

ONLINE REGISTRATION [WWW.JHUBC.IT/PRETERM](http://WWW.JHUBC.IT/PRETERM)

REGISTRATION DATES MAY 15TH TO JULY 5, 2011

PRE-REQUISITES PRIOR TO REGISTRATION FOR PRE-TERM, ALL INCOMING STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF HAVING PASSED, OR BE ENROLLED IN, A COURSE COVERING PRINCIPLES OF MICRO- AND MACROECONOMICS.  
The registration deadline for the SAIS online Principles of Economics course is Tuesday, MAY 17. The course runs from Wednesday, May 25–Sunday, August 21, 2011. See the SAIS – DC website at:  
<http://www.sais-jhu.edu/academics/non-degree/principles-of-economics/index.htm>

COURSE OFFERINGS The SAIS Bologna Center offers a number of different courses during pre-term that runs from late August to late September. The courses offered include two CORE courses – ‘Theories of International Relations’ and ‘Comparative National Systems’ – and two ECONOMICS courses – ‘Microeconomics’ and ‘Macroeconomics’. In addition, the Bologna Center offers courses in ‘Intensive Italian’, ‘Survival Italian’, and ‘Intensive English’.

SCHEDULE Language courses run from Monday, August 29 through Friday, September 23;  
Core and Economics courses run from Monday, August 29 through Monday, September 26.

Survival Italian or Intensive English	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0900 – 11	Core CNS Micro A/B	TA or Review Session	Core CNS Micro A/B	TA or Review Session	Core CNS Micro A/B
1100 – 1300	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian
1300 – 1400	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1400 – 1600	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian	Intensive English Survival Italian
1600 – 1700	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1700 – 1900	CORE IR Macro Micro C	TA or Review Session	CORE IR Macro Micro C	TA or Review Session	CORE IR Macro Micro C

Intensive Italian	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0900 – 1100	Core CNS Micro A/B	TA or Review Session	Core CNS Micro A/B	TA or Review Session	Core CNS Micro A/B
1100 – 1400	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian
1400 – 1500	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1500 – 1700	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian	Intensive Italian
1700 – 1900	CORE IR Theories Macro Micro C	TA or Review Session	CORE IR Theories Macro Micro C	TA or Review Session	CORE IR Theories Macro Micro C

## DESCRIPTIONS

**Intensive Italian (Beginner)** This course is the mainstay of the pre-term curriculum. This is the best way to learn Italian and so to get the most out of living in Italy. Only beginner level classes are offered during pre-term. This course will give those with no previous background in Italian the chance to take the Italian Proficiency exam at the end of the academic year. It may be combined with a CORE or ECONOMICS pre-term course, but the workload is likely to be so heavy that such a program of study is discouraged. Participants will be divided according to previous language background and aptitude through a placement test on the first day of class. Classes meet for five hours a day for a total of approximately 100 hours. Student spouses and partners may also participate in this course.

**Intensive English** This course is designed to help students who are not native speakers of the English language achieve the academic level necessary to get the most out of a graduate-level SAIS education. The course seeks to facilitate sufficient fluency for students to follow lectures, participate in discussions and write papers in English. It includes: academic writing, vocabulary building, short lectures by faculty, oral presentations, a research paper and an introduction to the use of library resources. The course is oriented towards the subjects taught at the Bologna Center and aims to give the students the confidence necessary to participate actively in the Bologna Center program. Students with a TOEFL score between 100-105 or an IELTS score of 7.5 or below are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to participate in the Intensive English course. Classes meet four hours a day and the course is considered to be as much of a work commitment as "Intensive Italian". Hence, while 'Intensive English' may be combined with attendance in a CORE or ECONOMICS course, the workload is likely to be so heavy that such a combined program of study is discouraged.

**Some non-native English-speaking students may be REQUIRED to participate in the Intensive English course, as deemed necessary by the Admissions Committee. Such requirements are indicated in the candidate's letter of admission.**

**Survival Italian** This course is reserved for students taking a pre-term economics and/or core course. It introduces students to the basic structures of the Italian language and facilitates participation in Italian daily life. Only beginner level classes are offered during pre-term. Classes meet two hours a day for a total of approximately 40 hours. It is not recorded on the transcript.

This is a much lower time commitment than the intensive course and so it can be paired more easily with attendance in either a CORE or an ECONOMICS course. Theoretically, a student could follow 'Survival Italian' in addition to two courses from either the CORE or ECONOMICS lists, but this would be an extremely heavy workload and so is not recommended.

*(see also the detailed information on the language program for language-course offerings during the regular academic year).*

## CORE AND ECONOMICS COURSES

The pre-term CORE and ECONOMICS courses are designed to be followed individually. Each course involves an intensive program of study that would ordinarily take place over a complete semester. Students may enroll in a combination of these courses, but the workload involved is likely to be considerable and so a combined program of study is not recommended.

## ECONOMICS

Pre-term ECONOMICS courses – meaning ‘Microeconomics’ and ‘Macroeconomics’ – will run for 26 hours of class time. Microeconomics will also include at least three hours per week in recitation (TA) sessions. These courses may include a two-hour mid-term examination to be scheduled on either a Tuesday or a Thursday during the week starting 11 September – ie approximately half way through the course material. A final examination will also be scheduled during orientation. The pre-term ECONOMICS courses will be graded on a pass-fail basis. The grade will be determined by the course professor as a weighted average of mid-term, final, problem sets, and class participation.

