International Relations
BA

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements. Political science courses may be used to satisfy the social sciences requirement. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. degree may be satisfied in any language.

Departmental Honors

The department awards honors to students having a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 in the major, a minimum overall GPA of 3.2 (except in extraordinary circumstances), and successfully completed an honors thesis, project, or report.

Degree Requirements

All majors must complete at least 15 hours in Political Science at the 3000 level or above.

Core Courses

POL SCI 1800 Introduction to International Politics (MOTR POSC 201) 3
POL SCI 1500 Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202) 3
POL SCI 2800 International Relations Theories 3
POL SCI 3000 Political Analysis 3
POL SCI 4950 Senior Seminar in Political Science 3

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POL SCI 2820 United States Foreign Policy
POL SCI 2510 The Politics of European Union
POL SCI 2900 Studies in Political Science 1
POL SCI 3810 The Politics of the Middle East: International and National Dynamics
POL SCI 3830 International Political Economy
POL SCI 3850 International Organizations and Global Problem-Solving
POL SCI 3860 Political Violence
POL SCI 3880 Global Diasporas and International Relations in the 21st Century
POL SCI 3890 Workers and Globalization
POL SCI 3900 Special Readings (with consent of instructor and advisor)

POL SCI 4810 Human Rights
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Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Identify key trends in international relations that are expected to impact life in the United States 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 United States and other major actors in world politics.
- Compare and contrast the major political, economic, cultural, and geographic features of different regions of the world.
- Assess international relations issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations, and communicate them with clarity and coherence.
- Plan, execute, and defend a major research project.

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INTDSC 1003 is required only for first-time freshmen and transfer students with less than 24 college credits.

Please Note: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester. All requirements are subject to change.