



International Relations BA

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations is designed for students who want to change the world through careers in government service, nonprofits, think tanks, and consulting. The curriculum provides flexibility in allowing students to select international relations and comparative politics courses that will prepare them for their specific career and academic needs. Throughout the program, students will develop skills in critical thinking, communication, quantitative analysis, and cultural awareness along with deeper knowledge of cross-cultural and international phenomena. These skills will prepare students for the workforce as well as graduate study. Students have opportunities to apply these skills through internships and study abroad.

Career Outlook

There is demand for employees who have a global understanding and incorporate a variety of perspectives to solve problems. Graduates can work in government, think tanks, consulting firms, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. Early and mid-career international affairs graduates enjoy higher average salaries than those in business management and many other fields. Students will also be prepared for graduate school; careers for an MA in international relations have median pay of \$97,500 and 21% projected employment growth.

Future Career Options

- Communications Specialist
- Educator
- Foreign Service
- Humanitarian Advocacy
- International Affairs Consultant
- International Law
- Program Officer
- Research Analyst

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Identify key trends in IR expected to impact life in the US and other countries in the foreseeable future
- Demonstrate cross-cultural competence and a global worldview
- Apply major international relations theories and concepts to contemporary issues in global affairs
- Analyze the foreign policy behavior of the US and other major actors in world politics
- Compare and contrast the major political, economic, cultural, and geographic features of different regions in the world
- Assess international relations issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations, and communicate them with clarity and coherence

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)
POL SCI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (3)
GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 1500: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Elective (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

FGN LANG 1001: Language and Culture (5)
POL SCI 1800: Introduction to International Politics (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FGN LANG 1002: Language and Culture II (5)
POL SCI 2800: International Relations Theories (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (1)

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

FGN LANG 2101: Language and Culture III (3)
POL SCI 3000: Political Analysis (3)
POL SCI XXXX: International Relations Course (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing or Equivalent (3)
POL SCI XXXX: Comparative Politics Course (3)
POL SCI XXXX: International Relations Course (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI XXXX: International Relations Course (3)
POL SCI XXXX: Comparative Politics Course (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

POL SCI 4950: Senior Seminar in Political Science (3)
POL SCI XXXX: International Relations Course (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

Check once completed

