The master of arts (MA) in international trade and investment policy (ITIP) degree program trains students in critical areas of the economics, politics, and history of international trade as well as econometrics. The program provides additional specialized training in international economics or international business. Course work in these fields focuses on U.S. trade policy, the effects of international trade on developing countries, emerging market financial crises, and managing firms in developing countries. The program culminates in a one-semester capstone project in which students work in small teams on a contemporary policy problem.

Visit the program website (https://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-and-investment-policy) for additional program information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 40 credits, including 12 credits in core field courses, a 1-credit capstone course, 15 credits in elective courses, and 12 credits in a concentration. In addition, students must satisfy the program’s intermediate economics theory requirement.

**Intermediate economic theory requirement**

Students in the international trade and investment policy program must complete a course in both intermediate micro- and macroeconomics theory with a minimum grade of B. This requirement may be fulfilled in one of the following ways:

- Using a course completed at the undergraduate intermediate level with a minimum grade of B within 5 years of matriculation in the program. Such courses typically have titles that include microeconomics, price theory, or macroeconomics. Course titles with "principles of" or "introduction to" will not be at the required level of instruction.

- Completing ECON 6217 (https://www.gwu.edu/-bulletin/grad/econ.html#/6217) or PPPA 6014 (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/#coursestext), and ECON 6218 (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/#coursestext) at GW.

- Passing the intermediate proficiency examinations offered during the Elliott School’s fall orientation.

Ideally, students complete intermediate microeconomics before taking ECON 6283 (https://www.gwu.edu/-bulletin/grad/econ.html#/6283) and intermediate macroeconomics before taking ECON 6284 (https://www.gwu.edu/-bulletin/grad/econ.html#/6284).

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