

**Course Requirements for the Class of 2026 (Students who enrolled in 2024)**

**Updated in June 2025**

**International Relations Program**

**■MA in Political Science**

Categories		Course ID	Course Title	Credit
<b>Core Required Courses</b> 22 credits	<b>Basic</b> 16 credits Note 1)	DCC5263	Applied Econometrics or Econometrics (DCC5261)	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
	<b>Seminar</b> 6 credits	SEM8010	Advanced Seminar I	2
		SEM8020	Advanced Seminar II	2
SEM8030		Advanced Seminar III	2	
<b>Core Elective Courses</b> 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	
	ADC6927	International Security in a Digitized World * (NOT to be offered in 2025/2026 AY)	2	
ADC5430	Security and Strategy: National and International *	2		
<b>Elective Courses</b> 12 credits	<b>GSIM course(s)</b> at least 2 credits	At least 2 credits must be obtained from GSIM course(s).		
	<b>10 credits</b>	<b>&lt;Recommended Courses&gt;</b>		
		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
		JDP5021	Japanese National Security Policy *	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.				
<b>Required Number of Credits for Graduation:</b>				
<b>40 credits (Thesis option) / 44 credits (Research Report option)</b>				

You must take at least 18 credits in total from IR field courses from Core Required, Core Elective, and Elective together. IR field courses are shown with an asterisk(\*) next to the course title.

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.