Passing the Micro- or Macroeconomics course in preterm enables students to fulfill part of the economics requirement for the M.A. or M.A.I.A. program, thereby leaving more space in their academic program for non-economics courses. However, preterm courses do not count for credit toward the overall number of courses required for any SAIS degree program.

Because Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics are required before beginning M.A. work at SAIS, **students with no background in microeconomics and/or macroeconomics are reminded that they must pass the SAIS Online Principles of Economics course or an equivalent course outside SAIS before taking the intermediate level courses.**

### Note:

1. *Students who expect to pursue the M.A. degree in Washington and who wish to have a specialization in economics must have either passed the relevant waiver exams or taken intermediate microeconomics and/or macroeconomics during pre-term, preferably both, before the beginning of the academic year.*
2. *Students are strongly discouraged from taking both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics in pre-term, unless they have an extensive background in economics or another field requiring strong quantitative skill.*
3. *Students in the International Development program must have passed the Microeconomics requirement prior to the beginning of the academic year.*

## Microeconomics

This pre-term course is the equivalent of the standard one-semester course at SAIS. It gives students with a limited background in economics the opportunity to receive in advance a systematic presentation of **microeconomics at an intermediate level**. It satisfies the microeconomics requirement at SAIS and also enables students to take classes with a microeconomics prerequisite (for example, International Trade Theory) during the first semester in Bologna. Topics include individual decision-making in situations of scarcity; consumer behavior and demand; labor supply and demand; theory of the firm; production, cost and supply; market structure and resource allocation; factor prices and distribution; and market failure and the role of government. Students should be aware that the intensive course, like the microeconomics course offered during the academic year, requires recent familiarity with basic algebra, functions, graphical analysis and basic calculus.

## Macroeconomics

This pre-term course is the equivalent of the standard one-semester course at SAIS. It gives students with a limited background in economics the opportunity to receive in advance a systematic presentation of macroeconomics at an intermediate level. It satisfies the macroeconomics requirement at SAIS and allows students to take more advanced courses having macroeconomics as a prerequisite (for example, International Monetary Theory). Topics include national income accounting and the balance of payments; output determination in an open economy; models of inflation and unemployment; fiscal and monetary policy; exchange rate determination; and international interdependence through trade and investment flows.

## CORE COURSES

The pre-term CORE courses – meaning ‘Theory of International Relations’ and ‘Comparative National Systems’ – will run for 26 hours of class time and will be offered subject to a minimum enrollment of 10 students. Although the professors may provide practice assignments to help students to prepare to complete the CORE requirements, these courses will not include any in-

class mid-term examination. These courses will be graded using the standard pre-term grading system. The grade will be determined by performance on the relevant CORE examinations held during orientation.

<b>Theories of International Relations</b>	This course aims to provide a set of tools for explaining basic patterns of international conflict and cooperation. The course examines leading schools of thought, including Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism and surveys topics such as: strategic bargaining among states, nuclear deterrence, international change, international institutions, international economic forces and their impact on national policies, domestic political regimes and foreign policy, decision-making, the future of international relations.
<b>Comparative National Systems</b>	The purpose of this course is to introduce students to comparative politics. The focus is on advanced industrial societies, but the models and concepts are broadly applicable. The course begins with an introduction to the state as an organizing principle. It then considers politics, political economy, and the current challenges presented by recent changes both within states and between them.
<b>GRADING</b>	Students who pass a pre-term course (with the exception of survival Italian), will receive a grade of 'P' for Pass or 'HP' for High Pass for the course on their transcript. The course will be dropped from the record of those who do not pass and will not appear on the transcript. Survival Italian does not appear on the transcript.
<b>PRE-TERM COURSE FEES</b>	<b>All pre-term courses cost €800, except for Survival Italian which costs €400</b> <b>The fee for two courses (excluding Survival Italian) is €1,400.</b>
<b>Refund Policy</b>	<b>The pre-term course deposit is not refundable.</b>
<b>Language courses</b>	Language course fees, less the non-refundable deposit, will be refunded to students who communicate their withdrawal to the Business Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 2. Thereafter, no refunds will be granted.
<b>Economics and Core courses</b>	For non-language pre-term courses (economics and Core), the course fee, less the non-refundable deposit, will be refunded to students who communicate their withdrawal to the Bologna Center Business Office by close of business (5 p.m.) on Friday, September 2. One half of fee (after the deposit has been deducted) will be refunded to students who communicate their withdrawal to the Bologna Center Business Office by close of business on Friday, September 9. Thereafter, no refunds will be granted.

<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL PRETERM COURSES</b>	<b><u>TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011</u></b> <b>A deposit of €200 for <u>EACH COURSE</u> is payable online upon registration. We cannot guarantee a place in any pre-term course after that deadline.</b>
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**HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY THE DEPOSIT** Pre-term registration (and deposit payment) will be available online (credit card) at: [www.jhubc.it/preterm](http://www.jhubc.it/preterm) (under Admissions, Incoming Students) from **May 15<sup>th</sup> onwards**.

**Fees may be paid in their entirety online at the time of Registration (July 5). Otherwise, the balance must be paid by the first day of your pre-term class(s) in the Bologna Center Business Office by means of: credit card, personal check (US\$ or €), wire/bank transfer or cash.**