL 6350	Literature of the Nineteenth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6360	Literature of the Twentieth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6399	Studies in Asian Literature
IMS 7V50	Area Studies-Far East (2 or 3 semester hours)
MAIS 5313	Doing Business in Greater China (3 semester hours)
POEC 6356	Political Economy of the Middle East
POEC 6358	Political Economy of South and Southeast Asia
POEC 6V76	Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies (If relevant region)
HUHI 6325	Movements in Thought and Culture (If relevant region)

Europe

HIST 6340	European and World History
HIST 7399	Special Topics in History (If relevant region)
HUSL 6340	Literature Before 1800
HUSL 6350	Literature of the Nineteenth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6360	Literature of the Twentieth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6396	Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture
IMS 7V52	Area Studies-Russia (2 or 3 semester hours)
IMS 7V53	Area Studies-Eastern Europe (2 or 3 semester hours)
IMS 7V54	Area Studies-Western Europe (2 or 3 semester hours)
POEC 6V76	Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies (If relevant region)
HUHI 6325	Movements in Thought and Culture (If relevant region)

Latin America

HIST 7399	Special Topics in History (If relevant region)
HUSL 6350	Literature of the Nineteenth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6360	Literature of the Twentieth Century (if relevant region)
HUSL 6396	Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture
IMS 7V55	Area Studies-Latin America
POEC 6357	Political Economy of Latin America
POEC 6V76	Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies (If relevant region)
HUHI 6325	Movements in Thought and Culture (If relevant region)

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Development		International Conflict & Security Studies	
POEC 6309	International Political Economy & Organizations	POEC 5355	Introduction to Homeland Security
POEC 6335	Institutions & Development	POEC 5356	Pre-emptive Strategies and Tactics
POEC 6341	Urban Development	POEC 5357	Information Sharing and Communication
POEC 6354	Theories of Development	POEC 5358	Social Networks and Intelligence Led Policing
POEC 6360	World Political Economy	POEC 5359	Protecting Critical Resources and Infrastructure
POEC 6362	Political Development	POEC 6361	Political Violence and Terrorism
POEC 6363	Conflict and Development	POEC 6363	Conflict and Development
POEC 6364	Development Economics	POEC 6367	Topical Issues in Conflict and Conflict Resolution
POEC 6368	Population & Development	POEC 6369	National and International Security Strategies and Policies
POEC 6379	Special Topics in Development Studies	POEC 7320	International Negotiations
POEC 6V76	Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies	PSCI 63xx	Human Rights and International Law
POEC 7V64	Policy Research Workshop in Poverty Research and Policy		
POEC/PSCI 6319	Political Economy of MNCs		
PSCI 5301	Proseminar in Democratization, Globalization and IR		
PSCI 6337	Comparative Institutions		

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International Business and Public Policy

IMS 5200	The Global Economy (2 hours)	POEC 6353	Industry, Technology, and Science Policy
IMS 6202	International Business Transactions (2 hours)	POEC 6367	Topical Issues in Conflict and Conflict Resolution
IMS 6220	International Corporate Finance (2 hours)	POEC 7304	Cost-Benefit Analysis
IMS 6300	The Multinational Firm	POEC 7320	International Negotiations
IMS 6360	International Strategic Management	POEC 7321	Seminar on Business and Government
IMS 6365	Cross-Cultural Communication and Management	POEC 7323	Economic Regulation of Business
IMS 7300	International Management	POEC 7327	Innovation Dynamics and Economic Change
MAIS 5311	Business and Competitive Intelligence	POEC 7329	Special Topics in Industry and Public Policy
PA 6326	Decision Tools for Managers	POEC/PA 6376	Assessment and Outcomes for Non-profit Organizations
POEC 5371	Non-Profit Organizations	POEC/PA 5372	Non-Profit Management and Leadership
POEC 6309	International Political Economy and Organizations	POEC/PA 6374	Financial Management for Non-profit Organizations
		POEC/PSCI 6319	Political Economy of MNCs

General Caveats for Prescribed Electives

- Other classes may be approved by associate program head or program head
- Each course can only be used to satisfy one category
- Special topics classes may be repeated as topics change
- POEC8V97 Internship or POEC 8V01 Independent Study may be substituted, if approved by program head or associate program head for prescribed electives in either category, up to 6 credits.

