



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

MASTER OF ARTS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CSUS offers a two-year interdisciplinary program of graduate study leading to the Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs. The graduate program is designed primarily as preparation for students planning international careers in areas such as government, foreign service, international trade and business, economic development and academe.

The curriculum provides in-depth education in major subject areas pertinent to international affairs, combined with opportunities to pursue courses of study designed to meet individual interests and needs.

This catalog presents a curriculum designed to balance academic and practical subject matters with theory, methods and methodology appropriate to the study of international affairs. Both the curriculum and the program structure encourage individualized student programs and one-on-one contact with the faculty.

The program regularly assists students in securing internship opportunities, and it also works with the CSUS Career Center in locating employment opportunities.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

Admission as a classified graduate student in International Affairs requires:

- graduation with a 3.0 GPA from an accredited four-year college or university (or equivalent preparation if the student has done undergraduate work outside the U.S.) **and**
- acceptable scores from the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Exam **and**
- competence in the English language, as demonstrated by academic achievement as well as by the aptitude section verbal score of the Graduate Record Exam. (The Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 570 is also required for students from non-English speaking countries) **and**
- three letters of reference prepared on forms supplied to the applicant by the program office **and**
- introductory courses in micro and macro economics with grades of "B-" or better within seven years of program entry is a condition of admission; students who do not meet this requirement will be required to take equivalent coursework prior to taking IA 216 **and**
- an introductory course in statistics similar to STAT 1 at CSUS; students who do not meet this requirement will be required to take STAT 1 in their first semester, and STAT 1 may not be applied to either program required courses or electives.

Students who have deficiencies in Admission Requirements can remove them by taking appropriate courses during the context of their academic program.

FACULTY

Faculty drawn from the departments of:

Anthropology, Communication Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Foreign Languages, Geography, Government, History, Journalism, Management, and Sociology

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Admission Procedures

Persons interested in applying should first contact the International Affairs Office for application materials and, if possible, arrange for an interview with the Coordinator, International Affairs Graduate Program, CSUS, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6072, (916) 278-7254.

Applications are for Fall only and are accepted as long as room for new students exists. However, students are urged to check with the Program office for application deadlines in order to allow time for admission before the Computer Access Student Phone Entry System (CASPER) deadline. All applicants, except international visa students, must complete the CSU Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission application (available at the Graduate Center) and return it to the Graduate Center. International visa students must submit the appropriate international student application form which is available at the Office of International Programs and at the International Admissions Office. All applicants to the program must submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, to the Graduate Center.

All other application materials are filed with the program office, including:

- a separate International Affairs application, which includes reference letter forms
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (contact the CSUS Testing Office to arrange to take the GRE, verbal and aptitude sections)
- Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) scores, if applicable.

As soon as possible after receipt of all items listed above, a decision regarding admission will be mailed to the applicant.

Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy, indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in Admission Requirements **and**
- completed at least 12 units of 200-level courses in the graduate program and a minimum 3.0 GPA overall **and**
- fulfilled all university-wide graduate requirements for advancement, including the Writing Proficiency Examination.

Advancement to Candidacy forms must be obtained from the Graduate Center. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with the International Affairs advisor. The completed form is then returned by the program office to the Graduate Center for approval.

Degree Requirements

Graduation with an MA in International Affairs requires two years of study and at least 39 units of academic credit. **Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.**

A. Required Graduate Courses (24 units)

Courses are arranged in a recommended four-semester pattern.

First Semester

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| (3) IA 210 | International Relations: Theory, Scope and Methods |
| (3) IA 212 | United States Foreign Policy 1945-Present |

Second Semester

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| (3) IA 214 | Research Methods in International Studies (STAT 1) |
| (3) IA 216 | Foundations of International Economic Affairs (ECON 204) |

Third Semester

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| (3) IA 218 | Management of International Operations |
| (3) IA 220 | International Organization |

Fourth Semester

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| (3) IA 222 | Seminar in Comparative Politics |
| (3) IA 500* | Culminating Experience |

*A thesis is required but a project may be done under special circumstances; substituting a project requires special justification.

