

## 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.

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##### Required Credits for Major (42 credits)

##### Required for Major (Core, 12 credits):

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)

##### 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)

##### 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)

##### History

HIST 437 African History to 1800 (4)

##### 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)

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### History

HIST 442 History of Latin America (4)

### 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 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](http://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.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR (18 credits)

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 Electives (6 credits)

Choose 6 credits of electives from the approved list of IR program courses at the 300 and 400 levels only.

### POLICIES/INFORMATION

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

**GPA Policy.** Students must have a GPA of 2.5 to graduate with an International Relations major.

**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, from the approved course list.

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.