



Pre-Master's in International Relations

International Relations, MS

The MS in International Relations is a two-year degree program that explores theories and policies that are relevant to our global and intertwined world. Students are trained to think theoretically and apply tools and methodologies to analyze a wide range of international public policy issues.

The master's focuses on three broad areas:

- Understanding of classic International Relations Theory in a historical and contemporary context; and the concepts, structures and institutions, both governmental and non-governmental, that define the global system.
- Firm knowledge of the current international system and the political, economic, and cultural factors that influence policy formulation.
- Critical understanding of international political economy, the effects of globalization, problems and prospects in the developing world, the role of regionalism and of regional integration, the dynamics of international conflicts and conflict resolution.

Areas of strength within the program:

- **The study of international organizations.** Our faculty has extensive experience working in and alongside international organizations. Students can benefit from their expertise and personal familiarity with these important international actors.
- **International environmental politics.** Students and faculty within our department have engaged directly in international environmental debates. Students can access resources at the Center for Governance and Sustainability, and work with scholars dedicated to the political dimension of our global environment.
- **International Development and the Politics of the Global South.**

Curriculum

Students are required to complete 36 graduate credits:

Seven required core courses (18 credits)

- Theories and Concepts of International Relations
- Contemporary Issues in World Politics
- Research Methods and Analysis in International Relations
- International Political Economy
- Globalization and International Development
- Global Governance

Did you know?

A UMass Boston professor is part of the Scientific Advisory Board of the United Nations!

These select few are chosen to examine how the UN can use science, technology and innovation to devise new solutions for global problems.

Four elective courses (12 credits)

Students may choose graduate level courses offered by any UMB department related to their area of interest; prior approval of Graduate Program Director required.

Capstone Seminar and Paper, or Master's Thesis (6 credits)



Admission requirements	International Relations
Academic entry requirements	Bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA equivalent to USA 2.75
English requirements	5.5 IELTS or 69 TOEFL*
Work experience	None required
Credit hours towards degree	9 credit hours (3 courses)†
Typical timeframe to receive the I-20	Up to 4 weeks
GRE requirements	None required
Intakes per year	August, May, January
Progression requirements	B in all classes‡
PMP duration	2 semesters or 8 months
PMP cost	US\$12,568 per semester
Master's duration	2–3 semesters
Master's cost	US\$14,546 per semester
Total credits required	36 credits

* Students with 59 TOEFL or 5.0 IELTS can do one semester of ESL prior to starting in PMP. † Students who start in the fall intake may earn up to 12 credits.
‡ Any change in academic concentration is subject to individual consideration.

Pre-Master's Program (PMP)

The Navitas Pre-Master's Program (PMP) is a two semester program designed for students who have completed a bachelor's degree, but who need, or wish to have, additional support to gain entry into University of Massachusetts Boston International Relations program.

When a student is accepted into the PMP, he or she is also conditionally accepted into the master's program, with continuation in the graduate program dependent upon successful completion of the PMP. No further application is required and only one student visa application will need to be processed.

Pre-Master's Program (PMP):

Intakes

August, January and May

Duration

Two semesters (6 credit hours)

Required documents for PMP admission:

- Completed application form
- Certified copies of recognized university academic transcripts of undergraduate degree
- Bank statement showing US\$45,000
- TOEFL or IELTS score (original IELTS result must be mailed)
- Three letters of reference
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose



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