



M.A. DEGREE in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Regulations and Course Information

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I. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A. GLOBAL POLITICS STREAM

1. Five three unit courses including:

- 4 International Relations courses; 3 in major stream (one of which must include POLSCI 772),
- 1 other International Relations course (Global Politics or GPE)
- 1 additional graduate course (IR, Political Science, Globalization, or Other)

2. MA International Relations Colloquium course / POLSCI 775*

3. Major Research Paper (10,000 words) / POLSCI 708*

B. GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY STREAM

1. Five three unit courses including:

- 4 International Relations courses; 3 in major stream (one of which must include POLSCI 774),
- 1 other International Relations course (Global Politics or GPE)
- 1 additional graduate course (IR, Political Science, Globalization, or Other)

2. M.A. International Relations Colloquium course / POLSCI 775*

3. Major Research Paper (10,000 words) / POLSCI 708*

II. LIST OF IR COURSES

A. Global Politics Stream courses

- 705 Global Public Policy
- 708 MA IR Major Research Paper
- 767 Politics of the Global South: An International Relations Perspective
- 771 Advanced Concepts in International Relations Theory
- 772 Theories of International Politics
- 775 MA IR Colloquium
- 777 Global Governance
- 788 Comparative Foreign Policy: Canadian and US Foreign Policy
- 796 Research Design and Methods

B. Global Political Economy Stream

- 705 Global Public Policy
- 708 MA IR Major Research Paper
- GLOBALST 712 International Trade and Economic Development
- 768 Political Economy of Global Climate Change
- 774 Global Political Economy
- 775 MA IR Colloquium

- 777 Global Governance
- 782 Development Theory and Administration
- 789 Global Finance
- 796 Research Design and Methods

C. Other courses of interest (Note: not all courses listed are offered each year)

- 701 Topics in Globalization I: Human Displacement & Migration (GLOBALST701)
- 704 Global Social Policy (GLOBALST704)
- 714 The United States and Globalization since the Late Nineteenth Century (HISTORY714)
- 718 Global Actors Beyond the State: Methods and Cases (GLOBALST718)
- 728 Issues in International & Intercultural Health (GLOBALST728)
- 740 Theories of Comparative Politics
- 757 The British Empire and Global Integration (HISTORY757)
- 764 Global Power Local Culture: Comparative Colonialism in Africa (HISTORY764)

III. SELECTING YOUR COURSES

When choosing graduate courses MA IR students should consider the broad range of offerings available in the Department of Political Science, other departments and the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition. Consider combining your IR courses with others into a theme if you wish to learn about a particular area in depth. Below are some themes and combinations to consider. A “*” indicates an IR listed course. (NOTE: not all courses listed are offered every year)

Interested in Developing Countries and Development?

- 712 International Trade and Development* (GLOBALST712)
- 742 Politics of Developing Areas
- 767 Politics of the Global South: An International Relations Perspective*
- 774 Global Political Economy*
- 782 Development Theory and Administration*

Interested in Theoretical Approaches to International Relations?

- 718 Global Actors Beyond the State: Methods & Cases (GLOBALST718)
- 749 Topics in Gender and Politics
- 756 The Autonomy of Politics
- 757 Theory of Political Community
- 758 Cosmopolitanism and its Critics*
- 771 Advanced Concepts in International Relations Theory*
- 772 Theories of International Politics*

Interested in the politics of other countries?

- 702 Contemporary Problems in Anthropology: Democracy, Uprising and the Ravages of Economic Rationality (ANTHRO702)
- 715 Globalization and China (GLOBALST715)
- 740 Theories of Comparative Politics
- 741 Comparative Politics of Social Movements and Political Parties
- 764 Global Power, Local Cultures: Comparative Colonialisms in Africa (Global Studies)

- 769 Political Economy of East Asia*

Interested in Social Policy / Social Issues?

- 704 Global Social Policy (GLOBALST 704)
- 705 Global Public Policy*
- 708 Health & Aging in a Global & International Context (HLTH AGE 708)
- 728 Issues in International & Intercultural Health (GLOBALST 728)
- 730 Work and Democracy in the Global Society (WORKSOC 730)
- 749 Topics in Gender and Politics

Interested in Research Design?

- 796 Research Design and Methods

IV. MA IR COLLOQUIUM COURSE

- 775 MA International Relations Colloquium

The IR Colloquium will take place every second week in the Fall and Winter terms under the leadership of the IR Convenor. It will be a two hour meeting with all of the MA IR students. It will consist of faculty presentations highlighting their research and professional development sessions on topics such as grant writing, PhD programs and career information. Other sessions will focus upon skills needed for the Major Research paper (choosing a topic and supervisor, preparing an outline etc.)

V. MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER

- 708 Major Research Paper

In addition to completing 18 units of graduate level coursework, students enrolled in the M.A. in International Relations are required to complete a Major Research Paper (MRP) in the spring following their coursework.

