

**ACCELERATED M.A. DEGREE in POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL POLICY STUDIES**



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The accelerated MA Program in United Nations and Global Policy Studies offers gifted Rutgers undergraduates a path toward an MA in Political Science that is cost effective in terms of time and tuition. With adequate planning and preparations, a student can complete the BA and MA in five years.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students can informally apply to the M.A. in United Nations and Global Policy Studies during the fall of their junior year. To be eligible, students must be ideally declared Political Science majors, and be well on their way toward completing the major. All students, whether or not they are Political Science majors, must have completed, with a grade of C or better, the following courses before applying:

- 102 International Relations
- 103 Comparative Politics
- 327 International Political Economy
- 361 International Organizations

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their Political Science courses before applying and must maintain that GPA to remain in the undergraduate portion of the program.

Junior year admission is provisional. Admission permits students to take courses in the MA program but they must apply formally to the graduate school during the MA program: a personal statement, official transcript, resume, GRE scores and two letters of recommendation.

ADMITTED, WHAT'S NEXT?

Upon admission, students will be able to take one MA-level class in the second semester of their junior year, one in the summer between junior and senior year, one in the fall and two in the BA and will NOT count toward the 120 credits required for the BA and will NOT count toward the Political Science major. No student may count any course or any credit toward both the BA and the MA.

Ideally, students will have declared interests in the accelerated MA program during their sophomore year. Such declaration will allow the MA office to develop a file on the student and will the undergraduate Political Science advisor to assist the student with appropriate course selection. We propose the following preparatory course sequence:

- **Freshman year:** 102 International Relations
- **Sophomore year:** 327 International Political Economy & 361 International Organizations.
- **Junior year:** Apply for provisional admission to the MA program.

For residents of New Jersey, one of your courses should be an internationally focused internship, such as the UN, NYC UN Mission or Consulate, or an appropriate NGO. Alternatively, the program strongly recommends a spring semester spent with the Washington Internship Program.

The program can be categorized into the following sequence where students can take one MA course in the second semester of your junior year and another one over the Summer between junior and senior year, paying undergraduate tuition. This can be followed up by formally applying for admission to the MA Program, and taking one MA course in the Fall, two in the Spring and one course over the Summer after senior year, paying the MA-level tuition.

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