**INTERNATIONAL POLICY**

Courses offered by the Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy are listed under the subject code INTLPOL on the Stanford Bulletin’s ExploreCourses website [here](https://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/explorecourses). For details on the content, see the [Office of Graduate Admissions](https://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/explorecourses) website. All questions about this bulletin can be directed to the MIP program office, and one scanned copy electronically uploaded to the online application.

**Mission**

The Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy (MIP), is an interdisciplinary program devoted to rigorous analysis of international policy issues in diplomacy, governance, cyber and international security, global health, and environmental policy. The program is designed to integrate perspectives from political science, law, economics, history, and other disciplines, while also incorporating research opportunities and a focus on implementation and administration of solutions addressing global problems. The MIP program combines a scholarly focus with practical training designed to prepare students for careers in public service and other settings where they can have an impact on international issues.

The program allows students to specialize in cyber policy and security; energy, natural resources, and the environment; global health; governance and development; or international security. Established in 1982, and subsequently renamed as the Ford Dorsey Program in International Policy Studies (IPS) in 2007, the program was redesigned for 2018-19.

University requirements for the M.A. degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees ([http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees](http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees))" section of this bulletin.

**Learning Outcomes (Graduate)**

The purpose of the master’s program is to help students develop knowledge and skills in preparation for professional careers in international policy and related fields. This is achieved through completion of required courses in the core curriculum and area of specialization, elective courses in primary and related areas, and the capstone policy studio course. Students are also encouraged to gain experience through a summer internship and research skills through assistantships with Stanford faculty. Graduates from the Master of Arts in International Policy will demonstrate an advanced understanding of international issues pertaining to governance, security, diplomacy, and other related areas, and will have a depth of knowledge in interpreting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data.

**Admission**

To apply, or for information on graduate admission, see the Office of Graduate Admissions ([https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu](https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu)) website. Applications for admission in Autumn Quarter must be filed with supporting credentials by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

**Prerequisite Course Work**

The MIP program has a quantitatively rigorous core curriculum and requires University-level courses in microeconomics and macroeconomics taken either as part of a student’s undergraduate education, at another accredited educational institution, or through an approved online course. In addition, while not required, the program strongly encourages applicants to complete an introductory course in statistics. An understanding of calculus may also be useful in preparation for the Research Methods course sequence. For details on the content of each prerequisite course, see the MIP Frequently Asked Questions ([https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/faq](https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/faq)) website. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the start of classes in late September; however, they do not need to be completed at the time of application.

**Application Materials**

In addition to the web-based application, applicants must submit the following materials:

- Statement of purpose on relevant personal, academic, and career plans and goals
- Official transcripts (two original sets, which are mailed to the MIP program office, and one scanned copy electronically uploaded to the online application)
- Stanford students, and alumni with an active SUNetID and password, may request an official eTranscript to be sent from Stanford University and automatically deposited into the application; in this case, hard copies are not required.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Three letters of recommendation
- TOEFL scores (only required of applicants who are non-native English speakers and who did not attend undergraduate institutions where English is the language of instruction; please see Graduate Admissions ([https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu/about/frequently-asked-questions/gre-and-toefl](https://gradadmissions.stanford.edu/about/frequently-asked-questions/gre-and-toefl)) for additional information)

Applicants are expected to have a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited school.

Applicants should plan to review the [Admissions section](https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/admissions) of the MIP website as well as the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/faq).

**Master of Arts in International Policy**

University requirements for the master’s degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees ([http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees](http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees))" section of this bulletin.

(The Master of Arts in International Policy program is referred to below as "MIP")

**Degree Requirements**

To earn the M.A. in International Policy, students matriculating in Autumn Quarter 2019 must complete the courses listed in the curriculum below. These requirements include:

- **Core — 31 units**
  - All courses should be completed during the first year
- **Area of Specialization — 20 units; including:**
  - Two required courses
  - Three or more additional courses (see the "Specialization Courses (p. 5)" tab on this page for approved options)
- **Customized Electives — 20 units**
  - Elective courses selected by the student to augment the course of study
- **Capstone — 9 units**
  - Students must enroll in the policy studio course for winter and spring in their second year

The minimum number of units required to graduate is 80.
See “MIP Academic Policies” below for details on the degree requirements.

Students who matriculated prior to Autumn Quarter 2019-20 should review their degree requirements by visiting the University’s Archived Bulletins (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/#text).

