

## MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

### OBJECTIVES

The major in International Political Economy prepares students for careers in government, international organizations, international business, or private foundations; for further study in international economics and politics; and for constructive citizenship in a world of increasing interdependence. The major is designed for students with broad interests in international studies.

The major focuses on the interaction between politics and economics in comparative and international settings. It examines the possibilities and constraints furnished by social structures, institutions, ideologies, and culture within and across societies, and it looks at the interplay of economic and political forces in the world arena.

Students are introduced to the field in their junior year when they take Introduction to International Political Economy, a course emphasizing theoretical foundations. They draw upon this body of theory as they undertake a research experience during the senior year.

In addition to the general college requirements, a major in International Political Economy must complete a minimum of 16 units, distributed as follows:

#### 1. Introduction (1 unit)

PS375/EC275 Introduction to IPE	<b>1 unit</b>
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#### 2. Political Science Courses (5 units)

PS290 Foundations of Political Thought	<b>1 unit</b>
PS209 Introduction to International Relations OR PS225 United States Foreign Policy (Either PS209 or PS225 can be counted toward the IPE major, <b>BUT NOT BOTH</b> )	<b>1 unit</b>
Remaining units must come from the Comparative Politics and International Relations subfields, <b>including at least one unit from each</b> . Students may take a maximum of one pre-approved elective from outside the Department of Political Science. The Colorado College catalog lists Political Science courses by subfield.	<b>3 units</b>

\*The new introductory theory requirement takes effect with the class of '24. Students in the class of '20, '21, '22, and '23 can fulfill the theory requirement EITHER under the old OR the new requirement. OLD THEORY REQUIREMENT: PS205 or PS270 or PS292 or PS298.

#### 3. Economics Courses (6 units)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses with registrar-approved test scores count as the equivalents of Economics 100, 101 and 102. Those scores, and answers to other IB and AP questions on course equivalents, can be found here: <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/registrar/ap-and-ib-credit.html>.

To get started with this (and any of our department majors), students will need our gateway courses of Principles of Economics, either as a 2-block course (EC100) or as two separate blocks (EC101 and EC102). If students already took EC201, that counts in place of the two units of Principles of Economics. Students will also need Calculus (MA125 or MA126).

EC100 Principles of Economics (2 units) OR EC101 Principles of Microeconomics AND EC102 Principles of Macroeconomics (both options replace EC201)	<b>2 units</b>
EC301 Microeconomic Theory	<b>1 unit</b>
EC302 Macroeconomic Theory	<b>1 unit</b>
EC347 Economics of International Trade OR EC377 Economics of International Finance	<b>1 unit</b>
<b>At least one of the following courses:</b> EC371 Money, Banking, and Financial Markets EC372 Economic Development EC373 East Asian Tigers EC374 Economic Development of Latin America Other economics courses with prior approval from the chair of the Department of Economics and Business that they qualify as international economics electives from the following classes:	<b>1 unit</b>

EC211-EC290 (excluding EC275 Introduction to IPE) EC311-EC390 EC411-EC489	
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**4. Mathematics Courses (2 units)**

MA117 Probability and Statistics OR MA217 Probability and Statistical Modeling	<b>1 unit</b>
MA125 Pre-Calculus/Calculus1 OR MA126 Calculus 1	<b>1 unit</b>

**5. Capstone Research Experience (1 or 2 units)**

While all IPE majors must complete a senior research experience, the course satisfying this requirement may be taken in either in the Political Science Department (as a one-block tutorial or a two-block thesis) or in the Economics Department (as a one-block tutorial or a two-block thesis). Supervising faculty in the two departments will seek to accommodate the interests and needs of IPE majors. Students must follow the guidelines of the respective department in registering for the Capstone Research Experience. One of the following:

1.	Seminar in International Political Economy (PS470) or, with consent of Political Science Department, students may satisfy this requirement through a Tutorial in International Relations (PS410) or a Tutorial in Comparative Politics (PS412);	<b>1 unit</b>
2.	Seminar in International Political Economy (EC470), supervised by Economics and Business Department faculty;	<b>1 unit</b>
3.	Political Science Thesis (PS450), with prerequisites of a high GPA and approval by the Political Science Department;	<b>1 or 2 units</b>
4.	Economics Thesis in International Political Economy (EC498), with prerequisites of EC347 or EC377 or an approved international economics elective and approval by the Economics and Business Department Chair.	<b>2 units</b>

Whatever the choice of research experience, students must present their projects to their peers and discuss the research of fellow majors.

Distinction in International Political Economy may be awarded to students whose GPAs within the major put them in the upper 20 percent and who have also completed and received a grade of A in their Capstone Research Experience. Faculty in both departments must approve the award of distinction to students who meet these qualifications.

Advisers for the International Political Economy Major:

Professor Vibha Kapuria-Foreman  
Economics (Campus extension 6419)  
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Economics (Campus extension 6445)

Professor Corina McKendry  
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Professor John Gould  
Political Science (Campus extension 6589)

I have received a copy of the February 2021 Major in International Political Economy requirements, understand the College and Departmental requirements, and understand that if departmental requirements are changed after I declare a major in International Political Economy, they will not be retroactive unless I so choose.

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