Master of Arts in the Field of International Economic Policy

The master of arts (MA) in international economic policy degree program provides students with a firm understanding of international trade, international finance, and development economics. Students also acquire hard skills in accounting, corporate finance and quantitative analysis. Students pursue a tailored professional specialization associated with careers in the private sector, public sector, and nonprofit organizations. The program culminates in a two-semester capstone sequence in which students work in small teams on a contemporary policy or business issue.

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 15 credits in core courses, a 3-credit quantitative analysis course, a 4-credit capstone sequence, and 18 credits in a self-designed professional specialization.

Required (22 credits)

Core courses (15 credits)

- ACCY 6101 Financial Accounting *
- ECON 6250 Survey of Economic Development
- ECON 6283 Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy
- ECON 6284 Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy
- MBAD 6235 Finance *

Quantitative analysis course (3 credits)

- ECON 6374 Probability and Statistics for Economics
- or IAFF 6501 Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners
- or PPPA 6002 Research Methods and Applied Statistics

Capstone sequence (4 credits)

- IAFF 6898 Capstone Workshop
- IAFF 6899 Capstone Course

*Students who desire more rigorous quantitative methods coursework may substitute more advanced econometrics or mathematical economics courses for ACCY 6101 and MBAD 6235 with program director approval.

Self-designed professional specialization (18 Credits)

In addition to the required curriculum, students work with the program director to develop a self-designed professional specialization that includes at least six additional courses (18 credits). Up to 3 of these credits may be taken in professional skills courses (IAFF 6502 and/or IAFF 6503).