Course Requirements for the Class of 2027 (Students who enrolled in 2025)

International Relations Program

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Categories		Course ID	Course Title	Credit
Core Required Courses 22 credits	**Basic 16 credits Note 1)**	DCC5263	Applied Econometrics	2
		DCC5045	Comparative Government and Politics	2
		DCC5345	Local Government and Public Service	2
		DCC5348	Political Institutions and Governance	2
		DCC5046	Political Theory	2
		DCC5360	Public Administration	2
		DCC5235	Research Methods	2
		DCC5220	Statistical Methods	2
	Seminar 6 credits	SEM8010	Advanced Seminar I	2
		SEM8020	Advanced Seminar II	2
		SEM8030	Advanced Seminar III	2
Core Elective Courses At least 6 credits or 10 credits Note 2)		ADC5075	Diplomacy and Statecraft	2
		DCC5065	Foreign Policy Analysis	2
		DCC5030	History of International Relations	2
		DCC5036	Human Rights	2
		ADC6450	International Law	2
		DCC5095	International Organization	2
		DCC5020	International Political Economy	2
		DCC5040	International Politics	2
		ADC5430	Security and Strategy: National and International	2
Elective Courses 12 credits	**GSIM course(s) at least 2 credits**	At least 2 credits must be obtained from GSIM course(s).		
	10 credits	**<Recommended Courses>**		
		REC6310	American Foreign Policy	2
		ADC5400	Analysis of Development Policies and Programs	2
		REC5758	Chinese Foreign Policy	2
		ADC5367	History of Global Political Economy	2
		ADC6446	International Law in Practice	1
		JDP5031	International Relations and Foreign Policy of Japan	2
		REC6452	International Relations in Eurasia	2
		REC6436	Issues in African Development	2
		JDP5042	Japanese Development Cooperation: Implementation and Practice	2
		JDP5230	Japanese Government and Politics	2
		JDP5051	Japanese International Development Cooperation	2
		JDP5201	Modern Japan in the World	2
		JDP5125	Politico-economic History of Japan's Modernization	2
		JDP5011	Postwar Japanese Politics	2
		ADC5012	Public Human Resource Management	2
		ADC6020	Qualitative Methods	2
		The above courses are recommended. Select from all the courses offered in IUJ (including language courses) in consultation with faculty. The maximum number of credits for language courses which count towards graduation is 2. The extra credits students obtained from the courses listed in Core Elective category above can be counted as Elective course credits.		

Required Number of Credits for Graduation:

40 credits (Thesis option) / 44 credits (Research Report option)

In addition to the minimum credit requirement for each category mentioned above, students are required to obtain at least 30 credits from the courses which are offered by the school to which they belong.

Note 1) All the Basic Core Required courses (16 credits) must be taken in the first year.

Note 2) The required number of Core Elective course credits differs depending on whether a thesis or research report is to be undertaken. In the thesis option, 6 credits must be obtained while 10 credits must be obtained in the case of a research report option.

Course Registration Example (1st year IRP)

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You must take at least 2 credits and no more than 12 credits in each term. <u>The credits obtained from language and seminar courses are included in the maximum number of credits, while they are NOT included in the minimum number of credits.</u> (Advanced Seminar (Thesis/Research Report Supervising) courses will start in the Spring 2026 term, after assigning a supervisor at the end of the Winter 2026 term.)

Term	Fall term		Winter term		Spring term	
Categories	**Course**	**Credits**	**Course**	**Credits**	**Course**	**Credits**
Core Required Courses **Note 1)**	Comparative Government and Politics (Fall or Spring)	2	Applied Econometrics	2	Comparative Government and Politics (Fall or Spring)	2
	Local Government and Public Service	2	Political Theory	2	Political Institutions and Governance	2
	Statistical Methods	2			Public Administration	2
					Research Methods	2
					Advanced Seminar I	2
	Total (Core Required Courses only)	**4~6**	**Total (Core Required Courses only)**	**4**	**Total (Core Required Courses only)**	**8~10**
Core Elective / Elective Courses	You can take some core elective/ elective courses if you want. **Note 2)**	0~8	You can take some core elective/ elective courses if you want. **Note 2)**	0~8	You can take some core elective/ elective courses if you want. **Note 2)**	0~4
Total credits (per term)	**Total (Core Required + Others)**	**4~12**	**Total (Core Required + Others)**	**4~12**	**Total (Core Required + Others)**	**8~12**

Note 1) All the Basic Core Required courses (16 credits) must be taken in the first year. Advanced Seminar I is mandatory to take in Spring 2026 term.

Note 2) Elective courses are all the courses offered by the university(including language courses). However, some elective courses are advanced courses, and only who meet the pre-requisite of the course can register.