Master of Arts in East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies

Program Overview
The Master of Arts in East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies is a 12-course, multidisciplinary degree program designed for current and future professionals who require an in-depth understanding of this pivotal engine of the world political economy. The curriculum is intended to equip students with the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to conduct research and interpret developments in the Pacific Rim, as well as develop a foundation in an East Asian language. The program is highlighted by practical hands-on training. As a capstone experience, students complete an overseas internship.

The program prepares students with the crucial background needed for a successful career in this emerging region, whether in business, government or academia. Students may choose from four area concentrations. Students develop an understanding of the political, economic and social issues of East Asia as well as an understanding of the role that language and culture play in its growing political economy. Students accepted into the program may choose one of four tracks in business, global communication, diplomacy or development.

About UB
The University of Bridgeport is an international, doctoral-intensive, comprehensive university, offering award-winning academic programs in a variety of innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Our 50-acre, seaside campus overlooks Long Island Sound on Connecticut's corporate Gold Coast, and is within easy driving distance of New York City and Boston.

Our student-faculty ratio is 15:1, and our full- and part-time faculty members include Fulbright Scholars, National Science Foundation Fellows, Ford Fellows, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellows, American Council for Learned Societies Scholars and Phi Beta Kappa Scholars. Some 32 percent of our students are members of minorities and students from more than 80 countries live and learn within our community.

Concentrations
- Negotiation and Diplomacy
- International Political Economy and Development
- Global Management
- Global Communication
**Career Tracks**

With a Master of Arts in East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies, graduates look forward to careers including: international public servant, diplomat, foreign affairs specialist, trade relations specialist, intelligence specialist, regional labor relations specialist, NGO manager, international security expert, international banker, insurance company risk analyst, journalist, educator or researcher focusing on East Asia and the Pacific Rim.

**Overseas Internship**

An integral part of the program is a minimum two-month overseas internship at one of the institutions or companies in China, Korea, Taiwan and Japan with which the university has established contacts. UB students from East Asia may be exempt from an overseas internship and can intern in the United States.

Taking part in an internship gives students hands-on experience using professional skills necessary for success in business, government and other venues where knowledge of East Asian and Pacific Rim languages and culture is vital.

Because of the challenging nature of East Asian languages, one of the most important aspects of the internship is the exposure to and use of a language the student has studied. This immersion experience focused on language, culture and protocol in professional and academic settings offers participants unique insight to the varied dimensions of the East-West exchange. At the conclusion of the internship students submit a report on their experience.

**Program Curriculum**

The East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies Program requires a minimum of 36 credit hours. The program requires five semesters including an overseas internship. Students can choose to complete an internship the summer prior to the second year or in the fall of the second year.

**Core Competencies (6 Semester Hours): Required for all program tracks.**

- Research Methods 3
- Conflict Analysis and Resolution 3

**Regional and Cultural Competencies (9 Semester Hours):**

- Sociopolitical Implications of the World's Religions 3
- Political and Economic Integration of the Pacific Rim 3

**Concentrations**

**A: Negotiation and Diplomacy Track (12 Semester Hours)**

- Political Communication and Governance 3
- The Culture of Diplomacy – East Asia and the West 3
- Advanced Diplomacy 3
- One Course in on Concentration B, C or D 3

**B: International Political Economy and Development Track (12 Semester Hours)**

- Sustainable Development 3
- Models of Good Governance in the Asia-Pacific Region 3
- Business and Diplomacy – East Asia vs. the West 3
- One Course in Concentration A, C or D 3

**C: Global Management Track (12 Semester Hours)**

- Leadership, Teams and Managing Change 3
- International Issues 3
- Global Market Management* 3
- One Course in Concentration A, B or D 3

**D: Global Communication Track (12 Semester Hours)**

- Global Communication and Mass Media 3
- Communication and National Development 3
- Political Communication and Governance 3
- One Course in Concentration A, B or C 3

*In certain cases, other International Political Economy and Development courses may be substituted following approval from the Program Chair.

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