Master of Arts in International Policy
Coterminal Degree

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy (MIP) at Stanford University’s Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) produces leaders who will take on the world’s most pressing policy problems in government, international organizations, NGOs, and private companies. Students gain not only a deep understanding of the key challenges facing the world today, but also holistic skills and tools for solving them. The program combines theory and practice; encouraging students to utilize their knowledge in tangible ways, such as through the completion of a summer internship and their participation in a capstone project.

MIP students choose from among four areas of specialization:
- Cyber Policy and Security
- Energy, Natural Resources, and the Environment
- Governance and Development
- International Security

COTERMINAL DEGREE

The Ford Dorsey Master’s in International Policy is a two-year, full-time program of study. In the first year, students focus on core courses to gain analytical and policy skills and develop an understanding of substantive global issues. The second year is focused on the area of specialization and capstone project.

Program Structure:
The coterminal program requires the completion of 54 units to graduate with the M.A. degree.
- Core Courses -- 28 units
- Area of Specialization -- 17 units
- Capstone Project -- 9 units

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This coterminal degree is open to undergraduates in any major. Coterms traditionally apply during their Junior year, begin the program their Senior year, and complete it after a fifth year at Stanford. All application materials are due in early January. If admitted, candidates are invited to enroll the following Autumn Quarter.

Application Requirements:
- Web-based coterm application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample (7-15 pages)
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume or CV
- Prerequisite Coursework: ECON 1

Students considering this option should be familiar with the University’s coterminal degree policies and procedures. Please view the Stanford Bulletin for application details and University requirements.

Interested students should also consult the MIP staff early in their planning. Any questions can be directed to mip-admissions@stanford.edu.