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 (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-and-investment-policy/capstone) in which students work in small teams on a contemporary policy problem.

The faculty conducts research on international trade, finance, and macroeconomic issues, as well as the politics and history of international economics. These scholars and practitioners bring to the classroom intimate knowledge of international economic affairs garnered from their work as consultants and advisors at renowned financial, trade, policymaking, and government institutions.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs).

Prerequisite: a bachelor’s degree including one semester each of introductory micro- and macroeconomic principles and at least two years of a modern foreign language. Applicants are strongly advised to take an introductory statistics course and an intermediate micro- and macroeconomics sequence before beginning the program.

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

**Core field (12 credits):**

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Quantitative methods requirement

One of the following:

| IAFF 6198 Special Topics in International Trade and Investment Policy |

**Major field (12 credits):**

At least four (4) courses from one of the following areas of study:

- Development Economics
- Finance
- International Business
- International Economic Policy Analysis

**Elective course work (15 credits):**

In accounting and finance, economic analysis, history and political science courses focused on a region, foreign language study (up to 6 credits) or special one-credit skills courses (up to 3 credits)

**Capstone course (1 credit):**

| IAFF 6199 International Trade and Investment Policy Capstone |

A language proficiency requirement (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-and-investment-policy/foreign-language) in a modern foreign language. The ability to communicate across cultures in more than one language is a distinguishing and expected skill of the international affairs professional. Therefore, completion of the M.A. in International Trade and Investment Policy requires a demonstrated oral and reading proficiency in a modern foreign language.

Students must have completed intermediate micro- and macroeconomics (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-and-investment-policy/economic-theory) theory courses prior to receiving the International Trade and Investment Policy degree.

For more information including major fields (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-and-investment-policy/major-field), visit the program website (http://elliott.gwu.edu/international-trade-investment-policy).