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Customized Electives 20

International Policy related courses, mostly taken in year 2

Practicum 9

INTLPOP 310 Policy Change Studio (x2) 4

INTLPOP 310A Capstone Field Research 1

Total Units 80

Area of Specialization Curriculum

Students are required to choose one area of specialization from the list below and complete at least five courses within the specialization for a minimum of 20 total units. Each area of specialization has two required courses, which must be taken during the first year and prior to enrolling in subsequent courses, except when feasible due to core course scheduling conflicts. Additionally, each area of specialization has a list of approved courses, which can be found under the “Specialization Courses” tab of this page. At least three additional courses must be taken from this list.

Area of Specialization Requirements:

1. Students must select an area of specialization during Autumn Quarter of their first year of the program. The area of specialization, or subplan per University terminology, must be entered by the student in Axess (https://axess.stanford.edu). A. Changes to a student’s area of specialization may be allowed, with permission from the academic services team, through the end of the first academic year.

2. Students must complete the two required courses within the area of specialization, and at least three courses from a list of approved courses for a minimum total of 20 units.

3. All course work must be taken for a letter grade.

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MIP Academic Policies

The University’s general requirements, applicable to all graduate degrees at Stanford, are listed in the “Graduate Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#doctoraltext)” section of this bulletin. In addition, the MIP-specific degree requirement academic policies are listed below.

Core Courses

All core courses must be completed during the first year of the program. The only exemption is for coterm, dual, or joint degree students who have conflicts with courses in their other degree program. In this instance, prior approval from MIP is required to move a core course to the second year. Note the additional guidance on first-year core courses:

- INTLPOP 301A and INTLPOP 301B are a sequenced series. Students are required to enroll in the first course (301A) during Autumn Quarter and the second course (301B) during Winter Quarter.
- Students are required to enroll in INTLPOP 300A and INTLPOP 302 for Autumn Quarter.
- Students are required to enroll in INTLPOP 306 for Winter Quarter.
- Students are required to enroll in INTLPOP 305, INTLPOP 307, and INTLPOP 308, for Spring Quarter.

Customized Electives

Students must submit an explanatory memo to the program’s academic services office detailing their choice of courses for the 20 units of elective courses by the end of Winter Quarter in Year 2. These courses must be related to international policy, broadly understood. Students may choose to: take additional courses in their area of specialization; build their own sub-specialization (e.g., area studies, computational social science certificate); enroll in language courses; or, minor in another program specialization.

Capstone

Students enroll in INTLPOP 310 for both Winter Quarter and Spring Quarter of the second year of the program. Additionally, students enroll in INTLPOP 310A, which is the field research component, in Spring Quarter of the second year of the program.

Directed Readings

Students may arrange directed reading courses to be applied towards the Areas of Specialization or Customized Electives if the current course offerings do not meet particular research or study needs. Directed reading courses are independent study projects students may undertake with Stanford faculty members. Once the student has identified a faculty member to support his or her studies, the student must submit the directed reading proposal (https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/content/mip-student-forms) for review by the MIP academic services team. Directed reading proposals must be submitted no later than the
end of the second week of the quarter. The academic services team reviews the directed reading proposal and renders a decision no later than two days prior to the Final Study List Deadline. If approved, the MIP academic affairs team will create a section number for the specific instructor so the student can enroll in the course. The course is listed as INTLPOL 299 and the section number corresponds to the instructor (e.g., INTLPOL 299 - 02 (Stoner, Kathryn)). There are important restrictions for directed readings:

1. Students can apply a maximum of five units of directed reading towards the Area of Specialization.
2. Students can apply a maximum of 10 units of directed reading towards the Customized Electives.
3. Students may receive credit for a maximum of 5 units per directed reading course.
4. Students must receive a letter grade for the directed reading course.

Degree Progress, Academic Standing, and Grade Requirements
MIP students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA to remain in good academic standing. Similarly, a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is required for conferral of the M.A. degree. Failure to remain in good academic standing due to not meeting the GPA requirement or making insufficient degree progress will result in being placed on academic probation (which could ultimately result in dismissal from the university).

All courses applied towards degree requirements for the M.A. in International Policy must be taken for a letter grade. The only exceptions are:

• INTLPOL 300A (only offered as S/NC)
• 1-2 unit courses that are only offered as S/NC (these can only be applied towards the Customized Electives)
• Courses taken in the Law School, the School of Medicine, or the Graduate School of Business where a letter grade is not an available option

Pre-approval is required from the MIP student services team in order to apply a non-letter grade course in Law, Medicine, or the Graduate School of Business toward the MIP degree.

