

# 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 46 hours, including:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Major Requirements</b>		<b>18</b>
IR 155	Comparative Politics	
IR 175	International Politics	
PSCI 135 or PSCI 145	American Politics and Government Political Philosophy	
IR 494 or PSCI 494	Senior Seminar Senior Seminar	
IR 496	Internship	
<b>Electives</b>		<b>16</b>
Select 16 credits of IR electives at the 300-level or higher, though 4 credits may come from PSCI electives 300-level or higher and 8 credits from department-approved GPS electives: GPS 316, GPS 317, GPS 319, GPS 323, GPS 331, or GPS 332.		
<b>Supporting Courses</b>		
<i>Modern Language</i> <sup>2</sup>		4
Another 4 credits beyond proficiency		
<i>Other Categories</i>		8
Select 8 credits from two of the following three categories:		
<i>Economics</i> <sup>1</sup>		
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	
IR 379	International Political Economy	

*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

**Total Credits** **46**

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.