The Department of Political Science designed the International Politics and Practice Capstone Certificate (IPPCC) to educate learners who lead and serve professionally in the international arena. The program appeals especially to experienced, mid-career professionals in the fields of education, business, government, military, and non-governmental organizations. The IPPCC curriculum is entirely online and completed during the summer terms only.

The IPPCC curriculum builds advanced mastery in the core competencies of international relations: foreign policy, international political economy, international law and organizations, and international security. In each course, students take part in discussions with UW–Madison’s international relations faculty and participate in assignments designed to hone their analytical skills.

Key strengths of the capstone program are its moderate time demands and relatively short time to completion. The IPPCC is a five-course, 13-credit hour program, delivered entirely online each summer term. The sequence can be completed in two to three summers.

Further detail, including tuition and costs, is available at the IPPCC website or by contacting the program coordinator:

IPPCC Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin–Madison
305 North Hall
1050 Bascom Mall
Madison, WI 53706
esjung@wisc.edu

HOW TO GET IN

ADMISSION

Applicant requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater. This requirement may be waived under the following conditions:
  a. For applicants holding a master’s degree (original transcript required) or graduate certificate credential from an accredited college or university.
  b. For applicants able to demonstrate an ability to handle advanced coursework by completing graduate-level courses (transcript required) with a grade of B or higher, and/or
  c. For applicants able to demonstrate substantial prior professional experience in the international field.

Students enroll in the summer terms. Adult Career and Special Student Services (ACSSS) is the admitting office for all University Special students. However, the Department of Political Science makes the final admission decision upon review of all applicant materials.

APPLICATION STEPS

A complete application includes the following information:

1. An online application for admission (http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/apply.htm) as a University Special student, selecting UNCS Capstone Certificate and the program: International Politics & Practice. This application is received and processed by ACSSS with final decision held for approval from the specific capstone certificate coordinator.

2. Submit to the capstone certificate program coordinator at the address below:

   • Official transcript(s) from all institutions attended.
   • A personal statement of approximately 500 words indicating your intellectual and practical interest in international affairs. How might you utilize an enhanced knowledge of international relations? The statement should also include a brief description of any life experiences in the international arena, including the dates, duration, and locations involved. What specific personal experiences best demonstrate your involvement in international affairs? What insights did you acquire from your experiences?
   • Note: The term “international affairs” is broadly understood to encompass diplomatic, military, business, administrative, non-government organizations, education (teaching), and similar experiences.
   • Indicate your ability in languages other than English, including an assessment of your level of competency in each language.
   • A résumé or curriculum vitae highlighting relevant education and experience.

Submit all information to:

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ENROLLMENT

Admitted students receive a formal letter of admission to UW-Madison from Adult Career and Special Student Services along with general enrollment information. Additional detail is provided on the ACSSS enrollment page (http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/enroll-special.htm).

The Department of Political Science, International Politics and Practice Capstone Certificate coordinator will send an email to admitted students with specific information pertaining to enrollment in courses and completion of the capstone program.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.000

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Student will

- Acquire foundational knowledge of domestic and international policies that affect both national economic policymaking and developments in the world economy
- Identify the role of international financial institutions, trade and development, financial crisis, and the relationship between globalization and inequality
- Recognize and distinguish patterns of global governance and their impact over time
- Develop an understanding of the relationship between national and international security
- Apply important connections to real-world experiences