

This is an abbreviated guideline and may change before the beginning of the academic year. All students interested in pursuing the SAIS-M.A. should read carefully the requirements for the program which they intend to follow on the SAIS Website: <http://www.sais-jhu.edu/academics/index.htm>.

M.A. BOLOGNA-WASHINGTON (TWO-YEARS)

Residence Requirement: The SAIS M.A. degree in International Relations normally requires two years of full-time study during which candidates generally take four courses each semester and study a modern foreign language.

Concentrations: Students must meet the requirements for two academic programs. **International Economics must be one of the two.** The other may be chosen from the International Relations or International Development field, or one of the geographic area programs: Africa, American Foreign Policy, Asia, Europe, Russia & Eurasia, Middle East, the Western Hemisphere Studies (Canadian/Latin American programs). Relevant regional concentrations can be complemented with an Emerging Markets specialization. Within economics, interested students may choose to pursue a specialization in one of three areas (see *International Economics* at the back of this handout).

Those who applied and were admitted to the International Development program (limited enrollment) will automatically be assigned to that program. Please read carefully the information posted on the SAIS-DC website under Academic Programs, International Development.

Before selecting the second concentration, students should study carefully the requirements outlined below and in the SAIS catalogue which can be found in the admissions section of the SAIS Washington website. Academic advisors are available prior to fall semester registration and throughout the year to assist students in their course selection. Generally, no more than six courses are necessary to prepare for a concentration. Those who wish to pursue a program in which the Bologna Center has limited course offerings should plan their program of study carefully and consult closely with the academic advisor. **Generally speaking, the Bologna Center is inappropriate for a concentration in Asian Studies, but it is technically possible by taking all but one of the six required courses during the second year in DC. However, Asian languages are not offered in Bologna.**

Core Requirements: To ensure a comprehensive background in international relations, M.A. candidates must pass examinations in at least two of the following core subjects:

Evolution of the International System
Theories of International Relations
America and the World Since 1945
Comparative National Systems

Core examinations are offered at the Bologna Center three times during the academic year: during orientation in October and again at the end of each semester. Recent syllabi for core examinations are available on the Bologna website, under Admissions, Incoming Students. Updated syllabi are available at the beginning of each semester. Students are expected to pass two CORE exams by the beginning of their third semester. M.A. candidates are not permitted to take their final oral examinations until they have fulfilled the CORE requirement.

Students may prepare for a Core examination by studying on their own, auditing or enrolling for credit in a Core course. Core exams are graded with a letter grade. Students have the option to take the exam a second time to improve their grade. Only the higher grade will be recorded on the transcript. This does not apply to students enrolled in a core course, in which case the grade received is final. Students who fail a Core exam twice are required to enroll in the Core course for credit.

Those who choose to concentrate in **European Studies** must pass three European Studies **Comprehensive Exams instead of the Core exams.**

Course Requirements: M.A. candidates must complete successfully sixteen courses taken for credit in addition to any foreign language course -- normally within four consecutive semesters of study. M.A. students enrolled at the Bologna Center are also required to complete one full academic year in residence at SAIS in Washington, with the exception of joint degree candidates who may spend only one semester in full-time residence at SAIS in Washington.

Language Requirement: M.A. candidates must pass a written and oral proficiency examination in a modern foreign language. Non-native English-speaking students must pass the English Proficiency exam. See requirements on the SAIS DC website for specific or additional language requirements for academic programs.

M.A. Oral Examination: Beginning in the academic year 2010-11, the M.A. Oral Exam will no longer be a requirement for M.A. candidates. However, the top 30% of the graduating class will have the option to take an oral exam to determine graduation “with honors”. Those who either opt out of the oral exam or are not eligible will need to complete a non-economics, program-centered capstone in order to meet the M.A. graduation requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE M.A.

International Economics:

This is a required program for all M.A. students. All MA students must take 4-6 economics courses, depending on their prior background. See International Economics at the Bologna Center at the end of this information sheet.

European Studies:

The Bologna Center is particularly advantageous for those students who wish to specialize in European Studies.

Requirements:

- ✓ Taking one country course on France, Germany, Britain or Italy.
- ✓ Passing a proficiency exam in one of the major European languages, preferably French or German.
- ✓ Passing three comprehensive examinations (COMPs):
 1. Modern European History (1600-1945)
 2. Pan European Political Economy (post-1945)
 3. Europe in the World since 1945

These examinations substitute for the SAIS core requirements. They are given three times a year: in October, December/January, and April/May). The syllabus for the COMP exams, sample past exams, and program guidelines are available online, and will be updated over the summer. Hard copies will also be available upon arrival.

