



Elliott

Choosing Your First Semester Courses

How many credits should I take? Nine hours is considered a full time course load for graduate students. It is suggested students take **9 or 10 hours** during their first semester at the Elliott School.

International students and those receiving fellowships are required to maintain full time enrollment through completion of their academic program.

Completing your program: Full-time MA students take between nine and twelve hours to complete the 40 hour program in four semesters. Other students may wish to tailor their schedules as follows:

- Students employed in full time positions might consider enrolling in 6 or 7 credits. *The minimum enrollment allowed for financial assistance eligibility is 4.5 credits.*
- Full-time MIPP student take between 9-12 credits per semester to complete the 27-credit program in one year including summer.

Graduate level courses at GW are numbered 6000 and higher (e.g. IAFF 6118). Elliott School Professional Skills Courses are one-credit courses numbered IAFF 6502-6504 (please note: a maximum of 4 skills are permitted to be used toward all Master's degrees).

Register for at least two core courses, if your program includes a core field, or core courses within a concentration/specialized field.

- Note: Core courses in the **International Affairs program**, *excluding* the fall-only Cornerstone (IAFF 6101) are offered **fall and spring terms**, while core courses in **other programs** may be offered in **fall or spring term**.

If you need to fulfill prerequisites or plan to continue language study, register for those courses first. The space remaining in your schedule can be devoted to courses in the core field/s.

Sample course selections are included here for consideration. Keep in mind **there are many course combinations** which are appropriate for your first semester. The options presented here reflect one of many possible combinations.

Full-Time Course Suggestions

(These suggestions assume student is starting in the fall semester. Please use the following as a guide and always refer to your program's website for more detailed information on curriculum requirements and course sequencing.)

MA – Asian Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/asian-studies-program-study>

Core Field Course (3 credits)

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Specialization Course (3 credits)

MA – European and Eurasian Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/european-and-urasian-studies-program-study>

IAFF 6321 – Colloquium on Europe and Eurasia (3 credits – *Required*)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

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Skills Course (1 credit)

MA – Global Communication:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/global-communication-program-study>

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course or Specialization Course (3 credits)

Skills Course (1 credit)

MA – International Affairs:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-affairs-program-study>

IAFF 6101 – IA Cornerstone (3 credits)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course or Concentration Course (3 credits)

Skills Course (1 credit)

MA – International Development Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-development-studies-program-study>

IAFF 6121 – IDS Cornerstone (3 credits – *Required*)

ECON 6250 – Survey of Economic Development (3 credits)

Research Methods Course or Concentration Course (3 credits)

MA – International Economic Policy:

<http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-investment-policy/curriculum>

ECON 6283 – Survey of International Trade Theory & Policy (3 credits – *Required*)

ECON 6284 – Survey of International Macroeconomic/Financial Theory (3 credits – *Required*)

Core Course (3 credits)

MA – International Science and Technology Policy:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-science-and-technology-policy-program-study>

IAFF 6141 – ISTP Cornerstone Course (3 credits)

Analytical Policy Course (3 credits)

Concentration Course (3 credits)

MA – Latin America and Hemispheric Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/latin-american-and-hemispheric-studies-program-study>

IAFF 6341 – LAHSP Cornerstone (3 credits)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field or Research Methods or Specialized Field Course (3 credits)

MA – Middle East Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/middle-east-studies-program-study>

IAFF 6361 – MES Cornerstone (3 credits)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course or Professional Specialization Field Course (3 credits)

Skills Course (1 credit)

MA – Security Policy Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/security-policy-studies-program-study>

Core Field Course – International Security (3 credits)

Concentration Field Course (3 credits)

Concentration Field Course or Tool Course (3 credits)

Skills Course (1 credit)

Master of International Policy and Practice:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-policy-and-practice-program-study>

IAFF 6211 – MIPP Leadership Practicum (3 credits)

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course or Specialization/Elective Course (3 credits)

Master of International Policy and Practice ONLINE:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-policy-and-practice-program-study>

IAFF 6212 - Strategy and Leadership (3 credits)

IAFF 6216 Economic Tools for Global Policy (3 credits)

Specialization/Elective Course (3 credits)

Master of International Studies:

<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-studies-program-study>

Core Field Course (3 credits)

Core Field Course or Major Field Course (3 credits)

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Graduate Certificate:

<http://elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-certificates>

Core Field Course (3 credits – if part of curriculum)

Targeted Course (3 credits)

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