Additional Grade Requirements
Students who receive an incomplete grade (denoted as "I") are required to complete the course on a shorter timeline than University policy. The following completion schedule applies:

• Autumn and Winter Quarters: Incomplete grades must be completed no later than June 30 of the same academic year.
• Spring Quarter: Incomplete grades must be completed no later than August 30 of the same academic year.
• Summer Quarter: Incomplete grades must be completed no later than December 30 of the same calendar year.

Students are also responsible for coordinating the completion of the course with the instructor(s) as well as keeping the Assistant Director for Academic and Student Affairs apprised of progress.

Students who have three or more incomplete grades (denoted as "I"), or who have incomplete grades in multiple quarters, will be placed on academic probation unless there is a rationale due to personal or health reasons that is accompanied by documentation from Counseling and Psychological Services (https://vaden.stanford.edu/caps), the Office of Accessible Education (https://oae.stanford.edu), or Vaden Health Center (https://vaden.stanford.edu).

Additional Academic Requirements
1. All graduate degree candidates must submit a Master's Degree Program Proposal in Spring Quarter of the first year of study. See "Graduate Advising (p. 7)" in this bulletin for additional information. Submission of the Program Proposal requires scheduling a 30-minute advising session with the MIP Academic Services Team to review degree progress and outline course work that needs to be completed in subsequent quarters in order to graduate. The University requires each student to have a program proposal on file with the academic program in order for the student to apply to graduate. Failure to complete this process will result in a hold being placed on the student's account.
2. In order to graduate, students must apply for graduation in Axess (https://axess.stanford.edu). Additionally, a final, completed Program Proposal must be submitted during a student’s final quarter of study no later than three weeks prior to the start of End-Quarter Examinations.
3. A maximum of 20 undergraduate units can be applied towards the MIP degree. Courses listed at the 100-level or below are considered to be at the undergraduate level. The exceptions are History and Political Science, which list undergraduate courses at the 200-level and below.
4. Units from language courses may only be applied towards the 16 units of Customized Electives. English proficiency courses for international students do not count towards the MIP degree requirements.

Coterminal Master's Program
Undergraduates at Stanford may apply for admission to the coterminal master's program in International Policy when they have earned a minimum of 120 units toward graduation, including Advanced Placement and transfer credit, and no later than the quarter prior to the expected completion of their undergraduate degree. MIP has one application deadline per year in early January for matriculation in Autumn Quarter of the same calendar year.

Students must submit the Coterminal Online Application (https://applyweb.com/stanterm). Applications must be filed together with supporting materials by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

In addition to the web-based application, coterminal applicants must submit the following supporting materials:

• Two letters of recommendation from University faculty
• Academic writing sample of at least seven double-spaced pages (but no more than 15 pages)
• Statement of purpose focusing on relevant personal, academic, and career plans and goals
• Resume
• Unofficial Stanford transcript

Note: The GRE exam is not required for coterminal applicants to the MIP program.

MIP Coterm Degree Requirements
To earn the M.A. in International Policy, coterminal students matriculating in Autumn Quarter 2019 must complete the courses listed in the curriculum below. These requirements include:

• Core courses — 31 units
• Area of specialization — 14 units; including:
  • Two required courses
  • One or more additional courses (see "Specialization Courses (p. 5)" for approved options)
• Capstone courses — 9 units

The minimum number of units required for a coterm in MIP to graduate is 54.
University Coterminal Requirements
Coterminal master’s degree candidates are expected to complete all master’s degree requirements as described in this bulletin. University requirements for the coterminal master’s degree are described in the “Coterminal Master’s Program (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees)” section of this bulletin. University requirements for the master’s degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#masterstext)" section of this bulletin.

After accepting admission to this coterminal master’s degree program, students may request transfer of courses from the undergraduate to the graduate career to satisfy requirements for the master’s degree. Transfer of courses to the graduate career requires review and approval of both the undergraduate and graduate programs on a case by case basis. Exchange

In this master’s program, courses taken three quarters prior to the first graduate quarter, or later, are eligible for consideration for transfer to the graduate career. No courses taken prior to the first quarter of the sophomore year may be used to meet master’s degree requirements.

Course transfers are not possible after the bachelor’s degree has been conferred.

The University requires that the graduate adviser be assigned in the student’s first graduate quarter even though the undergraduate career may still be open. The University also requires that the Master’s Degree Program Proposal be completed by the student and approved by the department by the end of the student’s first graduate quarter.

