

International Relations

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The degree is designed to prepare students for employment in international organizations, governmental and charitable agencies in the international arena, business and financial institutions with overseas interests, or to provide a broad liberal arts education.

Admission to Major is granted by the department. Minimum university admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (C).

To prepare a program of study suitable to the needs and interests of the individual student, the international relations major is required to consult with an advisor. The student's individualized program will be on file with the Political Science Department and the awarding of a degree will depend upon fulfillment of the program.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA

Required Credits for Major (42 credits)

Required for Major (Core, 15 credits):

- ANTH 230 People: An Anthropological Perspective (3)
- POL 231 World Politics (3)
- POL 241 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
- POL 431 International Relations (3)
- POL 300-400 Any comparative politics course (3)

Required for Major (Option, 15 credits):

With the advice and consent of an International Relations advisor, each International Relations major will build an emphasis in one of the following areas from the approved course list. Please see an International Relations advisor for copies of the list of approved courses.

1. Global Policy Issues
2. International Norms and Behavior
3. International Political Economy
4. War, Peace and Conflict Resolution
5. A regional emphasis in one area of the following:
 - a. Africa
 - b. Asia
 - c. Latin America
 - d. Middle East
 - e. Russia and neighboring states
 - f. Europe

Required for Major (Electives, 12 credits):

With the advice and consent of an International Relations advisor, each IR major will select the remainder of their credits from an approved list of IR program courses.

Required for Major (Foreign Language, 8 credits):

All students must take a year's sequence in a foreign language, unless waived as a result of examination or because the student has already learned English as a second language. These credits in a foreign language do not count as part of the international relations degree program course work.

Required Minor: Yes. Any.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. Students must earn a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 (C).

P/N Grading Policy. With the exception of internship credits, which must be taken on a P/N basis, no more than one-fourth of the credits in the major may be taken as P/N. Internship credits will not be counted as part of the one-fourth limitation, but will be subtracted from the total hours required for the major

or minor prior to the computation of the one-fourth limitation.

With the consent of an International Relations advisor, the student may utilize credits in foreign language above and beyond the 100 level, provided the student is not majoring or minoring in that foreign language.

Employment opportunities with respect to this degree are highly dependent upon the area the student selects as a companion minor or second major. For possible second majors or minors and employment opportunities associated with each, the student is urged to consult with an advisor.
