Joint International Relations and Economics Major

This major combines international economics, which is the study of markets and economic policy, with international political economy, which studies international institutions and the interactions of states with those institutions and each other motivated by tradeoffs among economic goals and considerations of power, national security, and citizen welfare. Study of economic theory as well as institutional arrangements allows students to understand consequences for the world economy including political and distributional consequences.

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Collateral course in Mathematics:

Any one of the following courses:
MATH 021 Calculus I 4
MATH 031 Honors Calculus I 4
MATH 051 Survey of Calculus I 4
MATH 075 Calculus I, Part A 4
& MATH 076 and Calculus I, Part B 4
MATH 081 Calculus with Business Applications 4

Required Courses (60-61 credits), as follows:

Introductory courses (2 courses/8 credits)
ECO 001 Principles of Economics 4
IR 010 Introduction to World Politics 4

IR Core Courses (4 courses/16 credits)
IR 100 Methods and Research Design 4
IR 225 International Political Economy 4

Any two of the following courses:
IR 105 Theories of International Relations 4
IR 210 Foreign Policy 4
IR 234 Great Power Politics 4
IR 235 International Security 4
IR 236 Causes of War 4

IR 237 National Security: The Military Instrument of Foreign Policy 4
IR 245 International Organization 4

Economics Core Courses (4 courses/12 credits)
ECO 029 Money, Banking and Financial Markets
ECO 045 Statistical Methods
ECO 105 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis or ECO 146 Applied Microeconomic Analysis
ECO1 19 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis

Advanced courses in IR (2 courses/8 credits)
Chosen from any IR courses 300-387 or 393

Advanced courses in Economics (2 courses/6 credits)
Chosen from ECO 303, ECO 339, ECO 340, ECO 345, ECO 371 (and ECO 343 which is offered only periodically)

Electives (3 courses/10-11 credits)
At least one course chosen from IR 200-387 or 393
At least one course chosen from ECO 200+ except ECO 258, 273, 362, and 371
The third may be from either of the two above categories

Recommended Economics electives:
ECO 203 Microfinance: Financial Inclusion for the Poor
ECO 209 Comparative Economic Systems
ECO 303 Economic Development
ECO 339 International Trade
ECO 340 International Finance
ECO 342 Economic Development in China
ECO 343 European Economic Integration
ECO 345 Political-Economy of Iraq

Recommended IR electives:
IR 222 Political Economy of North-South Relations
IR 321 Economic Relations of Advanced Industrial Societies
IR 322 Poverty and Development
IR 323 Political Economy of Industrialization and Development
IR 344 International Politics of Oil

Majors in this program may NOT minor or major in either Economics or IR