MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1

Autumn—Two Foundation Courses
- INT 401 Critical Social Theory
- INT 402 International Political Economy OR INT 403 Advanced Topics in International Political Economy. Students will take a placement exam to be enrolled in either basic or advanced IPE.

Winter and Spring—Four Core Courses
- INT 404 Migration and Forced Migration
- INT 405 Culture and Inequality
- INT 406 Global Empires
- INT 407 Race, Sex, and Difference
- INT 408 Nature, Society, and Power
- INT 409 Critical Development Theory
- INT 410 International Law

YEAR 2

Summer Session II
- INT 590 Research Methods: Extended Case Study

Autumn
- INT 591 Thesis Research I: Proposal Development
- Defend thesis proposal by the end of fall quarter
- Elective 1

December Intersession
Optional non-credit thesis writing group/workshop open to all graduate students

Winter
- Elective 2 in thesis area of study
- Elective 3 in thesis area of study

Spring
- INT 592: Thesis Research II: Thesis Writing
- Students will complete and defend their theses by the end of spring quarter
The M.A. in International Studies requires completion of 48 credit hours and the certificate requires 24 credit hours. The program includes based on two foundation courses, four core courses, three electives, three research courses, and a 50-80 page thesis requirement. Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout the program.

**Foundation Courses** *(2 courses, 8 credit hours total)*
All Students are required to take two foundation courses: INT 401 Critical Social Theory and either INT 402 International Political Economy OR INT 403 Advanced Topics in International Political Economy. Students with no previous coursework in International Political Economy will be enrolled in INT 402. Students who enter the program with some background in International Political Economy will take a placement exam which will either place them in INT 402 or INT 403.

**Core Courses** *(4 courses, 16 credit hours total)*
During the winter and spring quarters, students will take four out of seven possible courses (two per quarter) which reflect cutting-edge debates in international studies and highlight themes of race, class, gender, power, and inequality. Course offerings will vary based on faculty availability and student demand. If so desired, students can take additional selections from the core curriculum as electives during their second year of study.

**Thesis Concentration--Electives** *(3 courses, 12 credit hours total)*
During the second year of the program, in consultation with a thesis advisor, students choose three electives in their thesis area. Electives can be from inside or outside the International Studies Department but must be at the 300 level or above.

**Thesis Writing Courses** *(3 courses, 12 credit hours total)*
INT 590, INT 591, and INT 592 are required courses which will be taken in the second year and will support students in the thesis-writing process.

**Thesis**
Students must research, write, and successfully defend a 50-80 page thesis in front of a panel of three faculty members.