



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy (ICP) is an innovative graduate degree program for current and aspiring private and public sector professionals who seek the knowledge and skills to be effective in an increasingly complex world marketplace. Designed to provide the practical tools needed to compete in the global economy, this interdisciplinary course of study explores the way business, technology, law, economics, and public policy affect complex cross-border activities. Unlike traditional international affairs programs, ICP focuses on international economic issues such as global trade and investment. It is also distinguished from an MBA program by providing training in the political, technological, cultural, and social aspects of the global economy.

CORE FACULTY

The ICP core faculty are internationally recognized for their scholarship and advising roles in the public and private sectors. Some of the core faculty members affiliated with the ICP program include:

- **Desmond Dinan, Program Director**
- **Jack High**
- **Sonia Ketkar**
- **Stuart Malawer**
- **John Paden**
- **Ramkishan Rajan**
- **Kenneth Reinert**
- **Hilton Root**
- **Janine Wedel**

A complete list of the School's faculty members and their backgrounds can be found at: <http://policy.gmu.edu/faculty>.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The ICP program requires 42 credit hours of coursework. Students should consult with their academic advisor on appropriate course sequencing:

- **REQUIRED COMMON CORE COURSES** (8 credit hours)
 - PUBP 502 Governance and Policy Processes:** Assesses governance processes in public and private organizational settings in a rapidly changing global environment. (4 credits)
 - PUBP 503 Culture, Organization and Technology:** Examines the influence of culture in societal, political, economic and technological processes, nationally and internationally. (4 credits)
- **REQUIRED ICP CORE COURSES** (22 credit hours)
 - ITRN 500 Global Political Economy:** Uses a case study method of instruction to help students understand the interaction of business, finance, technology, and government in the world economy. (4 credits)
 - ITRN 501 Methods of Analysis for International Commerce and Policy:** Provides qualitative and quantitative research and analysis skills for international commerce and policy. (4 credits)
 - ITRN 503 Investment and Macroeconomics:** Offers students an overview of macroeconomic theory and mathematical concepts with an emphasis on their application to problems of the modern global economy. (4 credits)
 - ITRN 504 Trade and Microeconomics for International Commerce:** Provides a conceptual grounding in international economic analysis. (4 credits)
 - ITRN 602 International Financial Institutions and Globalization:** Examines the nature and dynamics of financial interactions between public and private sectors throughout the world. (3 credits)
 - ITRN 603 International Trade Relations:** Examines the role of the United States in the world economy and the evolving global trading system. (3 credits)
- **ELECTIVE COURSEWORK** (12 hours)

Students will complete four elective courses with the option of declaring a substantive area of emphasis within the program. The areas of emphasis include:

 - Global Business and Policy
 - Global Development
 - Global Financial Policy
 - Global Governance
 - Global Trade Policy

In conjunction with the Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy, the School of Public Policy offers five Certificate Programs in the following areas:

- Culture, Values, and Social Policy
- Global Trade Management
- Global Medical Policy
- National Security and Public Policy
- Transportation and Logistics Policy

To see a list of the courses which can be used to complete a particular certificate, please visit our website at: <http://policy.gmu.edu/programs>.

Students who are already pursuing the Master of Arts in ICP can receive a Certificate in addition to their Master's Degree by completing an additional 9 credit hours.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

For admission consideration to the ICP Master's or certificate program, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited university or college.

Application Deadlines:

	FALL TERM	SPRING TERM
Domestic Students	June 1	December 1
International Students*	May 1	November 1
For Scholarship Consideration (International and Domestic Students)	February 1	November 1

*For admission purposes, please adhere to the International Student Deadlines if you have completed your undergraduate and/or graduate degree outside of the United States.

Application Requirements:

1. Graduate Application and application fee. The Graduate Application can be completed online at: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/ApplyNow/>.
2. A 750-1000 word written statement of the applicant's goals for and interest in the program.
3. A current resume.
4. Two copies of official transcripts of all university work completed.
Applicants presenting international credentials must provide official transcripts, degree certificates or diplomas, and certified translations of the documents into English (if applicable).
5. Two letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation should be from an individual qualified to attest to the applicant's academic potential.
6. TOEFL scores (required for international applicants). The IELTS exam will be accepted in lieu of the TOEFL. Minimum required TOEFL scores are: 575 – paper-based; 88 – internet-based (with a 20 in each of the 4 subsections). IELTS minimum: 6.5.
7. Certificate of Financial Responsibility (required only if the student is seeking immigration documents such as an F-1 or J-1 visa from George Mason University). This form should be sent with the required supporting documents.

Please Note: All applicants seeking funding consideration from the School of Public Policy in the form of Merit-Based Scholarships are required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Only complete applications received by the stated deadline are guaranteed to be reviewed for scholarship consideration. Those seeking Federal Financial Aid only are not required to submit GRE scores.

FINANCIAL AID AND TUITION INFORMATION

To apply for need-based federal assistance, applicants are required to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form which can be accessed online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. For other questions regarding need-based federal assistance, please visit the Office of Student Financial Aid at: <http://financialaid.gmu.edu/>.

The ICP program is part of the Academic Common Market (ACM). Students who live outside of Virginia may qualify for in-state tuition rates if they are a resident of a participating ACM state. For more information, please visit: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/acm/acmindex.aspx>.

Tuition Costs for the 2011-2012 Academic Year:

In-State Tuition: \$661/credit hour

Out-of-State Tuition: \$1,200.25/credit hour

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