

International Relations

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The international relations program exposes students to essential questions regarding the processes by which the complexities of interdependence meet with deeply held individual values. Broadly speaking, this involves answering the fundamental question of who gets what, where, when, how, and why in international relations. International relations is an interdisciplinary program that equips students with the breadth (i.e., perspectives) and depth of coverage to contemplate and effectively respond to these questions. More detailed inquiry into a specific geographical region is also possible within the program.

Students pursuing this major are strongly encouraged to incorporate more foreign language and international travel into their academic program. A variety of May Term and semester-long opportunities exist. Moreover, we encourage students to double major in a related field, such as economics, foreign language, history, international business, political science, religion, or sociology to further enhance their understanding and preparation.

Program goals:

- To expose students to numerous interdisciplinary perspectives regarding the nature of international relations.
- To recognize the existence of complex interdependence within and among cultures.
- To foster greater understanding of international affairs and statecraft.
- To foster the ability to think critically about international affairs.
- To demonstrate competent research skills in a professional manner.
- To effectively communicate in both oral and written forms.
- To prepare students for entry into government service, intergovernmental service, non-governmental service, international business, and/or graduate school.

Major in International Relations

12½-13 course credits:

EC 100 Principles of Economics (½)

EC 101 Principles of Macroeconomics (½)

HI 343 Colonialism and Culture

HI/PS 306 History of American Foreign Relations

PS 270 Comparative Political Analysis

PS 302 International Relations

PS 460 Perspectives in Political Science or HI 461 Historiography
(if double majoring in history)

Demonstrated foreign language proficiency at or above the 206 level

Three elective credits (incorporating at least two disciplines) from

EC 349 Comparative Economic Systems

EC 355 International Trade and Finance

HI 224 Modern History and Culture of the Middle East

HI 257 The European Union Then and Now

HI 290 20th-Century Europe

HI 318 Hitler's Germany

HI 320 Investigating Germany's Past Abroad

HI 321 Russian History

HI 341 African History

HI 351 European Topics: History of European Racism

PS 130 Contemporary Political Ideologies

PS 304 The Developing World

Two elective credits (incorporating two different disciplines) from

EN 205 Survey of World Literature I

EN 206 Survey of World Literature II

FL 350 Topics in Comparative Culture

GM 201 Intercultural Communication

RE 202 World Religions in Dialogue

SO/WS 380 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Students not majoring in French studies or German studies can choose one elective course credit (of two) from

FR 311, 312, 313, 314 Topics in French Literature and Culture I, II, III, IV

GER 312 Discovering Germany Past and Present

GER 313 German Society in Film and Fiction

GER 314 Minority Experience in German Society

SP 311 Cultural History of Spain

SP 312 Cultural History of Latin America

By completing the international relations major, students have met the requirements for OCAC/ILAC.

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