

International Relations

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The International Relations Major consists of 42 credit hours plus a minimum of one year (8 credits) of a foreign language. (The 42 required credits may include experiential learning or study abroad, maximum of 15 credits. Students must always consult with their advisor for the final approval of all experiential learning/study abroad credits for the International Relations major.) The International Relations degree is designed to prepare students for employment in international organizations, governmental and charitable agencies in the international arena, and business and financial institutions with over seas 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 Department of Government and the awarding of a degree will depend upon fulfillment of the program.

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.

Minimum Credit Requirement. All students (including transfer students) majoring in International Relations must take a minimum of 15 credits of International Relations courses at Minnesota State Mankato before graduation with BA in International Relations.

Minimum Credit Requirement. All students (including transfer students) minor-ing in International Relations must take a minimum of 9 credits of International Relations courses at Minnesota State Mankato before graduation.

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.

The International Relations major consists of a Major Common Core (12 credits), Major Electives (15 credits), a Major Emphasis (15 credits), and International Experiential Learning (6-15 credits).

No more than 6 credits taken for POL 491 (Internship) count toward the International Relations major.

No more than 6 credits taken toward completing the Political Science major or the Political Science minor can be counted toward the International Relations major.

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Degree completion = 120 credits

Major Common Core

POL	231	World Politics (3)
POL	241	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
POL	431	International Relations (3)

Comparative Politics (choose 3 credits)

POL	435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL	439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL	440	Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)
POL	441	Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3)
POL	442	South Asia: Politics & Policy (3)
POL	443	Middle East Politics (3)
POL	444	Latin American Politics (3)
POL	445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy (3)
POL	446	African Politics (3)
POL	447	Europe: Politics & Policy (3)
POL	448	Political Development & Change (3)

Major Restricted Electives (choose 15 credits)

Advisor approval is required for "Topics" courses other than POL 430 and POL 440.

ANTH	285	Special Topics (1-3)
ANTH	421W	Health, Culture, and Disease (3)
ANTH	430	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (3)
ANTH	435	The Rise of City-States and Nations (3)
ANTH	442W	Anthropology of Religion (3)
ANTH	485	Topics in Anthropology (1-3)
ART	413	Scandinavian Art (3)
ART	416	Art of Africa, the Americas, and the South Pacific (3)
ART	417	Medieval Art and Architecture (3)
ART	419	Gender in Art (3)
ART	462	Renaissance Art (3)
ART	463	Mannerism to Romanticism (3)
ART	466	Realism to Postmodernism (3)
ART	467	Art of the Islamic World (3)
ART	469	Asian Art (3)
ART	492	Art History Seminar (1-6)
BLAW	453	International Legal Environment of Business (3)
CMST	203	Intercultural Communication (3)
ECON	201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
ECON	420	International Economics (3)
ECON	450	Economic Development (3)
ENG	433	Selected Studies in World Literature (4)
ENG	435	The World Novel (2-4)
FREN	305	France Today (1-4)
FREN	350	Introduction to French Literature (3)
FREN	405	Business French I (2-4)
FREN	406	Business French II (2-4)
FREN	442	French Literature II (1-4)
GEOG	341	World Regional Geography (3)
GEOG	409	Selected Topics (1-4)
GEOG	425	Economic Geography (3)
GEOG	437	Political Geography (3)
GEOG	445	Latin America (3)
GEOG	446	Canada (3)
GEOG	450	Europe (3)
GEOG	454	Russian Realm (3)
GEOG	456	Africa (3)

