The International Political Economy and Diplomacy program at the University of Bridgeport is an interdisciplinary course of study that offers you a solid foundation in political science, economics, and international relations. The remarkable diversity of our faculty and student body ensures that a broad variety of viewpoints are always examined. You will hone your critical thinking skills exploring issues of social and economic development from a global perspective, and develop valuable practical knowledge through internships.

Opportunities abound to participate in enriching experiences such as our distinctive Peace Corps preparation program, community service, attending United Nations briefings, and studying abroad. This degree is well-suited to students interested in careers in foreign service, nongovernmental organizations, education, government, and business.

**DEGREE OPTIONS**
- Bachelor of Arts

**CONCENTRATIONS**
- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Peace and Development Studies

**MINOR**
- Political Science

**STUDY ABROAD**
- Programs in 40+ Countries

**EXTENSIVE AND ACTIVE**
- Alumni Network
PROGRAM CORE COURSES

The International Political Economy and Diplomacy program helps you develop intercultural competence and a comprehensive understanding of the global political economy. We offer three concentrations that enable you to tailor your degree to your career goals and interests. Due to the global focus of this degree, you will need to develop proficiency in at least one language other than English. The International Political Economy and Diplomacy program requires students to complete a total of 120 credit hours prior to graduation, with 21 in your program core, 18 in additional program courses of your choosing, and 15 in a concentration.

B.A. in International Political Economy and Diplomacy

Required courses include:
- Introduction to Political Science and Methods
- Introduction to Eastern Religions
- Cultural Anthropology
- World Regional Geography
- Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Social Science Research Methods
- Internship

Political Science Minor

Choose six:
- American Government
- Government and Politics Abroad
- Political Economy of North/South Relations
- World Politics
- Introduction to International Law
- Introduction to United Nations Studies
- Human Security
- Classics in Political Theory
- Recent Political Theory

Required Courses for Each Concentration

Asia-Pacific Studies

Required courses include:
- Political Economy of East Asia
- Political Economy of China

Plus any three of the following:
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- Introduction to East Asian Religions
- Buddhist Thought
- Confucianism and Taoism
- East Asian Civilization
- East Asia Meets the West

Middle East Studies

Required courses include:
- Political Economy of the Middle East

Plus any four of the following:
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- Introduction to Religions of Middle Eastern Origin
- Islam
- Gender in Islamic Societies
- Islamic World
- Muslim, Christian, Jewish Relations in the Modern Middle East
- Islam and Democracy
- Religion and Politics in the Middle East

Peace and Development Studies

Choose five:
- Seminar in Public and International Careers
- Political Economy of North/South Relations
- Introduction to International Law
- Introduction to UN Studies
- International Human Rights
- Human Security
- Sustainable Development
- Intercultural Communication

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Government Official
International Banker
Teacher/College Professor
Political Analyst
Campaign Manager
Lobbyist
Legislative Assistant
Judge
Risk Analyst
Public Relations Manager

POTENTIAL INTERNSHIP SITES

Government offices
International organizations
Law enforcement organizations
Legal firms
Banks
Nongovernmental organizations

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