EMERGING MARKETS AND COUNTRY RISK ANALYSIS (ADV CERT)

Requirements

The Advanced Certificate in Emerging Markets and Country Risk Analysis is a ten week summer program running through June and July with classes two days a week in the evenings. It is earned by successfully completing one Political Science course and one Economics course. For students without a strong background in finance, a financial management course is also required, which will meet an additional two evenings a week during the first session. The certificate is available as an addition to a Master's degree or as a stand-alone certification. Some years, there is the option for students who are also pursuing an M.A. to substitute one course for an equivalent course taken at the University of Pretoria in South Africa during August.

Plan of Study

Term 1		**Credits**
POSC 6991	Political Risk Analysis	3
ECON 5040	Strategic Financial Management (Only required for some students)	
	Credits	**3**
Term 2		
ECON 5540 or ECON 5541	Emerging Markets or Emerging Markets: South Africa	3
	Credits	**3**
	Total Credits	**6**

POSC 6991 will meet two nights a week during the first summer session from 6:00pm - 9:00pm, typically on Mondays and Wednesdays. ECON 5540 will meet during the second summer session during the same time. Students who are required to take ECON 5040 will take it during the first summer session, and it will meet from the same times on the other two days a week, typically Tuesdays and Thursdays. To earn the certificate, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better in the classes taken for the certificate.

While students are earning this certificate, they are strongly urged to take advantage of their time in New York by doing an internship. Most students pursue an internship with a major financial firm or bank. For visiting or stand-alone students, internships should be worked out prior to coming to New York. Be sure to take advantage of career placement offices. You may also wish to consult the latest edition of Peterson's Guide to Internships. A highly recommended internship would be as a summer analyst with the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Their deadline is normally January 31.

The course ECON 5541 Emerging Markets: South Africa is sometimes offered during August at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. It is the same course as ECON 5540 but with a focus on South Africa as an emerging market. It is open only to a select number of students from Fordham University and the University of Pretoria. In addition to covering the same academic material as our regular course on Emerging Markets, this course will also allow you to meet with various business and government leaders from the South African community. Field trips to the South African Reserve Bank and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange are just two examples. Furthermore, when the academic component of the course is completed, we finish our time in South Africa with a safari to Krueger National Park. If you are a Fordham student interested in this course, please visit the IPED office early in the Spring semester.

If you are a visiting graduate student, be sure to confirm with your home school, and prior to your attendance at Fordham, how much credit you may transfer into your home program.