The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Employ a global perspective.

There is a demand for those who have a global understanding and are able to incorporate a variety of perspectives to solve problems. International relations places a great emphasis on economics, culture, education and political science, and examines the impact on society.

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The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations is designed for students who want to change the world through careers in government service, nonprofits, business, think tanks and consulting. Students are able 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 for graduate study. Students have opportunities to apply these skills through internships and study abroad.

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, graduates will be able to identify key trends in international relations; 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 United States and other major actors in world politics; compare and contrast the major political, economic, cultural and geographic features of different world regions; assess international relations issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations and communicate them with clarity and coherence; and plan, execute and defend a major research project.



Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Career Pathways

Communications Specialist Consultant Corporate Political Risk Analyst Intelligence Analyst Intelligence Specialist International Affairs Military Officer International Law Specialist National Security Expert Research Analyst

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