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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
LAWE 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 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)

2. International Norms and Behavior
(Students must take at least two courses from the following list of core courses:
Law Enforcement
LAWE 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 435 Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (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)
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 447 Europe: Politics and Policy (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 and Policy (3)
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)
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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**
  - 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 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:

- **Political Science**
  - POL 433: International Organization (3)
  - POL 434: United States Foreign Policy (3)
  - POL 435: Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3)

- **GEOG 454**: Russian Realm (3)

**History**
- HIST 427: Eastern Europe (4)

**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.**

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**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.