

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 (4)
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)

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.

Required for Major (Option, 15 credits):

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 POL 437: 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)
<u>Spanish</u>	
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:

<u>Art</u>	
ART 469	Asian Art (3)
<u>History</u>	
HIST 434	East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4)
HIST 435	East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4)
<u>Political Science</u>	
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:

<u>Political Science</u>	
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)
<u>Geography</u>	
GEOG 450	Europe (3)
<u>History</u>	
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)
<u>History</u>	
HIST 427	Eastern Europe (4)
<u>Political Science</u>	
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	Russia & 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. The list is updated each April and can be found on the web at: www.mnsu.edu/pole/irelations.

Required for Major (Foreign Language, 8 credits):

The student may satisfy this requirement by completing a college level foreign language sequence with grades of "C" or above, or demonstrating equivalent proficiency in a foreign language. Examples of the latter include scoring 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Exam in a foreign language and graduating with a "C" average or better from a high school where the main classroom instruction was in a language other than English. Language credits do not count toward the IR degree.

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.