

Fall 2016 Application Deadline: December 10, 2015 at 3:00 pm

Concurrent MA Program in International and Area Studies

The MA degree in International and Area Studies (IAS) is a concurrent Masters program only available to students who are already registered in an UC Berkeley graduate program. It is an interdisciplinary program designed to complement the primary graduate degree work by providing the fundamentals of contemporary international issues and/or detailed knowledge on particular world regions or countries. The MA degree in International and Area Studies provides wide flexibility in crafting an individual interdisciplinary program to complement or enhance the primary area of study. Students tailor the content of their programs within a defined framework to suit their interests. Specific course work is chosen in strict consultation with a faculty adviser.

IAS MA Degree Requirements

Students must organize their course work around either a topical or geographic concentration.

- a) A **topic**-oriented program focuses on selected aspects of current international affairs. Course work might combine studies in economics, political science, and history, and could focus on international, transnational, or global issues.
- b) An **area**-oriented program focuses either on a major country or region of the world and should have a strong historical or cultural dimension.

2. All students must demonstrate a strong grounding in economics and social science. Students who have not completed equivalent course work prior to entering the program must take:

-At least one intermediate-level Economics course, chosen from "Appendix A" (see program handbook).

-At least two Social Science courses, chosen from "Appendix B," at least one of which must be a graduate-level course (numbered 200 or above) (see program handbook).

-At least two courses in Area Studies, chosen from "Appendix," at least one of which must be a graduate-level course (numbered 200 or above) (see program handbook).

These courses must be taken for letter grades (no S/U or P/NP option permitted) and be completed before you apply for advancement to candidacy.

3. Coursework Policies: A minimum of 24 units of course work, independent of courses taken for the primary degree (MA/MS or Ph.D.), is required. At least twelve of the 24 units must be graduate-level course work (course numbered 200-299). No more than a third of the units (8 maximum) may be taken on an S/U or P/NP grading basis. No courses used toward the student's primary program may be used for the IAS M.A. Lower-division undergraduate coursework may not be used toward this degree.

4. Pre-requisite course: Students must enroll in at least one requirement OR elective course (stated in item 2 above) during Fall 2015 or Spring 2016.

5. Foreign Language: Demonstrated proficiency in a modern foreign language relevant to the focus of study, and equivalent to the completion of four college-level semesters (2 years) of language study, is required. None of the courses taken to fulfill this requirement may be used toward the 24-unit requirement for the degree. Language courses may be taken on a pass/no pass basis. However, a maximum of four units of "advanced" level language courses (upper division), if relevant to the focus of the student's program, may count toward the degree. This is considered an exception and must be discussed with the IAS MA chair, Max Auffhammer.

6. Capstone Project - Thesis or Oral Exam: Either a written thesis or a comprehensive oral exam based on the focus of study is required to complete the IAS MA degree. This is in addition to any thesis or exam taken for the student's primary degree. However, students are encouraged to relate the IAS thesis topic to the work done for their primary degree program. Students enrolled in IAS 292 Direct Advanced Research and/or IAS 299 Directed Reading courses to complete their thesis should note that no more than 4 units can be applied toward the 24 minimum units required for the degree.

7. Advancement to Candidacy: Approval of all course work, completion of the foreign language requirement, and approval of the faculty committee must be granted by the IAS MA Faculty Adviser prior to advancement to candidacy. The candidacy petition must be submitted no later than the fifth week of the semester in which the student intends to complete the degree. If thesis research involves human subjects, a Course Completion Record from the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects must also be submitted. Final approval of candidacy petitions is granted by the Dean of the Graduate Division.

Application Process

Applications are due at the end of the Fall semester. Offers of admissions are sent to students early in the Spring semester, for matriculation in the following Fall semester. Students must be enrolled in, at the least, their first semester of graduate study on the Berkeley campus, and have at least three semesters remaining. The application for **Fall 2016, which must be submitted in person at 101 Stephens Hall**, is due no later than **3:00 PM on Thursday, December 10, 2015** and should be submitted to the IAS Graduate Student Affairs Officer (GSAO), International and Area Studies Academic Programs. For questions, please contact GSAO Dreux Montgomery at dmontgom@berkeley.edu.

