

The MSc (International Political Economy)

Overview

Objectives

Politics and economics are intertwined. In today's globalised world, understanding one area and not the other makes comprehension incomplete. Analysing and drafting effective policy require knowledge of the interaction between economic and political goals.

The MSc (International Political Economy) programme provides the link between politics and economics by examining relevant theoretical, methodological and practical concepts from both disciplines. It seeks to equip students with:

- Analytical skills necessary to understand complex interactions between international politics and economics in contemporary developments
- Substantive knowledge about political economy spanning countries and regions throughout the world
- An understanding of the historical evolution of the global political economy in order to apprehend and address challenges in the contemporary period

Relevance

This programme sits at the intersection of politics and economics. Many political scientists have studied political decisions divorced from the economic context. Similarly, economists have often studied the mechanisms of the market as though the economy works without manipulation from political actors. However, these two areas cannot be regarded separately. Governments frequently intervene in markets by setting wages, prices, tax levels and so forth. On the other hand, investors sometimes flee states, markets or currencies that are following objectively sound macroeconomic policies to invest in inefficient projects elsewhere in the world.

Benefits

Students are taught to analyse the interaction between the production, distribution and use of wealth with politically driven rules and institutions in the global environment. Using real-world examples coupled with foundational political economy theories, the MSc (International Political Economy) programme offers comprehensive insights into contemporary developments in world economics and politics such as the uneven impact of globalisation on states and societies, the influence of domestic politics and political institutions on economic policies, and the on-going arguments over the formal and informal rules underpinning global governance.

Content

The MSc (International Political Economy) programme has been designed to ensure that students gain a sound understanding of:

- Theoretical and methodological issues in International Political Economy (IPE)
- Basics of economic analysis, with an emphasis on macroeconomics
- Trade, finance, economic and financial crises, and production networks

- Key political trends and developments that may affect the national or world economy and vice versa

Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, Masters students completing a dissertation must take five extra courses (three primary and two primary/electives), while those in the non-dissertation stream must take seven courses (five primary and two primary/electives).

Please note that the MSc (International Political Economy) at RSIS is not a programme in international economics. Although economic concepts are given serious consideration, the focus is mainly on political determinants and their impact on economic outcomes.

Career Advancement

Students who complete this course may look forward to jobs as analysts in research institutions, financial corporations or government. Business strategy and journalism are other possibilities.. In the government sector, some attractive options include research or policy-making positions in central banks, finance ministries or trade departments.

Curriculum

Core Courses

IP6000 Theories and Issues in International Political Economy
IP6015 Quantitative Methods in the Study of International Politics

Primary Courses

IP6001 Economics for International Political Economy
IP6002 Regional Integration in the Global Economy
IP6008 A Globalizing China in the World Economy
IP6009 Monitoring Forecasting and Managing Country Risk and Economic Crisis
IP6016 Energy and Environment Issues
IP6018 Regional and Global Financial Crisis
IP6021 International Economic Institutions and International Economic Policies
IP6022 Indonesian Economy
IP6025 Comparative Political Economy
IP6026 Introduction to the Political Economy of Southeast Asia
IP6027 Political Risk Analysis
IP6030 The Political Economy of Economic Development and Integration in Asia
IP6031 Culture, Institutions & Development
IP6033 Globalization and Development
IP6034 Politics of Finance
IP6036 Politics of Trade
AS6021 Government-Business Relations in Asia

Elective Courses

AS6000 The International History of Asia
AS6001 Comparative Politics of Asia
AS6007 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
AS6008 Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific
AS6010 Indonesia Rising: Politics, Society & Strategic Thought
AS6011 State, Society and Politics in Malaysia

AS6013 State, Society and Politics in China
AS6019 Singapore's Foreign Policy
AS6020 Islam, State and Society in Southeast Asia
AS6022 China's Foreign and Security Policy
AS6023 India's Foreign and Security Policy
AS6026 Violence & Peacebuilding in Islam & other World Religions
AS6027 State, Society and Politics in the Philippines
AS6028 Studying Religion in Plural Societies: Theories Methods, & Practices
AS6029 Governance & Security in Myanmar
AS6030 Encountering Religions in Plural Societies: Comparative & Contrastive Perspective
AS6032 Contemporary Relations of Islam and Politics: Deconstructing Islamism
AS6035 Dialogue: Interreligious Encounters & Peacebuilding
AS6036 Islam, Diversity & The Religious Other
AS6043 Security Governance in Asia
AS6044 Chinese Domestic Politics
IR6001 The Study of International Relations
IR6003 Critical Security Studies
IR6004 International Relations of Northeast Asia
IR6005 International Relations of South Asia
IR6006 The Study of Institutions
IR6011 Foreign Policy and Security Issues in Southeast Asia
IR6015 Japanese Foreign Policy
IR6020 European Union and Contemporary European Security
IR6023 An Introduction to International Law
IR6024 International Human Rights Law
IR6025 Global Governance
IR6028 Current Topics and Controversies in U.S. Foreign Policy
IR6029 Foreign Policy Analysis
IR6031 International Politics of Communication
IR6032 Cross-Strait Relations
IR6037 Selected Topics in IR: Conflict, Cooperation and Change in World Politics
IR6038 The United States and Asia-Pacific Security Order
IR6040 Indonesia's Foreign Policy
IR6041 Security Governance in Asia
IR6042 Multilateral Security Architecture in the Asia Pacific