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GEOG 458	Geography of East Asia (3)	SPAN 355	Spanish Civilization (1-4)
GER 442	German Literature (1-4)	SPAN 356	Latin American Civilization (1-4)
GER 455	German Cinema (3)	SPAN 403	Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)
GER 460	Topics in German Cinema (4)	Major Emphasis: Security & Peace (S&P) (choose 15 credits)	
HIST 302	World History: An Overview (4)	Must take at least 2 of the following: POL 432, POL 433, POL 437.	
HIST 402	Foundations of Judaism, Christianity, & Islam (4)	CMST 203	Intercultural Communication (4)
HIST 412	Modern Germany since 1500 (4)	GEOG 437	Political Geography (3)
HIST 415	England since 1603 (4)	HIST 436	History of East Asian Relations with the United States (4)
HIST 419	France since the Revolution in 1789 (4)	HIST 465	History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900 (4)
HIST 421	Modern Russia (4)	HIST 466	History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century (4)
HIST 424	Scandinavian History (4)	HIST 478	America in Vietnam (4)
HIST 427	Eastern Europe (4)	PHIL 358W	Eastern Philosophy (3)
HIST 431	European History: Selected Topics (1-4)	POL 201	Issues in Politics (1-3)
HIST 434	East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4)	POL 234	Model United Nations (3)
HIST 435	East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4)	POL 425	Terrorism & Political Violence (3)
HIST 436	History of East Asian Relations with the United States (4)	POL 430	Topics in International Relations (1-4)
HIST 437	African History to 1800 (4)	POL 432	International Law (3)
HIST 438	Modern Africa (4)	POL 433	International Organization (3)
HIST 442	History of Latin America (4)	POL 434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
HIST 465	History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900 (4)	POL 435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
HIST 466	History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century (4)	POL 437	International Conflict Resolution (3)
HIST 476	Comparative Slavery and Emancipation (4)	POL 438	International Relations of East Asia (3)
HIST 478	America in Vietnam (4)	POL 440	Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)
IBUS 380	Principles of International Business (3)	POL 441	Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3)
IBUS 419	International Business Seminar (3)	SCAN 451	Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)
IBUS 428	International Marketing (3)	SOC 407	Population Dynamics (3)
IBUS 448	International Business Management (3)	Major Emphasis: International Political Economy (IPE)	
IBUS 469	International Business Finance (3)	Required 15 credits. Must take POL 436 and at least 2 of the following: ECON 420, IBUS 380, POL 433, POL 435, POL 448.	
IBUS 490	International Business Policy (3)	CMST 203	Intercultural Communication (4)
MRKT 428	International Marketing (3)	ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
PHIL 321	Social & Political Philosophy (3)	ECON 420	International Economics (3)
PHIL 336W	History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Modern Philosophy (3)	ECON 450	Economic Development (3)
PHIL 337	19th Century Philosophy (3)	GEOG 425	Economic Geography (3)
PHIL 358W	Eastern Philosophy (3)	GEOG 437	Political Geography (3)
PHIL 361	Philosophy of Religion (3)	IBUS 380	Principles of International Business (3)
POL 201	Issues in Politics (1-3)	IBUS 419	International Business Seminar (3)
POL 234	Model United Nations (3)	IBUS 428	International Marketing (3)
POL 311	Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy (3)	IBUS 448	International Business Management (3)
POL 312	Early Modern Political Philosophy (3)	IBUS 469	International Business Finance (3)
POL 313	Modern Political Philosophy (3)	IBUS 490	International Business Policy (3)
POL 416	Nonwestern Political Philosophy (3)	MRKT 428	International Marketing (3)
POL 425	Terrorism & Political Violence (3)	PHIL 358W	Eastern Philosophy (3)
POL 430	Topics in International Relations (1-4)	POL 201	Issues in Politics (1-3)
POL 431	International Relations (3)	POL 234	Model United Nations (3)
POL 432	International Law (3)	POL 430	Topics in International Relations (1-4)
POL 433	International Organization (3)	POL 432	International Law (3)
POL 434	United States Foreign Policy (3)	POL 433	International Organization (3)
POL 435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)	POL 434	United States Foreign Policy (3)
POL 436	International Political Economy (3)	POL 435	Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL 437	International Conflict Resolution (3)	POL 436	International Political Economy (3)
POL 438	International Relations of East Asia (3)	POL 438	International Relations of East Asia (3)
POL 439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)	POL 439	Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL 440	Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)	POL 440	Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)
POL 441	Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3)	POL 441	Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3)
POL 442	South Asia: Politics & Policy (3)	POL 442	South Asia: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 443	Middle East Politics (3)	POL 444	Latin American Politics (3)
POL 444	Latin American Politics (3)	POL 445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 445	Asian Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy (3)	POL 446	African Politics (3)
POL 446	African Politics (3)	POL 447	Europe: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 447	Europe: Politics & Policy (3)	POL 448	Political Development & Change (3)
POL 448	Political Development & Change (3)	SCAN 451	Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)
POL 449	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)	SOC 407	Population Dynamics (3)
SCAN 251W	Scandinavian Culture: The Sami (4)	Major Emphasis: International Norms & Institutions (INI)	
SCAN 451	Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)	Required 15 credits. Must take POL 433 and at least 2 of the following: POL	
SCAN 455	Topics in Scandinavian Film (4)		
SOC 407	Population Dynamics (3)		

311, POL 312, POL 313, POL 416, POL 432.
ART 419 Gender in Art (3)
CMST 203 Intercultural Communication (4)
HIST 402 Foundations of Judaism, Christianity, & Islam (4)
PHIL 321W Social & Political Philosophy (3)
PHIL 336W History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Modern Philosophy (3)
PHIL 337 19th Century Philosophy (3)
PHIL 358W Eastern Philosophy (3)
PHIL 361 Philosophy of Religion (3)
POL 201 Issues in Politics (1-3)
POL 234 Model United Nations (3)
POL 311 Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy (3)
POL 312 Early Modern Political Philosophy (3)
POL 313 Modern Political Philosophy (3)
POL 416 Nonwestern Political Philosophy (3)
POL 430 Topics in International Relations (1-4)
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 437 International Conflict Resolution (3)
POL 438 International Relations of East Asia (3)
POL 439 Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL 440 Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)
POL 447 Europe: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 448 Political Development & Change (3)
POL 449 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
SCAN 451 Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)

Major Emphasis: Regional Studies (RS)

Choose 15 credits at least 6 credits must be from 300-400-level Political Science Courses.

