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 trade-offs 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 I 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 4
IR 234 Great Power Politics 4
IR 210 Foreign Policy 4
IR 220 Globalization and World Politics 4
IR 223 Work & Labor in a Global Economy 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 (3 courses/9 credits)
ECO 045 Statistical Methods 3
ECO 146 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis 3
ECO 119 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis 3

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)
ECO 234 The Economics of Gender and Race 3
ECO 303 Economic Development 3
ECO 304 Economic Growth 3
ECO 311 Environmental Economics 3
ECO 338 International Economics 3
ECO 339 International Trade 3
ECO 340 International Finance 3
ECO 342 Economic Development in China 3
ECO 345 Political Economy of Iraq 3

Electives (4 courses/13-14 credits)
At least one course chosen from IR 200-387 or 393
At least two courses chosen from ECO 200+ except
ECO 201, 259, 273, 274, 301, 362, 371 and 389
The fourth 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 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