B. Electives (15 units)

(12) Twelve units of electives selected in consultation with an advisor with restrictions noted below:

- (3) One of the following:
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| ANTH 101 | Cultural Diversity |
| ANTH 162 | Language and Culture |
| COMS 116 | Intercultural Communication |
| COMS 173 | Language and Culture |

Notes:

- Not more than 9 units of combined internship and independent study can apply to program electives.
- Up to six units of Interdisciplinary Studies, ID 195, Internship and 3 units of ID 299 can be earned based upon (a) Peace Corps service and (b) completing program stipulations regarding Peace Corps service.
- An area concentration (e.g. East Africa, Western Europe) or a specialization (e.g. international economics, comparative political systems) is encouraged, and courses must be selected in consultation with an advisor.
- Lower division courses and English composition courses may not be applied to the electives requirement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Internships

The program office assists graduate students in arranging practical internship experiences in public and private sector settings. While most internships will be in Sacramento, there are opportunities in San Francisco, New York, Washington, etc. Up to 6 units of graduate academic credit may be earned for such internship experience.

Overseas Study

In some cases, a student might be eligible to study overseas for an academic year in the CSU International Programs. In these situations, the student would basically complete one year of the two year MA program in an overseas assignment.

GRADUATE COURSES

210. International Relations: Theory, Scope and Methods. This course examines the theoretical literature of international relations and the various methodologies or approaches employed in the study of international relations. It also introduces the student to the scope of the field by identifying the major areas of study occupying the attention of scholars. Fall only. 3 units.

212. United States Foreign Policy 1945-Present. A chronological examination and analysis of the major issues in the conduct of United States foreign policy from 1945 to the present. After a brief introduction to U.S. foreign policy prior to 1945, this course will focus upon those issues since WW II that have been central to the evolution of United States relations with the rest of the world. Fall only. 3 units.

214. Research Methods in International Studies. An evaluation of research strategies and methodologies oriented toward familiarizing students with the basic concepts of research, hypothesis formulation, specification of causal relationships, and methods of analysis and evaluation. Students will be expected to formalize a research project or problem and to prepare a research design and bibliography pertaining to their project or thesis. **Prerequisite:** STAT 1 or a statistics background. Spring only. 3 units.

216. Foundations of International Economic Affairs. An interdisciplinary approach to understanding the functioning of the international economic system with particular reference to current trends, problems and policy options. **Prerequisite:** economics background or ECON 204. Spring only. 3 units.

218. Management of International Operations. Provides graduate students with an understanding of the management approaches of multi-national corporations in dealing with operational differences in various countries. Topics include such areas as: foreign investment decisions, relations with host governments, and organizational planning. Fall only. 3 units.

220. International Organization. This course examines the purpose, structure, administration and role of international organizations in the global system. The interaction of the United Nations, its affiliates, regional organizations, non-governmental international organizations and their impact on security, economic, social and environmental issues will be addressed. Fall only. 3 units.

222. Seminar in Comparative Politics. This seminar is the program capstone course in which students study the works of major theorists and methodologists in the field of comparative politics, sample representative literature of area specialists and apply an appropriate methodology to a brief original work. Cross-listed as GOVT 240, only one of these courses may be counted for credit. Spring only. 3 units.

295. Internship in International Affairs. A planned program of work with an approved agency such as the United Nations, governmental embassy, international business or local/state government operation. **Prerequisite:** permission of Graduate Coordinator. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

299. Special Problems. Independent research. **Note:** open only to International Affairs graduate students. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

500. Culminating Experience. Credit given upon successful completion of the thesis or project. **Note:** Open only to the graduate student who has advanced to candidacy in International Affairs. 3 units.