

International Relations

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The courses of study for the Bachelor of Arts in International Relations have three objectives:

1. impart knowledge of basic concepts, theories and methods in international relations;
2. develop in each student at least one area of special individual competence in international relations; and
3. train students in research, analytical, and presentation/communication skills.

Liberal arts educational goals are emphasized, but the program seeks also to develop marketable skills appropriate to the field. These include report writing, statistical and computer applications, public policy analysis, oral briefing techniques, and audio-visual production.

Utilizing the extensive course offerings in the International Relations program and in other departments, students are able, on advisement, to develop individual areas of specialization within geographical, functional (e.g., international political economy), program-oriented (e.g., arms control), theoretical/methodological, and other categories. Field work may also be part of an area of specialization.

Choosing elective courses of study requires that a student consult with an advisor every semester.

Few universities have separate International Relations departments. As the process of globalization becomes more pervasive, preparation in this area is becoming more pertinent every year.

Degrees and Programs Offered

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Minor in International Relations

Career Options

International Relations education equips students for careers in five general areas: government, business, communications, non-governmental organizations, and teaching.

Liberal arts training does not deal with all of the specifics of all jobs in these areas, but rather, provides the general skills and background necessary to most of them. Some of the most likely career areas are:

non-governmental organizations
Foreign Service officer
import/export business
Commerce Department
international finance and banking
corporate regulatory affairs
Peace Corps administration
intercultural communication
foreign correspondent

international counseling
United Nations staff
international airlines
intelligence officer
international marketing
social studies teacher
international lawyer
policy analyst
research on global issues

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Core Courses (19 units)

IR 104 Introduction to World Affairs

IR 308 Fundamentals of International Relations: Theories, Issues, and Perspectives

IR 309 International Relations: Analysis and Application

IR 310 U.S. Foreign Policy

IR 312 Introduction to International Political Economy

Emphasis/Electives (18 units)

Students are encouraged to select an emphasis by choosing course work in area studies, international institutions, or global problems in consultation with an advisor. 12 units of course work must be in IR courses.

Culminating Requirements (6 units)

IR 550 Proseminar in Foreign Policy Analysis

43 total units for major

International Relations Minor Program

Required courses (12 units)

IR 308 Fundamentals of International Relations: Theories, Issues, and Perspectives

IR 310 U.S. Foreign Policy

IR 312 Introduction to International Political Economy

Elective Courses (8 units)

Courses with an International Relations prefix including International Relations cross-listed courses that appear under an alternative prefix, or electives approved by advisor.

20 total units for minor

Emphasis/Electives: 18 units

Students are encouraged to specialize in one of three fields of emphasis by selecting course work in *area studies*, *international institutions*, or *global problems*, in consultation with an advisor. 12 units of course work must be in IR courses. Students should choose their electives in consultation with a faculty advisor. Some possible elective programs are:

African Studies Units

- IR 321 Development and Foreign Policy – Africa (4)
- IR 446 The Multinational Corporation in World Affairs (4)
- IR 550 The Rich and Poor Nations (4)
- BLS 301 African Global Perspective (3)
- GEOG 570 Regional Studies: Selected Regions (3)
- HIST 611 Modern Africa (3)

Asian Studies Units

- IR 325 Chinese Foreign Policy (4)
- IR 326 South & Southeast Asia Foreign Relations (4)
- IR 329 US-Japan Politics (4)
- IBUS 592 Doing Business in China (3)
- HIST History of Modern China (3)

Environmental Studies Units

- IR 331 Global Environmental Crisis (4)
- IR 520 Modernization & Third World Countries (4)
- IR 560 Energy in Global Peace (3)
- BIOL 318 Our Endangered Planet (3)
- GEOG 402 The Climatic Challenge (3)
- WOMS 578 Third World Women & Ecology (3)

Intelligence And Security Units

- IR 342 Strategy and War (4)
- IR 360 Intelligence and Intelligence Agencies (4)
- IR 361 Terrorism and Covert Political Warfare (4)
- HIST 386 Soviet Russia, the West and the Cold War (3)
- GEOG 445 Political Geography (4)

International Organizations Units

- IR 330 World Law (4)
- IR 334 International Organizations, New World Order (4)
- IR 432 Model United Nations (4)
- IR 446 The Multinational Corporations in World Affairs (4)
- ECON 600 International Economics (3)
- GPS 315 Introduction to Global Peace Studies (3)

Latin American Studies Units

- IR 322 Latin American Policy Analysis (4)
- IR 550 Modernization and Third World Countries (4)
- PLSI 520 Latin American Politics (4)
- LARA 670 The U.S.-Mexico Connection (3)
- HIST 550 Social Change in Modern Latin America (3)
- IBUS 591 Doing Business in Latin America (3)

Middle East Studies Units

- IR 323 Middle East: Periphery (4)
- IR 324 Middle East: Heartland (4)
- IR 335 Muslim Societies (4)
- IR 433 Model Arab League (3)
- HIST 605 History of Islam, 1500-Present (3)
- PHIL 501 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (3)
- WOMS 565 Women in Muslim and Arab Worlds (3)

Third World Development Units

- IR 520 Modernization and Third World Countries (4)
- IR 540 The Rich and Poor Nations (4)
- ECON 620 Economic Development (3)
- GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply (4)
- SOC 471 Societal Change and Development (4)

Women Studies Units

- IR 450 International Labor (3)
- IR 544 Women in the World (4)
- HIST 535 History of Women in Latin American (3)
- HIST 575 History of Women in China and Japan (3)
- PHIL 435 Human Rights in Global Perspective (3)
- WOMS 531 Women and International Development (3)