Exchange Program
Stanford MIP-Vienna School of International Studies Academic Exchange
The Stanford MIP-Vienna School of International Studies Academic Exchange is an Autumn Quarter exchange program between the Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy and the Diplomatische Akademie Wien – Vienna School of International Studies (DA). Two second-year students from each institution are selected by application to receive fellowships to spend Autumn Quarter in an academic exchange at the other institution where they take courses as full-time students, pursue extracurricular activities, and participate in the academic life of the host institution.

MIP students participating in the exchange program must complete all requirements listed in the M.A. curriculum. However, the minimum number of Stanford units required to graduate will be 65. In addition to the minimum requirement of 65 units, students must complete, at minimum, the equivalent of 15 units (3-4 full-time courses) at the DA. MIP students selected for the exchange must submit their list of chosen DA courses to the MIP academic services team for approval, no later than the end of the first week of classes. Students who are considering applying to the academic exchange program should assess how the courses taken at the DA will fit in their degree requirements.

While on exchange at the DA, MIP students’ status will be listed as active but they are not considered enrolled at Stanford. In addition, MIP students receive an academic transcript from the DA for Autumn Quarter. Hence, there is no reference to the exchange on a MIP student’s Stanford transcript.

For further information, please see the Stanford-Vienna Academic Exchange (https://fsi.stanford.edu/masters-degree/content/stanford-vienna-exchange) section of the MIP website.

Joint Degree Programs
Up to a maximum of 45 units, or one year, of the University residency requirement can be credited toward both graduate degree programs (i.e., the joint degree may require up to 45 fewer units than the sum of the individual degree unit requirements). For example, an M.A./M.P.P. has a three-year residency requirement, one year less than what is required for the separate degrees. The reduced requirement recognizes the subject matter overlap between the fields comprising the joint degree.

Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in International Policy (J.D./M.A.)
Students may choose to pursue a joint J.D./M.A. in International Policy degree. The joint degree program combines the strengths of the Law School and MIP. Prospective students interested in this joint degree program may apply concurrently to both the Stanford Law School (SLS) and the MIP program. Two separate application forms are required and applicants must submit LSAT scores to the Law School and GRE scores to MIP.

Students already enrolled at SLS may apply to the joint J.D./M.A. in International Policy program no later than the end of the second year of Law School. Applications are due no later than Tuesday, January 7, 2020 by 11:59 pm PST. The MIP program makes admissions decisions based on the student’s original application materials, which the student must have sent from the School of Law to MIP.

Submission of the following is required for consideration:

- Joint Degree Application Form (available from the MIP website (http://ips.stanford.edu/joint_program))
- Law School Joint Degree Petition (details available on the SLS Joint Degree Application Process (https://law.stanford.edu/apPLY/joint-degree-application-process) webpage)
- Graduate Program Authorization Petition (submitted via Axess (http://axess.stanford.edu))
- Enrollment Agreement for Students with Multiple Programs (available for download on the University Registrar’s forms page (http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/forms/grad/#enrollment))
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- LSAT scores are sufficient (GRE scores are not required)

For further information, see the "J (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#jointdegreetext)Joint Degree Programs (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#jointdegreetext)" section of this bulletin, the University Registrar’s site (https://registrar.stanford.edu/students/graduate-degree-progress/joint-degree-program-information), and the SLS’ Joint and Cooperative Degree Programs (https://law.stanford.edu/education/degrees/joint-degrees-within-stanford-university/#sllnav-established-joint-degrees) website.

Academic Policies for Joint J.D. students
Joint students must complete the core curriculum, area of specialization (14 units), and capstone. The customized electives are not required for joint J.D. students. Students who originate their studies in the Stanford Law School may complete the required statistics sequence in Law instead of completing the INTLPOL sequence. Note that there is generally one statistical course in Law instead of the two-course sequence in INTLPOL, and it does not cover R, so students who proceed with this option may be at a disadvantage in the capstone course. Approval from MIP is required to pursue this sequence. Any additional units that students need to complete would fall into the area of specialization.

Master of Arts in International Policy and Master of Public Policy (M.A./M.P.P.)
Admission to the joint degree program requires admission to and matriculation in Stanford’s Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy and consent of that program.

Applications for graduate study in Public Policy are only accepted from:
1. students currently enrolled in any Stanford graduate or undergraduate degree program
2. from external applicants seeking a joint degree, or
3. from Stanford alumni who have graduated within the past five years.