International Relations

International Relations is a broad field that allows concentration in specific IR programs for students wishing to specialize and general training in the subject for students wishing to achieve a wider appreciation of international politics. The field is composed of a number of programs: Global Theory and History (GT); International Law and Institutions (IL); Conflict Management (CM); Energy, Resources and Environment (ERE); Strategic Studies (Strat).

Requirements:

- ✓ Passing of the core exam *Theories of International Relations* by the end of the second semester in Bologna.
- ✓ Passing six courses in the field. Those courses must be taken in at least three different programs within IR.
- ✓ Fulfilling special requirements of the specific IR program, if the student chooses to concentrate in one.
- ✓ Bologna Center students must take at least three of the IR courses at SAIS in Washington, although there is no limit to the number of IR courses they may choose to take in Bologna.

International Development

The SAIS International Development (IDEV) Program provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of developing countries, with the aim of preparing students for careers in development. A limited number of students will be admitted to this program. IDEV courses are open to all SAIS students on a space-available basis.

Requirements:

- ✓ Having completed intermediate microeconomics before beginning the program.
- ✓ Passing seven courses in the program plus the core exam Comparative National Systems.
- ✓ Choosing one of four tracks:
 1. Finance and Development
 2. Politics and Governance
 3. Human Development
 4. Global Health and Development

In addition, IDEV students can opt for (1) a specialization in Development Economics, which is offered through the SAIS International Economics Program; or (2) a specialization in Emerging Markets, which is administered through the IDEV program. Detailed information on the IDEV program is available at: <http://www.sais-jhu.edu/academics/functional-studies/international-development/index.htm>.

American Foreign Policy

Students who choose American Foreign Policy as their second academic program should understand the history, culture, process and politics of America's foreign relations, as well as the main contemporary issues in US foreign policy.

Requirements:

- ✓ Successful completion of a minimum of five courses in the program.
- ✓ Passing the core exam: ***America and the World since 1945***.
- ✓ Presentation of a major research paper on a subject approved by a full-time AFP faculty member.

Russian and Eurasian Studies (RES)

Requirements:

- ✓ Successful completion of at least six RES courses.
- ✓ Passing the language proficiency exam in Russian or, with special permission from the program director, another East European or Russian Area language.
- ✓ Passing of the RES written comprehensive examination.

Western Hemisphere Studies (Latin American Studies/Canadian Studies)

Requirements for the Latin American Studies Program:

- ✓ Successful completion of at least six courses including one course in Canadian Studies.
- ✓ Passing the Latin American History exam during the first semester.
- ✓ Students at the Bologna Center must take the following courses for credit: ***A Survey of Modern Latin American Politics*** and ***Economic Survey of Latin America***. The former fulfills the requirement for the WHS core course ***Theory and Practice of Politics in Latin America*** offered at SAIS in Washington.
- ✓ Passing the proficiency exam in Spanish or Portuguese.

CORE EXAMS

Prospective M.A. candidates who wish to acquire some background in the Core examination areas during the summer may wish to read the following texts:

Evolution of the International System

Thomson, David., *Europe Since Napoleon* (1815-1945)

- (OR) Breunig, Charles and Levinger, Matthew, *The Revolutionary Era, 1789-1850*
 Rich, Norman, *The Age of Nationalism and Reform, 1850-1890*
 Gilbert, Felix and Large, David, *The End of the European Era 1890 to the Present*
AND
 Kissinger, Henry, *Diplomacy*.

America and the World Since 1945:

(One of the following texts, or another text covering U.S. foreign policy since 1945)

Gaddis, J.L. *Strategies of Containment*, 2005

Ambrose, *Rise to Globalism*

Theories of International Relations:

J. Dougherty and R. Pfaltzgraff, *Contending Theories of International Relation*, Longman, 2001 (5th ed.)

K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, Addison-Wesley, 1979

R. Art & R. Jervis, *International Politics. Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, Longman, 2006 (8th ed.).

Comparative National Systems:

Hall, Peter A., and David Soskice, eds., *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*, Oxford University Press (2001).

Keman, Hans, ed. *Comparative Democratic Politics*, London: Sage (2002).