ANTH 285 Special Topics (1-3)
ANTH 430 Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (3)
ANTH 432 Kinship, Marriage and Family (3)
ART 413 Scandinavian Art (3)
ART 416 Art of Africa, the Americas, and the South Pacific (3)
ART 417 Medieval Art and Architecture (3)
ANTH 442W Anthropology of Religion (3)
ART 462 Renaissance Art (3)
ART 463 Mannerism to Romanticism (3)
ART 466 Realism to Postmodernism (3)
ART 467 Art of the Islamic World (3)
ART 469 Asian Art (3)
ART 492 Art History Seminar (1-6)
CMST 203 Intercultural Communication (4)
ENG 321 British Literature: 1785-Present (4)
ENG 435 The World Novel (2-4)
FREN 217 Modern France (1-3)
FREN 305 France Today (1-4)
FREN 350 Introduction to French Literature (3)
FREN 402 French Civilization (3-4)
FREN 417 Modern France (1-3)
FREN 432 French Literature I (1-4)
FREN 442 French Literature II (1-4)
GEOG 341 World Regional Geography (3)
GEOG 425 Economic Geography (3)
GEOG 437 Political Geography (3)
GEOG 440 Field Studies (1-4)
GEOG 445 Latin America (3)
GEOG 446 Canada (3)
GEOG 450 Europe (3)
GEOG 454 Russian Realm (3)
GEOG 456 Africa (3)
GEOG 458 Geography of East Asia (3)
HIST 412 Modern Germany since 1500 (4)

HIST 415 England since 1603 (4)
HIST 419 France since the Revolution in 1789 (4)
HIST 421 Modern Russia (4)
HIST 424 Scandinavian History (4)
HIST 427 Eastern Europe (4)
HIST 431 European History: Selected Topics (1-4)
HIST 434 East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4)
HIST 435 East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4)
HIST 437 African History to 1800 (4)
HIST 438 Modern Africa (4)
HIST 442 History of Latin America (4)
PHIL 358W Eastern Philosophy (3)
POL 201 Issues in Politics (1-3)
POL 234 Model United Nations (3)
POL 416 Nonwestern Political Philosophy (3)
POL 435 Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)
POL 438 International Relations of East Asia (3)
POL 439 Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)
POL 440 Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)
POL 441 Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3)
POL 442 South Asia: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 443 Middle East Politics (3)
POL 444 Latin American Politics (3)
POL 445 Asian Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 446 African Politics (3)
POL 447 Europe: Politics & Policy (3)
POL 448 Political Development & Change (3)
SCAN 251W Scandinavian Culture: The Sami (4)
SCAN 451 Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)
SCAN 455 Topics in Scandinavian Film (4)
SPAN 355 Spanish Civilization (1-4)
SPAN 356 Latin American Civilization (1-4)
SPAN 402 Topics in Spanish Peninsular Literature (1-4)
SPAN 403 Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4)

International Experiential Learning (6-15 credits)

The international experiential learning component consists of a minimum of 6 credits and a maximum of 15 credits. Wherever possible, students are encouraged to satisfy this requirement by undertaking study at a university abroad. However, under exceptional circumstances, a student may be allowed to satisfy the requirement through an approved internship.

In consultation with their academic advisors, students will design the international experiential learning component of their major. The proposed study abroad or internship must be approved in advance by the advisor and by other relevant university authorities prior to undertaking the courses or internships in question, and students must earn the equivalent of a grade of "C" or better for these credits to be counted toward the International Relations major.

The credits earned under this requirement may not be used to satisfy the major common core requirements, which must be fulfilled at Minnesota State Mankato. However, they may be used to satisfy the student's chosen major concentration or as major elective credits. Note that the student may not use credits from language courses to satisfy his or her major concentration or as major elective credits and that no more than 6 credits taken for POL 491 (Internship) count toward the International Relations major.

Officially registered international students are exempt from the study abroad requirement.

Other Graduation Requirements

1. Minor. Any. Students are advised to consult with their advisor on the choice of a minor.
2. Foreign language. The student may satisfy language requirement by completing a college level foreign language sequence of two courses (8 semester credits) with grades of "C" or above, or by demonstrating equivalent proficiency in a foreign language. Examples of the latter include scoring 3 or higher on an

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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 International Relations degree. Talk to your advisor for full details.

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 level only.