

IR & Business Administration (IR/MBA)

"One of the best parts of my experience in the IR/MBA program at BU is the number of international students. Additionally, the small class sizes has allowed me to build relationships with a number of students and teachers, and gain valuable perspectives about the importance of understanding the intersection of management and policy in a global context."

*- Brian Woerner
Class of 2017*

The dual IR/MBA program caters to students who want to gain the practical know-how of management combined with an in-depth understanding of the geo-political environment. In just two and a half years, students get the skills and competencies to compete in a rapidly evolving international marketplace.

Students learn all the essential skills of management through study in the Questrom School of Business and couple that with an understanding of international politics, economics, and security issues learned through coursework in the Pardee School. The program is perfect for students seeking careers in administrative management (corporate or non-profit), consulting, or international banking.

The MA in International Relations & Master of Business Administration requires a total of 80 credits divided among Pardee School IR core (12 credits), Pardee School IR electives (20 credits), Questrom School core (34 credits plus several 0 credit workshops), Questrom School electives (6 credits), and free electives (8 credits). Students also write and orally defend a capstone MA paper 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