Kitschelt, Herbert, et.al., eds., *Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism*, Cambridge University Press (1999).

Detailed syllabi for the CORE exams are available on the Bologna Center webpage under Admissions/Incoming Students.

M.A.I.A. DEGREE (TWO YEARS AT THE BOLOGNA CENTER)

Students entering the MAIA program from the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, or the University of Bologna, Master's Program in Int'l and Diplomatic Sciences, should request the detailed MAIA requirements from the Bologna Center Registrar immediately upon acceptance of admission, and be prepared to TAKE THE WAIVER EXAM IN INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS AND MACROECONOMICS IN THE JUNE/JULY SESSION. THOSE WHO DO NOT PASS THESE WAIVER EXAMS IN JUNE/JULY MUST TAKE MICROECONOMICS IN PRETERM.

Those interested in spending a second year at the Bologna Center must make a formal application to this program at the end of their first semester. The main element of the application is the presentation of a proposal for the thesis to the supervisor by mid-December of their first semester at the Center. A copy of the final proposal must be presented to the Registrar by the beginning of the second semester. Non-native English speakers must have passed the written part of the English language proficiency exam **prior** to admission to this program. All candidates must also demonstrate progress in meeting the basic economics requirement prior to admission.

Degree Requirements:

Thesis: The central requirement for the M.A.I.A. degree is the presentation and defense of a research thesis (approximately 20 thousand words including footnotes and bibliography). The topic of the thesis must be different from any written by the candidate for any previous degree. Choice of the topic will depend upon the availability of faculty members to provide supervision and to direct the research. The defense of the thesis normally takes place at the end of the second year.

Courses: Candidates must complete at least 14 courses with a grade of "B" or better, eight of which must be completed in their first year. International Trade Theory and International Monetary Theory are required courses.

Program Requirements: Candidates are required to pass a comprehensive oral examination in TWO of the following four areas at the end of their third semester:

International Economics - compulsory for all, **AND**
EITHER:
 European Area Studies (or)
 International Relations (or)
 American Foreign Policy

Language Requirement: Native English speakers are required to pass a proficiency examination in one of the foreign languages offered at the Center. Non-native English speakers must pass the English proficiency examination.

Full details on M.A.I.A. admission and requirements are available from the Registrar's Office upon arrival.

ONE-YEAR M.I.P.P. (BOLOGNA OR WASHINGTON)

Candidates for the Master of International Public Policy degree are mid-career professionals, with at least nine years of full-time work experience (after graduating from university), whose careers are related to international affairs. Candidates must successfully complete any eight courses (in addition to any language courses they may choose) within one academic year on a full-time basis or within a two-year period on a half-time basis. Non-native English speakers must pass the English proficiency examination. MIPP students planning to attend the Bologna Center should be aware that normally only one or two MIPP students attend the Bologna Center each year. MIPP students attend courses together with students in the other programs offered (Diploma, M.A., M.A.I.A.). The average age of students at the Bologna Center is approximately 26.

BOLOGNA CENTER DIPLOMA (ONE-YEAR)

All students who successfully complete the requirements indicated below (regardless of whether or not they plan to continue for a second year) are eligible to receive the one-year Bologna Center diploma.

Course Requirements: successful completion of eight courses, not including language courses, usually in two consecutive semesters of full-time residence.

Language Requirement: Non-native English speakers are required to pass the English proficiency examination, or successfully complete two semester courses in advanced English. Native English speakers must pass a language proficiency exam in any of the languages offered at the Center or two semester courses in any of these languages. The intensive Italian course offered in pre-term can be counted as a one-semester language course. This does not apply to the intensive English course.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AT SAIS

DESCRIPTION: The SAIS international economics program is designed to provide students with an understanding of the international economic system, enabling them to work effectively on international matters in both the private and public sectors.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT: All students entering SAIS must have passed a course in *Principles of Microeconomics* and *Principles of Macroeconomics* (or one course covering both Micro- and Macro). Students who have not passed these courses at the time of admission must pass the ONLINE Principles of Economics course (covering both Micro- and Macroeconomics) during the summer prior to enrollment, OR a course equivalent to the SAIS ONLINE course at another institution. If this requirement applies to you, it is indicated in your letter of admission. **Make sure not to miss the registration deadline: May 18.** Detailed information is available on the SAIS DC website under Non-Degree Programs. Students opting to take an equivalent course elsewhere during the summer must provide proof of having received a passing grade by the registration deadline for the fall.