Checklist for a complete IAS MA application

- ✓ Application Form (below)
- ✓ Proposed Program of Courses Form (below)
- ✓ Thesis/Exam Proposal Form (below)
- ✓ Two recent Letters of Recommendation from Berkeley faculty members. These letters are in addition to those used in your initial UCB application.
- ✓ Statement of Purpose: A 2-3 page essay describing (a) your academic background; (b) your interest in international studies; and (c) how the IAS MA degree would enhance your academic and career goals.
- ✓ A UC Berkeley BearFacts version of your transcript if you are not in your first semester of graduate study.
- ✓ A UC Berkeley BearFacts print out of your current classes
- ✓ A Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae indicating relevant work, intern and/or volunteer experience.
- ✓ Supplementary Documents. Applicants must also request copies of the following to be forwarded via campus mail or hand delivery to Dreux Montgomery, GSAO/IAS MA, 101 Stephens Hall MC 2306, from the graduate or professional program in which they are currently enrolled:
 - ☐ Transcripts from all schools attended after high school
 - ☐ A copy of all forms submitted as part of the application to the primary degree
 - ☐ GRE/GMAT/LSAT scores (whichever is applicable; these need not be official)
 - ☐ TOEFL scores (international students only)

IAS MA Program Faculty and Staff

Faculty Chair:

Max Auffhammer

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The complete IAS MA faculty list is available at:

<http://iasp.berkeley.edu/iasgrad>

International & Area Studies Masters Program

Application Form

Last Name	First	Middle	Phone	Berkeley Email Address
Current Mailing Address			Student ID Number	
City	State	Zip	Undergraduate GPA	UC Berkeley GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Department and Degree Goal		Expected Degree Date	CA Resident: Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> International Student: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			Non-Resident: Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Prior Colleges and/or Graduate Schools Attended

Institution/Location	Major	Dates	Degree	Date Rec'd

Foreign Language Requirement

Please indicate the highest level of foreign language completed. Students must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to completion of four college semesters (two years). Equivalency can be achieved through coursework, or a proficiency exam (please contact IAS for the examination arrangements). Course work may be taken on a pass/not pass basis. For native speakers, evidence must be provided of education through at least high school in the home country. Please attach an official high school or college transcript for review. If the level of foreign language completed is insufficient, students must take additional course work at Berkeley, which does not count towards the 24 overall units required to fulfill the MA degree.

Language	No. of Semesters	Institution	Years
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Letters of Recommendation

Please indicate names, departments and phone numbers of letter writers. Letters should be sent directly to the IAS Advising Office, attn: IAS MA Graduate Student Affairs Officer (GSAO), 101 Stephens Hall, MC 2306.

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2. _____

IAS MA – Proposed Program Worksheet

Required courses. These courses must be taken for a letter grade and a minimum of 3 units.

Course	Semester	Instructor
Appendix A:		
Appendix B:		
Appendix B:		
Appendix C:		
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Elective Courses. When added to the Required Courses units, the total should be a minimum of 24. No more than 12 units on a student's IAS MA program may be from undergraduate coursework.

Course	Semester	Instructor
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Graduate Electives		

Undergraduate Electives		

Foreign language: _____

This course will not count toward the 24 unit minimum. Must be equivalent to 2nd semester, 2nd year intermediate level or beyond. May be taken pass/no pass.

Course	Semester	Institution	Units	Grade	Grade points	Certified by advisor

Proficiency Test Date _____ **Results** _____ **H.S. Diploma Rec'd** _____

MA – IAS THESIS/EXAM PROPOSAL FORM

1. Name:
2. Current program:
3. Date current program started:
4. Proposed IAS subject/area:
5. Proposed IAS advisor (choose from MA-IAS General Faculty list):
6. Additional proposed faculty who will work with you on your IAS thesis/exam (choose at least one faculty member from the MA-IAS Graduate Group):
7. How are you are planning to complete the IAS capstone requirement (check one)?
Exam Thesis
8. When do you plan to take the exam or complete the thesis?
9. Expected date of MA-IAS degree completion:
10. Do you plan to use elective courses from your current program to fulfill MA-IAS requirements (check one)? Yes No
If yes, list:
11. If you are in a professional program, are you aware of the PDST that your current professional program requires you to pay during your concurrent enrollment (check one)?
Yes No
12. Signature of at least one faculty member from the MA-IAS General Faculty list who will serve as advisor or on the thesis/exam committee:
13. Signature of Applicant:
14. Signature of Chair of MA-IAS: _____