The major research paper (MRP) is an opportunity for students to do an extended piece of research on a topic of their choosing. Guidance on the MRP will be provided in the IR Colloquium. Students will be assigned a faculty supervisor in consultation with the IR convenor. MRPs are to be no longer than 10,000 words including all front matter, references and bibliography. That normally leaves 8,000 words for the text which is the length of an average scholarly journal article.

TWO copies of your MRP in finished form must be submitted to your supervisor by **JUNE 15, 2017**. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, single or double-sided on 8 ½ x 11" paper and coil or cerlox bound with a clear cover. Sources must be documented according to the conventions of a recognized academic style (MLA, Chicago, etc.). Those who fail to submit the final copy by the due date risk not graduating. Please note that **INCOMPLETES** will only be granted for legitimate medical or other properly documented reasons.

Your MRP will be read and marked by your supervisor and a second reader, normally chosen by your supervisor. One copy of your MRP will be returned to you, the second one retained by the Department for its records.

The MRP is marked on a pass / fail basis. Truly outstanding papers may be given a pass with distinction (P+). We will collate comments from both markers and pass them on to the students.

MRPs will be graded and returned to students by July 15. A student whose MRP receives a failing grade will normally have the opportunity to revise and resubmit for August 15.

Any general questions should be directed to the MA IR Advisor, Dr. Robert O'Brien (obrienr@mcmaster.ca) or to Manuela Dozzi (dozzim@mcmaster.ca).

VI. INSTITUTE OF GLOBALIZATION AND THE HUMAN CONDITION (IGHC)

The Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition (IGHC) is a research Institute which hosts an M.A. in Globalization Studies and supports teaching and research on a wide variety of global studies topics. The Institute is located on the 2nd floor of Kenneth Taylor Hall (KTH-220). It runs a working paper series, hosts numerous visiting speakers, awards essay prizes and grants research scholarships. Political Science and International Relations students, with an interest in globalization are welcome and encouraged to take courses in the Institute and participate in all of its activities.

VII. PRE-COURSE READING

Some students may wish to undertake some additional reading before beginning the MA in September. This is not required, but should you wish to do so, we have the following suggestions;

For Global Politics Stream:

- J. Marshall Beier and Lana Wylie, *Canadian Foreign Policy in Critical Perspective* (Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2009).
- Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1977).
- Geeta Chowdhry and Sheila Nair, eds., *Power, Postcolonialism and International Relations: Reading Race, Gender and Class* (New York: Routledge, 2002).
- David Campbell, *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, revised ed. 1998).
- A. Claire Cutler, Virginia Haufler and Tony Porter, *Private Authority and International Affairs* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999).
- Edgar Grande and Louis W. Pauly, *Complex Sovereignty: Reconstituting Political Authority in the Twenty-first Century* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005).
- John Gerard Ruggie, *Constructing the World Polity: Essays on International Institutionalization* (New York: Routledge, 1998).
- Richard Stubbs, *Rethinking Asia's Economic Miracle: War, Prosperity and Crisis* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

For Global Political Economy Stream:

At a minimum, students should be familiar with a basic undergraduate IPE or GPE textbook such as:

- Robert O'Brien and Marc Williams *Global Political Economy: Evolution and Dynamics* 4th Edition (New York: Palgrave 2013).
- Richard Stubbs and Geoffrey Underhill eds. *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order* 3rd Edition (Toronto: Oxford University Press 2005).
- John Ravenhill, *Global Political Economy* Oxford: Oxford University Press 2005.

Those with little previous knowledge of economics may wish to buy or consult an economics primer such as:

- Robert L. Heilbroner, and Lester Thurow, *Economics Explained* (New York: Touchstone, 1998).

A solid understanding of the role of MONEY is helpful. You may wish to consult an introduction such as:

- John Kenneth Galbraith's *Money: Whence it Came, Where it Went* Revised Edition (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004).

A good overview of our present economic crisis can be found in:

- Paul Krugman, *The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008* (New York: Norton 2008).

Additional books:

- Nicola Phillips ed. *Globalizing International Political Economy* (Palgrave: New York 2005).
- John Hobson, *The Eastern Origins of Western Civilization* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2004).

VIII. CONTACTS AND FACILITIES

GRADUATE COMMITTEE 2016 - 2017

Chair: Dr. Karen Bird

MA Political Science Graduate Advisor: Dr. Stephen McBride

MA IR Graduate Advisor: Dr. Robert O'Brien

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AREA CONVENORS 2016 - 2017

Canadian: Dr. Henry Jacek

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At present, M.A. Political Science and M.A. International Relations students have access to space in Kenneth Taylor Hall (KTH-705). There are also computers and WIFI access available for your use in that space.

Some if not most course readings will be placed in KTH-502 and can be borrowed for photocopying.

Your key administrative contact is Manuela Dozzi.