

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

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Admissions

The Master's Program in International Political Economy and Development (IPED) accepts approximately 25 students each year. We seek students from different parts of the world that possess intellectual ability as well as enthusiasm for understanding the political, economic, and social challenges of the current economic world order.

Admission requirements for the M.A. program are the following:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A 500-1500 word statement of purpose that indicates how the IPED program would prepare you to reach your future career goals. It should also indicate if you are applying for any special fellowships (Arrupe, Global Markets, Public Service, Peace Corps).
- Official degree transcripts confirming prior degree conferral are required for all applicants, regardless of matriculation status. These should be ordered at least one month prior to the application deadline for your program of interest.
- Three letters of recommendation. When communicating with your recommendation letter writers, please provide them with at least one month's advance notice to submit their recommendations. To facilitate this process, enter each recommender's name and her/his email address directly into the online application. They will be notified electronically of your request. Please note: you may submit your application even if the submission of your recommendation letters is in progress.
- Previous professional work experience, which includes long-term volunteer service with organizations like the Peace Corps, is playing a larger role in the admissions process, especially for those who wish to specialize in international development studies.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation their official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). GSAS will also consider a student's International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Cambridge English Proficiency Level language testing results. To be admitted to the IPED Program applicants should score at least 150 on the quantitative GRE, 155 on the verbal GRE, and 3.5 on the analytical writing GRE. For international students, TOEFL scores substitute for the verbal and analytical writing GRE scores. The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 100. For the last three years, the average GRE scores for matriculated students were 160 verbal, 157 quantitative, and 4.6 analytical writing. The average cumulative undergraduate grade point average for our matriculated students was 3.48.

*Applicants who do not wish to be considered for University merit-based financial aid may substitute LSAT scores or GMAT scores in place of the GRE. These individuals are still eligible for financial aid in the form of loans.