Canadian Studies | M.A. Requirements

Canadian Studies Program Learning Goals and Objectives

Entering Class 2014-2015

Students must take the equivalent of 16 non-language courses (64 credits) in order to graduate. Those students who are approved for dual degree or advanced standing may only need to take 12 or 14 courses as approved by Academic Affairs.

CANADIAN STUDIES

Students concentrating in Canadian Studies take at least six courses within this program including the required course, Donner Business-Policy Practicum (SA.840.718). One of the six courses may be taken outside of the program on a relevant program topic with the director's approval.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)
International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)

Eligible students who pass the waiver exams in these subjects or who pass Micro and/or Macro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an International Economics Specialization [4] in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in Emerging Markets [5].

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Students must complete one course from the list below.
- Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
- Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)
- Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Macro Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Risk Analysis and Modeling
- Corporate Finance (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- Quantitative Methods in International Relations (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

Students may not double-count a Quantitative Reasoning requirement as one of the four required International Economics courses and vice-versa. Eligible students who pass the statistics waiver exam or pass the statistics course in Pre-Term are still required to take an alternate Quantitative Reasoning course from the list above.

CORE COURSES/EXAMS

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. If the core courses/exams are not completed by the start of the final semester, a student must enroll for credit in the core course(s).
- American Foreign Policy Since World War II
- Comparative National Systems
- Evolution of the International Systems
- Theories of International Relations

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Canadian Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in French. Under special circumstances, Spanish or Portuguese may fulfill the requirement (consult with the Canadian Studies program office). All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native French (Spanish or Portuguese) speakers must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English.
CAPSTONE

Canadian Studies concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. A twenty-page research paper whose focus and subject matter has been approved by the director
2. A twenty-page written report that draws conclusions about Canadian Studies or Canada-U.S. relations based on an internship undertaken while at SAIS
3. A twenty-page written report based on a policy trip in which the student participated in while at SAIS
4. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR

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