MS IPE Degree Plan

COURSE	NAME	SEMESTER	DAY/TIME	GRADE
POEC 5313	Descriptive Stats			
POEC 5316	Advanced Regression			
POEC 5307	Economics for Public Policy			
Choose One: POEC 6360 POEC 6366	World Political Economy International Economics			
Choose One: PSCI 6309 POEC 6335 POEC 6337 POEC 6362	International Political Economy & Organization Institutions & Development Comparative Institutions Political Development			
Choose One: POEC 6352 POEC 5310 POEC 6V76	Evaluation Research Research Design I Policy Research Workshop in Development Studies			
2 Area Studies Classes	(6 credit hours total)			
2 Theme Classes	(6 credit hours total)			
2 free electives	(6 credit hours total)			
Language Requirement				

Students are strongly suggested to take POEC 5313 and POEC 5316 in the same academic year to maximize knowledge retention and success. POEC 5313 should be taken in the fall and POEC 5316 in the following spring.

Language Requirement for the IPE Programs

There are multiple options to meet the language requirement of two-year college level coursework (C or better) in the same language or equivalent. Please note that meeting the language requirement is not the same as receiving 12 hours of credit at the University of Texas at Dallas.

1. **Complete two years** of a single language at UTD or another institution and earn a C or better each class .
2. Take the **CLEP exam** in *French, German or Spanish* exam score a 58 or higher.
3. Take one of the following **AP exams** in *Italian, French, German, Spanish, Chinese or Japanese* and score a 4 or 5. Depending on the language, credit may be for one or two years. Check the Office of Undergraduate Education's Credit page for up-to-date policies and score requirements. <http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/ugraddean/apcredit.html>)
4. Take one of the **IB exams** in *Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, or Vietnamese*. Depending on the language, credit may be for one or two years. Check the Office of Undergraduate Education's page for up-to-date policies and score requirements. <http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/ugraddean/ibcredit.html>
5. For languages in which there is no exam, students may be eligible to be **certified as proficient** equivalent to two years college level work by an approved faculty member at UTD who is fluent in that language.
6. **Complete the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma or U.S. baccalaureate degree where this language was the medium of instruction** (documentation will be required). College level work done in a foreign language will also be considered with proper documentation.
7. Students are encouraged to explore **study abroad** options through UTD Contact the Office of International Education by telephone at (972) 883-4715 or see the webpage <http://www.utdallas.edu/oie/exchangeprograms.html> for more information about exchange programs.

Related Graduate Certificate Programs

Students are also encouraged to consider completing one of the following graduate certificate programs (Homeland Security, Economic and Demographic Data Analysis, Evaluation Research, or Nonprofit Management). With judicious course selections, most can be completed concurrently within the MS in IPE program. Certificate requirements are available in the catalog:

http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/graddean/CAT2008/EPPS/23.EPPS_Certificate_Programs.htm

Transfer Credit

Students who have taken graduate courses in another program may transfer these courses after they have attained nine credit hours in the program. Courses which received a grade of "B" or better may be transferred. Also, students may transfer up to one-half of the required hours for a masters degree from another university. This may consist of up to 15 semester hours.

All students who are interested in transferring courses must meet with the Program Director and they must complete a "Request for Transfer Credit" form. The form is available in the Graduate Program Office. The completed form, transcript and syllabus are forwarded for the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies. If approved, then the courses appear as transfer credits on the student's record.

Registration

The standard (and minimum) course load for a full-time graduate student during the Fall or Spring semester is 9 hours. The maximum is 15 hours, although it is rare for students to be able to successfully manage this workload. Students who have work, family, or other nonacademic obligations should consult with the Program Director on strategies for fulfilling program requirements.

Courses in the IPE program are currently listed with the course prefix POEC or EPPS in the university's course schedule (available on-line in Course Lookup). When selecting courses, IPE students are encouraged to consider appropriate graduate courses from ECO, GISC, PA, PSCI and SOC as well as those with POEC prefixes. The Associate Program Head will also email the IPE listserve with suggested courses that would fulfill core and prescribed elective requirements prior to registration each semester.

Students are expected to maintain continuous registration (excluding Summer) of at least three semester credit hours in the M.S. program. Such registration includes, but is not limited to, the semester of graduation. A student who does not maintain registration and has not requested and received permission for a leave of absence, must apply for readmission. All requests for leave of absence must be sent to the Program Director, who will forward the request to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student is subject to the Graduate Catalog in effect at the time of readmission. Since the Catalog is revised biennially, students taking leaves may be required to satisfy different degree requirements than were in effect prior to their leave. And thus may need additional time to complete the program.