

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

Requirements for the International Relations major are 46 hours, including:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|--|-----------|
| Core Major Requirements | | 18 |
| 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 | |
| Electives | | 16 |
| 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. | | |
| Supporting Courses | | |
| <i>Modern Language</i> ² | | 4 |
| Another 4 credits beyond proficiency | | |
| <i>Other Categories</i> | | 8 |
| Select 8 credits from two of the following four categories: | | |
| <i>Economics</i> ¹ | | |
| 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 | |
| <i>History</i> | | |
| History courses numbered 200 and above that focus on some part of the world outside the United States. | | |
| GPS 302 | Exploring Mexican History | |
| 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 |
| RELI 356 | The Jewish Tradition |
| RELI 375 | The Muslim Tradition |
| <i>Research</i> | |
| MATH 263 or ECON 321 or ECON 375 or PSYC 268 | Introduction to Statistics Statistics Econometrics Statistics |
| PSCI 361 | Political Research |
| <i>Modern Language</i> | |
| 4 more credits in a modern language, not including the course taken to meet the Modern Language requirement above | |
| Total Credits | |

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

² 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.