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 overseas interests, or to provide a broad liberal arts education.

Policies/Information

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.

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) majoring 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, he 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.

International Relations BA
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 European Democracies (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 332 Anthropology of Religion (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 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)
GEOG 458 Geography of East Asia (3)
GER 442 German Literature (1-4)
GER 455 German Cinema (3)
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**Major Emphasis: Security & Peace (S&P) (choose 15 credits)**

Must take at least 2 of the following: POL 432, POL 433, POL 437.

CMST 203 Inter-cultural Communication

GEOG 437 Political Geography

HIST 436 History of East Asian Relations with the United States

HIST 465 History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900

HIST 466 History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century

HIST 478 America in Vietnam

POL 201 Issues in Politics

POL 202 Issues in Comparative Politics

POL 425 Terrorism & Political Violence

POL 430 Topics in Comparative Politics

POL 431 Russia & Neighboring States Politics

SCAN 451 Scandinavian Crime Fiction

SOC 407 Population Dynamics

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**Major Emphasis: International Political Economy (IPE)**

Required 15 credits. Must take POL 436 and at least 2 of the following: ECON 420, IBUS 380, POL 433, POL 435, POL 448.

CMST 203 Intercultural Communication

ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 420 International Economics

ECON 450 Economic Development

GEOG 425 Economic Geography

GEOG 437 Political Geography

IBUS 380 Principles of International Business

IBUS 419 International Business Seminar

IBUS 428 International Marketing

IBUS 448 International Business Management

IBUS 469 International Business Finance

IBUS 490 International Business Policy

MRKT 428 International Marketing

PHIL 358W Eastern Philosophy

POL 201 Issues in Politics

POL 234 Model United Nations

POL 310 Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy

POL 312 Early Modern Political Philosophy

POL 313 Modern Political Philosophy

POL 416 Nonwestern Political Philosophy

POL 425 Terrorism & Political Violence

POL 430 Topics in International Relations

POL 431 International Relations

POL 432 International Law

POL 433 International Organization

POL 434 United States Foreign Policy

POL 435 Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy

POL 436 International Political Economy

POL 437 International Conflict Resolution

POL 438 International Relations of East Asia

POL 439 Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas

POL 440 Topics in Comparative Politics

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POL 442 South Asia: Politics & Policy

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POL 448 Political Development & Change

SCAN 451 Scandinavian Crime Fiction

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**International Relations Continued**

**Major Emphasis: International Norms & Institutions (INI)**

Required 15 credits. Must take POL 433 and at least 2 of the following: POL 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 Eastern Politics (1-3)**

**POL 234 Model United Nations (2)**

**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 440 Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)**

**POL 447 European Democracies (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 332 Anthropology of Religion (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)**

**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 440 Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4)**

**POL 441 United States & 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 European Democracies (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 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.