

# MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY (STEM)

The Elliott School's master of arts in international economic policy (MIEP) is an interdisciplinary program that provides a strong foundation for understanding new challenges in the global economic system. The program provides analytical rigor and tailored professional specializations to help students pursue challenging careers in the private sector, public sector, and non-profit organizations.

Evening classes accommodate the busy schedules of working professionals and open pathways through which full-time students can explore internships in international organizations, consulting firms, and government agencies in Washington DC. The MIEP alumni network provides professional internship and job opportunities for students from all over the world.

This is a STEM designated program.

Visit the program website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-economic-policy/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

**Admissions** Fall: January 7th - Fellowship & Application Deadline deadline:

Spring: October 1st - Fellowship & Application Deadline  
Applications for admission will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis after the fellowship deadlines have passed, but students will not be considered for fellowships.

**Standardized test scores:** GRE and GMAT scores are not accepted and will not be considered in the review process. Please do not submit scores.

**Recommendations:** Two (2) letters are required. Applicants should submit one (1) academic letter from a professor and one (1) professional reference.

**Prior academic records:** Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

If academic records are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translations alone should be uploaded into the online application. Official transcripts and certified English translations will be required of applicants who are offered admission and choose to enroll.

**Statement of purpose:** All applicants are required to submit an essay of approximately 500 words that answers one of the two questions below:

State your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals, and what unique skills, talents and/or perspectives you will bring to your program. Please be specific.

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Please discuss an issue of international importance you wish to address in your professional career. Please include how the Elliott School and the academic program to which you have applied will prepare you to address this global issue.

**Additional requirements:** A resumé or curriculum vitae is required. Resumés/CVs must include dates of employment (if applicable) and date of degree conferral or expected degree conferral.

**Prerequisites:** Applicants to the MA International Economic Policy program must have completed both introductory microeconomics and introductory macroeconomics courses at the time of application.

Intermediate economic theory courses are helpful but not required.

**International applicants only:** International Applicants may be required to submit official English Language tests scores with their application. Please see the Elliott School's English Language Requirements for guidance on whether you need to take the TOEFL/IELTS/PTE. Please send official TOEFL scores to institution code 5246.

The minimum English Language Test Requirements can be found below:

Eligible for Admission & requires EAP Courses:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.0

TOEFL- 100 (internet test) 600 (paper test)

PTE- 68

Eligible for Admission & Exempt from EAP Courses\*\*:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.5

TOEFL- 105 (internet test) 650 (paper test) PTE- 72

\*\*Spring applicants must receive at least these scores to be considered for admission.

Please review International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
The Elliott School of International Affairs  
The George Washington University  
1957 E Street, NW, Suite 301

Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

esiagrad@gwu.edu ~ 202.994.7050 ~ 202.994.9537 (fax)

9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits, including 9 credits in core courses, 6 credits in quantitative analysis, a 2-credit capstone, and 13 credits in a self-designed professional specialization.

Students applying for the MA in international economic policy program must have completed an introductory microeconomics and an introductory macroeconomics course by the time of enrollment.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
Core courses (9 credits)		
ECON 6283	Survey of International Trade Theory and Policy	
ECON 6284	Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy	
ECON 6294	Topics in Economic Development	
Quantitative analysis (6 credits)		
IAFF 6501	Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs Practitioners	
IBUS 6101	Big Data for International Business	
PPPA 6002	Research Methods and Applied Statistics	
PPPA 6013	Regression Methods for Policy Research	
Other quantitative analysis courses can be taken with prior approval of the program director.		
Capstone (2 credits)		
IAFF 6899	Capstone Course	

Students complete a capstone project that most closely aligns with the thematic area of their coursework or with their career goals. The capstone course must be taken in the last semester of their plan of study.

IAFF 6899 Capstone Course

Professional specialization (13 Credits)

In addition to the required curriculum, students work with the program director to develop a self-designed professional specialization that includes four 3-credit courses and one 1-credit professional skills course (IAFF 6502 or IAFF 6503).

Students must complete degree requirements within three years of their admission to the program. Students who are temporarily unable to continue their studies can request a leave of absence not to exceed one year. Extensions beyond the three-year period can be granted in exceptional circumstances, but the student is required to register for continuous enrollment.

No more than 7 credits can be transferred into the program from accredited institutions or from non-degree status. Transfer credits can be accepted only under limited conditions, including length of time since the courses in question were completed, grades earned, and relevance to the student's program. Credit from foreign language courses is not eligible for transfer. Credit from a previously earned degree cannot be counted toward the degree. Due to the condensed nature of the program, semester study abroad programs are not permissible, but students can pursue external study abroad programs in the summer. Summer study abroad programs are not offered by ESIA International Exchange Partner schools. In all cases, studying abroad and credit transfers must be approved by the program director.

## COMBINED PROGRAMS

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- Joint Master of Arts in Elliott School programs and Master of Business Administration (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-mba-ma-international-affairs/>)
- Joint Master of Arts and Juris Doctor (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/graduate-programs/joint-ma-jd/>)