Quick Guide to the BA/MA Program in IR and IA

1. Eligibility: To be eligible, applicants must...

☑ Have a 3.5 cumulative GPA
☑ Have a 3.6 major GPA (major classes excluding EC
101 and 102)
☑ Students must have taken a minimum of four IR classes at
the time of application, including at least one regional or
functional track class. EC 101 and 102 do not count toward
this requirement.
☑ Students apply in their junior year of study

2. Application Requirements:

☑ Online application form and questionnaire
☑ Two faculty recommendations
☑ Plan of Study that includes major GPA verification
☑ signature from undergraduate academic advisor
☑ 1,000 word personal statement that includes a proposed
research topic
☑ Unofficial GPA

*For the 2018 application cycle, applications will be due April 20th.

3. Program requirements:

☑ BA Program: Students complete the requirements of a
BA in IR.
☑ MA Program: Students complete the requirements of the

MA phase:
Required courses (taken during fall/spring of the 4th year of study): GRS IR 601, IR 602, IR 604

- Students take six or seven MA courses (500-level or above) in any MAIA specialization including:
  - Diplomacy
  - Global Economic Affairs
  - Security Studies
  - International Communication
  - Religion and International Affairs.
  - At least two specializations courses must be at the 700-level or above.

*Most specializations require 6 courses, but the Religion and International Affairs specialization requires 7.*

- Students write a Master’s Paper as the capstone component of their degree. The paper may take one of two forms: either a traditional research paper or a policy paper.
- All MA Courses must be passed with a B- or better

**Other requirements:**

- Students must complete a total of 176 credits
- Students must pass the MA language exam by the end of their 5th year of study
- Students must successfully write and defend a cumulative research or policy paper by the end of their 5th year of study
- Students must fulfill a 5-year (10 academic semester) residency requirement
- Students must study abroad on at least one semester or summer program