

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

The major in International Relations stresses integrated knowledge in the areas of politics, economics, history, and languages. The International Relations major provides focused training for students who plan to work in a wide variety of international career fields, including international diplomacy, international business, development work, non-profit sector work, international law, and graduate study in law, policy, international relations, and comparative politics.

Requirements

Along with specific requirements for any major, all students in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs must meet all general education (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>) and graduation requirements (<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/#text>) under a single catalog.

Requirements for the International Relations major are 34 hours of IR and PSCI courses plus 12 hours of required supporting courses for a total of 46 hours.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Major Requirements		18
IR 155	Comparative Politics	
IR 175	International Politics	
PSCI 135	American Politics and Government	
or PSCI 145	Political Philosophy	
IR 494	Senior Seminar	
IR 496	Internship	
Electives		
Select 16 credits of electives at the 300-level or higher (or GPS 316 or GPS 317), 4 credits of which may come from PSCI courses at the 300-level or above.		16
Total Credits		34

The major requires 12 hours of supporting courses from other departments. This includes 4 hours or its equivalent of a modern language beyond the 201 level. Students who plan to complete the language requirement off-campus, who are bilingual, or who have advanced proficiency in a second language other than English should see the Politics and IR Department for detailed guidelines about meeting the foreign language requirement. The other 8 hours of supporting courses must be taken from two of the following four categories. The four categories are Modern Language, Economics, History, and Research:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Supporting Courses		
Modern Language		4
Another 4 credits beyond proficiency		
Other Categories		8
Select 8 credits from two of the following three categories:		
<i>Economics</i> ¹		

IR 379	International Political Economy (may be applied toward either the economics requirement or the upper division IR elective requirement, but not both)
ECON 211	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 212	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 325	Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 361	Evolution of Global Economy
ECON 362	Wealth & Poverty of Nations
ECON 364	Health Economics
ECON 365	Development Economics
ECON 366	International Economics
ECON 378	Economics of Labor & Poverty

History

History courses numbered 200 and above that focus on some part of the world outside the United States.	
GPS 313	History of the Jews during the Medieval and Modern Periods
GPS 314	History of the Holy Lands from the Rise of Islam to 1948
GPS 319	Society and Politics in the Holy Land: Palestinian and Israeli Perspectives

Research

MATH 263	Introduction to Statistics
PSCI 361	Political Research (or approved equivalents)

Total Credits **12**

¹ ECON courses may have prerequisites. AP credit in Economics will not count for major credit.