MATH REQUIREMENT: students should be prepared to use mathematical tools to meet the economics course requirements. For that purpose, the Bologna Center provides pre-calculus and basic calculus reviews in DVD format to assist students with their math preparation. Students will take a diagnostic math quiz at the beginning of pre-term or during orientation period.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

M.A. candidates must successfully complete four to six courses in international economics:

1. Microeconomics (intermediate level) – offered in pre-term and **fall only**
2. Macroeconomics (intermediate level) – offered in pre-term, fall and spring
3. International Trade Theory – offered fall and spring
4. International Monetary Theory – offered fall and spring
5. Additional elective course in economics
6. Additional elective course in economics

The exact number of required courses depends on a student's previous background in economics. Those who have already passed an intermediate level course in Micro- and/or Macroeconomics may petition to take a waiver exam to demonstrate their competence in those areas (see Waiver Exams below).

WAIVER EXAMS:

Waiver exams are offered online by the Economics Department at SAIS in Washington, D.C.

In order to take a waiver exam, admitted students must submit a petition, accompanied by a transcript showing a passing grade in an equivalent university course, to econwaiver@jhu.edu at least two weeks prior to the exam. The waiver exam schedule for 2010-11 is:

June 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)	<i>These waiver exams can be taken online anywhere in the world providing you have a computer and internet access. It is also advisable to have a printer available to print out the result at the end of the exam!</i>
June 30-July 1 (Wed.-Thur.)	<i>These waiver exams must be taken on-campus and are proctored.</i>
Sept. 27-28 (Mon.-Tue.)	<i>The Microeconomics waiver is NOT offered in the December session.</i>
Dec. 1-2 (Wed.-Thur.)	

MICRO- AND MACROECONOMICS are taught at the "intermediate level" of U.S. universities. It is for this reason that entering students must have passed introductory courses in Micro- and Macroeconomics. Those who have also **passed an intermediate level Micro- or Macroeconomics course** may petition to take a waiver exam to demonstrate their competence. Those who pass the waiver exams can avoid repeating courses they already took and go directly to International Trade Theory (for which Microeconomics is a prerequisite) and/or International Monetary Theory (for which Macroeconomics is a prerequisite). The Microeconomics waiver exam must be taken prior to the beginning of the academic year as the Microeconomics course is not offered in the spring. It is also preferable to take Macroeconomics prior to the beginning of the academic year.

INT'L TRADE AND MONETARY THEORY: Students who have previously passed **equivalent course(s)** in these topics can also apply to take the corresponding waiver exams, although the number of students who pass these waiver exams is low!

STATISTICS: A waiver exam also exists for Statistics, which is a pre-requisite for Econometrics.

Once approved, you will receive an email with information on how to take the online waiver exam. Further information is available at:

http://www.sais-jhu.edu/programs/econ/basic_economics_courses.html#onlinewaiverexam.

Those who do not pass the Microeconomics waiver exam should plan to take Microeconomics during pre-term or in the fall semester (**Microeconomics is not offered in the Spring semester**). Those who do not pass the Macroeconomics waiver exam should plan to take Macroeconomics in pre-term, or during the Fall or Spring semester of their first year. Those who take Microeconomics or Macroeconomics in pre-term do not need to take the corresponding waiver exam, as passing the pre-term course demonstrates adequate knowledge of the material.

Economics Specializations at SAIS

As an option to the international economics requirement described above, interested students can pursue a specialization in one of three specific areas of economics:

1. Quantitative Methods and Economic Theory
2. International Finance
3. Development Economics

Please note, however, that students who enter SAIS without having passed either the Micro- or Macroeconomics waiver exam, or one of the pre-term economics courses, are discouraged from doing a specialization in economics.

For further information on the SAIS economics program and specializations, please consult the SAIS-Washington website at:
<http://www.sais-jhu.edu/programs/econ/index.html>

All students are invited to discuss their economics course choices with the resident economics faculty at the beginning of the academic year prior to registration for courses.

A note on pre-term (see also detailed information sheets):

Preterm is not mandatory, but it is strongly advised particularly for students planning to complete the two-year M.A. program. In terms of sequencing, Microeconomics should be taken before Macroeconomics. Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Int'l Trade Theory and Int'l Monetary Theory should be completed by the end of the third semester of the MA.