

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA AND MINOR

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.

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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) minoring 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

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

Comparative Politics (choose 3 credits)

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| 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.

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| 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) |
| GER | 460 | Topics in German Cinema (4) |
| HIST | 302 | World History: An Overview (4) |
| HIST | 402 | Foundations of Judaism, Christianity, & Islam (4) |
| 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) |

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| HIST | 434 | East Asian History: 1800-1945 (4) |
| HIST | 435 | East Asian History: 1945 - The Present (4) |
| HIST | 436 | History of East Asian Relations with the United States (4) |
| HIST | 437 | African History to 1800 (4) |
| HIST | 438 | Modern Africa (4) |
| HIST | 442 | History of Latin America (4) |
| HIST | 465 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900 (4) |
| HIST | 466 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century (4) |
| HIST | 476 | Comparative Slavery and Emancipation (4) |
| HIST | 478 | America in Vietnam (4) |
| IBUS | 380 | Principles of International Business (3) |
| IBUS | 419 | International Business Seminar (3) |
| IBUS | 428 | International Marketing (3) |
| IBUS | 448 | International Business Management (3) |
| IBUS | 469 | International Business Finance (3) |
| IBUS | 490 | International Business Policy (3) |
| MRKT | 428 | International Marketing (3) |
| PHIL | 321 | Social & Political Philosophy (3) |
| PHIL | 336W | History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Modern Philosophy (3) |
| PHIL | 337 | 19th Century Philosophy (3) |
| PHIL | 358W | Topics in Asian 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 | 425 | Terrorism & Political Violence (3) |
| POL | 430 | Topics in International Relations (1-4) |
| POL | 431 | International Relations (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 | 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 | 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) |
| POL | 449 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3) |
| SCAN | 251W | Scandinavian Culture: The Sami (4) |
| SCAN | 451 | Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4) |
| SCAN | 455 | Topics in Scandinavian Film (4) |
| SOC | 407 | Population Dynamics (3) |
| SPAN | 355 | Spanish Civilization (1-4) |
| SPAN | 356 | Latin American Civilization (1-4) |
| SPAN | 403 | Topics in Spanish American Literature (1-4) |

Major Emphasis: Security & Peace (S&P) (choose 15 credits)

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

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| CMST | 203 | Intercultural Communication (4) |
| GEOG | 437 | Political Geography (3) |
| HIST | 436 | History of East Asian Relations with the United States (4) |
| HIST | 465 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1775-1900 (4) |
| HIST | 466 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century (4) |
| HIST | 478 | America in Vietnam (4) |
| PHIL | 358W | Topics in Asian Philosophy (3) |
| POL | 201 | Issues in Politics (1-3) |
| POL | 234 | Model United Nations (3) |
| POL | 425 | Terrorism & Political Violence (3) |
| POL | 430 | Topics in International Relations (1-4) |
| POL | 432 | International Law (3) |
| POL | 433 | International Organization (3) |

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| POL | 434 | United States Foreign Policy (3) |
| POL | 435 | Capitalism, Nationalism, and Democracy (3) |
| POL | 437 | International Conflict Resolution (3) |
| POL | 438 | International Relations of East Asia (3) |
| POL | 440 | Topics in Comparative Politics (1-4) |
| POL | 441 | Russia & Neighboring States Politics (3) |
| SCAN | 451 | Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4) |
| SOC | 407 | Population Dynamics (3) |

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.

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| CMST | 203 | Intercultural Communication (4) |
| ECON | 201 | Principles of Macroeconomics (3) |
| ECON | 420 | International Economics (3) |
| ECON | 450 | Economic Development (3) |
| GEOG | 425 | Economic Geography (3) |
| GEOG | 437 | Political Geography (3) |
| IBUS | 380 | Principles of International Business (3) |
| IBUS | 419 | International Business Seminar (3) |
| IBUS | 428 | International Marketing (3) |
| IBUS | 448 | International Business Management (3) |
| IBUS | 469 | International Business Finance (3) |
| IBUS | 490 | International Business Policy (3) |
| MRKT | 428 | International Marketing (3) |
| PHIL | 358W | Topics in Asian Philosophy (3) |
| POL | 201 | Issues in Politics (1-3) |
| POL | 234 | Model United Nations (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 | 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 | 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 | 451 | Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4) |
| SOC | 407 | Population Dynamics (3) |

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.

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| 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 | Topics in Asian 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) |

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

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| 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 | Topics in Asian 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 | European Democracies (3) |
| POL | 448 | Political Development & Change (3) |

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| 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)

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| 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.