

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations

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The International Relations (IR) 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 2.5 (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):

Students will take at least two of their five courses for their chosen area of concentration from among the courses designated as core courses on the International Relations Concentrations Course List. At least one of these core courses must be a political science course. Please see attached lists of core courses for ten possible areas of concentration.

1. Global Policy Issues

(Students must take at least two courses from the following list of core courses:

Law Enforcement

LAW	438	Terrorism & Political Violence (3)
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Political Science

POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics and Policy (3)
POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	436	International Political Economy (3)
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	442	South Asia Political & Policy (3)
POL	447	Europe: Politics and Policy (3)
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

2. International Norms and Behavior

Students must take at least two courses from the following list of core courses:

Law Enforcement

LAW	434	Comparative Criminal Justice System (3)
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Political Science

POL	311	Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy (3)
POL	312	Modern Political Philosophy (3)
POL	416	Nonwestern Political Philosophy (3)
POL	432	International Law (3)

POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	436	International Political Economy (3)
POL	437	International Conflict Resolution (3)

3. War, Peace and Conflict Resolution

*Students must take POL437: International Conflict Resolution. In addition, they must also take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

Political Science

POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics and Policy (3)
POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	437	International Conflict Resolution (3) *
POL	442	South Asia Political & Policy (3)
POL	443	Middle East Politics (3)
POL	444	Latin American Politics (3)
POL	446	African Politics (3)
POL	447	Europe: Politics and Policy (3)

4. International Political Economy

*Students must take POL 436: International Political Economy. In addition, they must also take at least one from the following list of core courses:

Economics

ECON	201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON	420	International Economics (3)

Political Science

POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	436	International Political Economy (3) *
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	441	Russia and Neighboring States Politics (3)
POL	442	South Asia: Political & Policy (3)
POL	443	Middle East Politics (3)
POL	444	Latin American Politics (3)
POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics and Policy (3)
POL	446	African Politics (3)
POL	447	Europe: Politics and Policy (3)
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

5. Africa

*Students must take POL 446: African Politics. In addition, they must also take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

Geography

GEOG	456	Africa (3)
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History

HIST	437	African History to 1800 (4)
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Political Science

POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	446	African Politics (3) *
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

6. Latin America

*Students must take POL 444: Latin American Politics. In addition, they must take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

Anthropology

POL	430	Topics in International Business (1-4)
POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics Policy (3)

History

HIST	442	History of Latin America (4)
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Political Science

POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)

POL	436	International Political Economy (3)
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	444	Latin American Politics (3) *
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)
Spanish		
SPAN	356	Latin American Civilization (1-4)

7. Asia

*Students must take either POL 445: Asian Pacific Rim: Politics and Policy or POL 442: South Asia: Politics and Policy. In addition, they must take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

Art		
ART	469	Asian Art (3)
History		
HIST	434	East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4)
HIST	435	East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4)
Political Science		
POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	436	International Political Economy (3)
POL	442	South Asia: Political & Policy (3) *
POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics and Policy (3) *
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

8. Middle East

*Students must take POL 443: Middle East Politics. In addition, they must take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

Political Science		
POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	437	International Conflict Resolution (3)
POL	443	Middle East Politics (3) *
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

9. Europe

*Students must take POL 447: Europe: Politics and Policy. In addition, they must take at least one other course from the following list of core courses.

ART	462	Renaissance Art (3)
ART	463	Mannerism to Romanticism (3)
ART	466	Realism to Postmodernism (3)
Geography		
GEOG	450	Europe (3)

History

HIST	412	Modern Germany since 1500 (4)
HIST	415	England since 1603 (4)
HIST	419	France since the Revolution in 1789 (4)
HIST	427	Eastern Europe (4)

Political Science

POL	312	Modern Political Philosophy (3)
POL	432	International Law (3)
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	436	International Political Economy (3)
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	447	Europe: Politics and Policy (3) *

10. Russia and Neighboring States

*Students must take POL 441: Russia and Neighboring States Politics. In addition, they must take at least one other course from the following list of core courses:

GEOG	454	Russian Realm (3)
History		
HIST	427	Eastern Europe (4)
Political Science		
POL	433	International Organization (3)
POL	434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	441	Russian & Neighboring States Politics (3) *

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

Admission Policy. Students seeking admission to the International Relations major must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

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.