

Economics is required for all SGPIA students in their first semester. There are three ways for students to meet this requirement and appropriate placement is very important.

1. **Economics in International Affairs (NINT 5109/CRN 1179 – 3 credits)** – this is a basic course which introduces students to basic concepts necessary for critical engagement with international affairs.
 - This course is designed for students **with no background** in economics.
 - The course meets twice a week: one session is a lecture with an instructor (NINT 5109, Section A), and the other is a lab with a Teaching Assistant (NINT 5110, Section A or B).
2. **Economics in International Affairs - Intensive (NINT 5119/CRN 1977 – 3 credits)** – this is an introductory course which shares the same objectives as Economics in International Affairs NINT 5109 and also **assumes no prior background** in economics. However, it proceeds at a faster pace and covers more material.
 - This course is **strongly encouraged** for all Development Concentration students, but it is open to students from all concentrations.
 - The course meets twice a week, with both sessions taught as lectures by the instructor.
3. **Exemption from NINT 5109 or 5119** – students who have prior training in economics may seek an exemption from Economics in International Affairs. This requires:
 - having taken an adequate number of prior courses, to be assessed;
 - taking a short quiz.

Students applying for an exemption or who are unsure about their placement should contact Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (FukudaPS@newschool.edu). **Students with ANY prior study of economics should consider applying for an exemption, as both Economics in International Affairs courses (Intensive included) are introductory and designed for students with NO background in economics.**

Development Concentration Students

Development concentration students are strongly encouraged to take Economics in International Affairs – Intensive (NINT 5119) or, if they are exempted, *Political Economics of Development* (NINT 5251). If students do not know their concentration in Fall 2019 and take the basic economics course (NINT 5109), they will not be required to also take the intensive course (NINT 5119). However, students are likely to do better in Development Economics if they have taken the intensive course.

Political Economics of Development is the foundation course for the Development Concentration and is intended to introduce the basic development economics concepts and literature on growth, poverty, and inequality from both standard and heterodox perspectives. It therefore serves as a foundation for a critical engagement with economic policy issues and political economy in international affairs.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that Development Concentration students take the Quantitative Methods option of Research Methods (**NURP 5013**) unless they have significant prior background in statistics.