

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

- **[Economics in International Affairs](#) (NINT 5109, Section A/CRN 1179 – 3 credits)** – this is a basic course for most students. It is intended to introduce 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/CRN 1179), and the other is a lab with a Teaching Assistant ([NINT 5110, Section A/CRN 2995](#) or [NINT 5110, Section B/CRN 3398](#)).
- **[Economics in International Affairs Intensive](#) (NINT 5115/CRN 1977 - 3 credits)** – This is an intensive introductory economics course, intended for students in the development concentration. It covers more material in both scope and depth, and proceeds at a faster pace, than NINT 5109 Economics in International Affairs, the standard course.
  - No prior background in Economics is required.
  - This course meets twice a week with the course instructor.
- **Exemption from Economics in International Affairs requirement**– students who have prior training in economics may seek 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 exemption or who are unsure about their placement should contact Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr ([fukudaps@newschool.edu](mailto:fukudaps@newschool.edu)). Students with ANY prior study of economics should consider this option as both sections of Economics in International Affairs is an introductory course designed for students with NO background in economics.

### **Development Concentration Students**

Development concentration students, if they are exempted from Economics 5109, should take Development Economics (NINT 5251).

Development Economics 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, development concentration students are required to take the Quantitative Methods option of Research Methods (NURP 5013) unless they have significant prior background in statistics.