The two-year IRIC program trains students for global careers in journalism, marketing, public relations, and other media fields.

Classes in communication furnish students with concrete career skills in the media field. IR coursework complements this by enabling students to develop regional or thematic expertise. Students have the opportunity to study/intern in either London or Washington, DC.

The MA in International Relations & International Communication requires a total of 16 courses (64 credits) divided among IR core (12 credits), IR track (12 credits), IR electives (8 credits), COM core (12 credits), COM track (12 credits) and COM electives (8 credits). Students also write and orally defend a capstone MA paper, gain training in statistical analysis, and demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language.

IR Core Courses

One class from 3 of the following 4 categories:

- Theory & Policy
- Political Economy
- Security Studies
- Regional Studies

COM Core Courses

- Intercultural Communication
- Communication Theory

And one of the following:

- Communication Research
- Public Opinion & Public Policy
- International Communication

IR Tracks

- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East & Africa
- Muslim World
- Theory & Policy
- Political Economy
- Security Studies

COM Tracks

- International Journalism
- International Marketing
- Public Relations
- Global Communication Tech Policy
- Communication Research

“I absolutely LOVE being in an environment of intense intellectual exchange, in which your opinions are always valued and respected. Professors bring to the table eye-opening ideas and concepts, and I love how the readings - always challenging but never impossible -- push students. COM provides great practical experience – this semester, I am enrolled in PRLab, for which I will be assigned a real-life account to handle.”

- Mai Bui, IRIC 2016