To be considered for matriculation beginning in Autumn Quarter 2020-21, all application materials must be submitted no later than April 7, 2020. The early deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 21, 2020, with a final deadline on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Early submission of M.P.P. applications is encouraged. Admission notifications are sent on a rolling basis no later than May 1, 2020. Admitted students are encouraged to respond to offers of admission by April 15, 2020 and are required to respond to offers of admission by May 15, 2020 at the latest.

External applicants for joint degrees must apply to the department or school offering the other graduate degree (i.e., PhD, MD, MA, MS, MBA, or JD), indicating an interest in the joint degree program; applicants admitted to the other degree program are then evaluated for admission to the M.P.P. or M.A. program. Applicants who are admitted to MIP may apply once they have received admission to the program but prior to matriculation in autumn quarter. They may also apply during the first or second year of the MIP program.

Details on the joint degree curriculum can be found on the Public Policy (https://publicpolicy.stanford.edu/academics/graduate/joint-degree-programs) website.

For further information, see the "Joint Degree Programs (http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#jointdegreeextext)" section of this bulletin and the University Registrar's site (https://registrar.stanford.edu/students/graduate-degree-progress/joint-degree-program-information).

Academic Policies for Joint M.P.P. students
Students should complete INTLPOL 301A but then can select between INTLPOL 301B and PUBLPOL 303D Applied Econometrics for Public Policy for the second course in the sequence. Approval from MIP and Public Policy is required to pursue this sequence.

Dual Degree Programs
Students who have attended Stanford for at least one term and who are currently enrolled may apply to add a second degree program. The first step in the process is to consult with the primary degree program as well as the degree program to which the student is considering applying to add. Application requirements vary by graduate program. If a secondary degree program admits a student then she/he/they must submit a Graduate Program Authorization Petition to add the new degree program that will be pursued concurrently with the existing program.

It is important that the attempt to add degree programs be made while the student is enrolled. Otherwise, a new Application for Graduate Admission must be submitted and an application fee paid. Similarly, enrollment must be continuous if a new degree program is added after completion of an existing program. Summer quarter enrollment is optional for students who intend to begin a new degree program in the Autumn quarter, provided that they have been enrolled the prior Spring quarter.

Graduate Program Authorization Petitions are filed electronically in Axess (https://axess.stanford.edu) and approved by the current and the new department. In addition, petitions from international students are routed to the Bechtel International Center for review. Upon all approvals, the student’s record automatically updates with the requested changes.

Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in International Policy (M.B.A./M.A.)
The dual degree is designed for students who want to work at the intersection of business and the state both in the U.S. and abroad. Prospective students interested in this dual degree program may apply concurrently to both the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the MIP program. Two separate applications are required and applicants must submit GRE scores with each application.

Students already enrolled at the Stanford Graduate School of Business may apply to the M.B.A./M.A. in International Policy dual degree program no later than the end of the first year. The MIP program has one annual application deadline by which applications are due no later than 11:59 pm PST on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Applicants from the Graduate School of Business must request to have their original application sent to MIP for review. Additionally, submission of the following is required for consideration:

- Dual Degree Application Form (available from the MIP website (http://ips.stanford.edu/joint_program))
- Stanford Official Transcript
- Graduate Program Authorization Petition (submitted via Axess (http://axess.stanford.edu))
- Enrollment Agreement for Students with Multiple Programs (available for download on the University Registrar’s forms page (http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/forms/grad/#enrollment))

Completing this combined course of study requires approximately three academic years, depending on the student's background and quantitative preparation. Admissions processes for both programs are completely independent of each other and units from courses can only be applied to one degree or the other, not both.

Area of Specialization Curriculum
The Ford Dorsey Master's in International Policy (MIP) offers five areas of specialization:

- Cyber Policy and Security (CYBER)
- Energy, Natural Resources, and the Environment (ENRE)
- Global Health (GH)
- Governance and Development (GOVDEV)
- International Security (ISEC)

Each specialization is guided by one-or more- major research centers at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford. This collaboration provides MIP students with exposure to cutting-edge research on global policy issues. Students are required to choose one area of specialization and complete at least five courses within the specialization for a minimum of 20 total units. Each area of specialization requires the completion of two required courses (indicated on the Master's tab), and at least three elective courses from an approved list, as shown below. Due to the recent changes in the MIP program curriculum, the following specialization elective course lists may be updated over the course of the academic year.

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