

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Master of Science in International Political Economy



Program Description

The Master of Science in International Political Economy degree program prepares students to succeed in a wide range of careers that lie at the intersection of international politics and global economies. Taught by internationally recognized faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas, students will engage in rigorous coursework and develop the advanced training needed to thrive in international diplomatic and business sectors.



The program balances courses in international political economy—from the economics of public policy to the innovation economy—with those in either algebra- or calculus-based quantitative methods, such as applied regression, inferential statistics or multivariate analysis.

In addition to the required core courses, students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of exciting electives in four key areas:

- Development
- International Conflict and Security
- International Political Economy
- International Business and Public Policy

To meet the needs and demands of international diplomatic and business sectors, the program ensures that students develop advanced skills sets in areas that are key to any international organization: critical thinking, advanced research, effective communication and cross-cultural knowledge.

Benefits

The International Political Economy master's program ensures that students gain a broad understanding of their discipline, apply their knowledge and analytical skills to create effective and novel solutions to practical problems and communicate and work effectively in collaborative environments.

Other benefits include:

- *World-Class Faculty:* The program is led by faculty of the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences who are widely cited experts in their respective fields.
- *Comprehensive Curriculum:* Courses in the International Political Economy master's program will introduce students to new ideas, technologies, and competencies while preparing them to succeed in both public and private sectors.
- *Facilities:* Students have full access to four state-of-the-art computer laboratories housed in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences. All computers are network linked and hold full suites of leading survey, qualitative, spatial and statistical analysis software, including Qualtrics, NVivo, ArcGis, ENVI, EViews, R, STATA, and SAS.
- *Location:* Situated in the greater Dallas region—recently rated by *Forbes* magazine as the #1 “Best City for Jobs”—UT Dallas provides students with easy access to employers and internship opportunities, not to mention a large and supportive alumni population.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the International Political Economy program will be able to use their advanced training and specialized skill sets in a variety of careers related to policy and data analysis as well as administrative positions in government, nonprofit and private sectors.

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Marketable Skills

The Master of Science in International Political Economy will develop students' critical skill sets to meet the needs and demands of the international diplomatic and business sectors. 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. Students will be prepared to advance careers in policy and data analysis, and administrative positions in government, the nonprofit and private sectors. Graduates will acquire the following skills:

- basic data analytic skills
- critical thinking
- advanced written communication skills

Application Deadlines and Requirements

Please take note of all application deadlines and visit the Apply Now webpage to begin the application process. See the International Political Economy program website for additional information.

Admission is limited to fall and spring.

Applicants to the International Political Economy master's degree program should have:

- A baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution of higher education.
- A grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale.
- Test Scores: A verbal score of 156 and a quantitative score of 146 on the Graduate Records Examination (GRE).
- Letters of Recommendation: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation from individuals who can judge the candidate's potential for success in the master's degree program.
- Admissions Essay: A one-page essay outlining the applicant's background, education, and professional objectives.
- International applicants must submit a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the internet-based test. Scores must be less than two years old. See the Graduate Catalog for additional information regarding English proficiency requirements for international applicants.

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