

# 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.

### 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 433W	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)

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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	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.

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)
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.

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.

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)
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)

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### 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	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)
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.