SR6005 The Analysis of Defence/Security Policies
SR6010 Technology and Military Innovation: A Revolution In Military Affairs Defense Transformation or Something Else?
SR6014 The Evolution of Strategic Thought
SR6016 The Study of War
SR6019 Terrorism Intelligence and Homeland Security
SR6023 Indian Ocean Security
SR6024 Problems in Combating Insurgency and Terrorism
SR6026 Intelligence and National Security
SR6028 Countering Religiously-Motivated Terrorism in Southeast Asia: Issues and Challenges
SR6029 Nuclear Politics in Asia
SR6030 Special Forces
SR6031 Globalisation, Arms-Racing and Naval Development in the Asia Pacific
SR6034 Jihadist Strategic Thought and Practice
SR6035 Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Modern Asian Politics
SR6036 War in the Global Village
SR6037 Selected Issues in Terrorism and Counterterrorism
SR6038 Conflicts in the Digital Age: Information and Cyber Warfare
SR6040 Intelligence in Peace and War
SR6041 Comparative Civil-Military Relations: In Theory and Practice
SR6043 Comparative Asian Security Policy
SR6044 Military Organizations, Technology, and International Security
SR6045 Wars in the Making of Modern East Asia, 1911–1979

MBA Elective Courses

Click [here](#) for MBA Elective course descriptions.

B6260 Global Financial Markets, Institutions and MNCs
B6602 Sustainable Business Operations
B6631 Strategic Technology & Innovation Management
B6834 Strategy Implementation
B6840 Emerging Markets Strategy

Degree Requirements

The programme leading to the **MSc (International Political Economy)** comprises:

Coursework Track

2 Core + Min 4 / Max 7 Primary +
Max 3 Electives

Dissertation Track

2 Core + Min 2 / Max 5 Primary +
Max 3 Elective + Dissertation

- Candidates on the coursework track must successfully complete 9 courses in order to graduate.
- Candidates on the dissertation track must successfully complete 7 courses and a 10,000-word dissertation in order to graduate.

Dissertation

Only students with a 'A-' average TGPA (Term Grade Point Average) at the end of the first trimester (for full-time students) and 'A-' average CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) at the end of second trimester (for part-time students) will be allowed to write a dissertation. Others will automatically be expected to take two extra courses.

Candidates who are on the dissertation stream are required to complete a dissertation of 10,000 words. Dissertation topics will be selected in consultation with RSIS Faculty. Writing a dissertation provides students with opportunities to further apply the theoretical knowledge and analytical skills developed in the courses taken as part of the MSc programme.

Academic Units

Successful completion of each MSc programme requires a candidate to have obtained a total of 27 academic units (AUs). Each course/elective is equivalent to three AUs. The dissertation is equivalent to six AUs.

MBA Elective Courses

Application Timeline

Date	Action	Remarks
From now until 31 Dec 2022	NFPs publicise information about the SAPP scholarship to potential applicants. Applicants apply directly to the school through the respective online portals for the selected programme of studies (one of the above four Master programmes) by 31 Dec 2022.	More information about the programme application can be found on the respective school's websites (please refer to the links above). Please note that the schools will not accept late applications.
1 Jan to Feb 2023	NFPs to go through your own selection process for scholarship nominees for your country.	
By 1 March 2023	NFP notifies SCP of your list of endorsed nominees for the SAPP scholarship. Endorsed nominees submit online application form for SAPP scholarship <u>by 1 March 2023</u> at the following url: https://go.gov.sg/mfapostgraduate	Late applications for the SAPP scholarship will not be entertained.
June 2023	SCP to inform NFPs and applicants of outcome of scholarship applications	In between the submission of application forms and the announcement of the outcome, SCP may request the applicants to submit additional information or to participate in online selection interviews.

Terms of Scholarship

- Programme fees ✓
- Return-trip airfare ✓
- Single-room accommodation at school housing ✓
- Monthly stipend ✓