International Relations

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International Relations is a degree program that offers the student a truly interdisciplinary course of study. The major concentration emphasizes modern history, economics, and political science. The IR faculty encourages its majors to enhance the interdisciplinary nature of their studies by taking a double major or a minor concentration in modern language, economics, history, political science, business, or one of the interdisciplinary and area studies programs that the University offers (Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Gender Studies, American Studies); by studying abroad; and/or by participating in the Washington and Philadelphia Internship Programs.

Students majoring in International Relations acquire valuable skills in communication and analysis, independent judgment, appreciation of different societies and cultures, and knowledge of world affairs and trends, all of which are critical in the increasingly global environment of today and tomorrow.

International Relations is a major rooted in the Jesuit tradition of liberal arts, especially suited to those whose orientation may be toward graduate or legal studies, government service, international business, communications, and education.

Learning Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Students will gain a general knowledge of the field of International Relations, with exposure to the three core fields of the program, global politics, international economics, and modern history.

Objective 1.1: Upon completion of the curriculum in the International Relation Program, students will be able to identify and demonstrate the knowledge of major contemporary scholars and their associated perspectives in global politics, modern history, and international economics as well as some of the major historical and contemporary events in world affairs.

Goal 2: Students will be able to read and critically assess academic literature, orally articulate ideas, conduct research, analyze data, and write research papers in International Relations, appropriate to the undergraduate level.

Objective 2.1: Upon completion of the curriculum in the International Relation Program, students will be able to apply relevant theoretical concepts in International Relations to assess real world problems.

Objective 2.2: Upon completion of the curriculum in the International Relation Program, students will be able to verbally communicate an argument in response to real world problems by analyzing and synthesizing relevant theories and concepts and analyzing and evaluating appropriate data.

Objective 2.3: Upon completion of the curriculum in the International Relation Program, students will be able to ask their own research question in International Relations and conduct well-organized, empirically-oriented, written analysis of it by identifying, analyzing and synthesizing relevant theories and concepts and collecting, analyzing, and evaluating appropriate data.

Goal 3: Students will be prepared for entry into professional careers, graduate schools and other avenues related to international relations as a discipline.

Objective 3.1: Upon completion of the curriculum in the International Relation Program, students will be able to demonstrate career preparation through experiential learning opportunities that are closely related to International Relations or a related subfield through the development of interpersonal, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

Requirements or the International Relations Major

GEP Signature Courses (See Curricula): six courses

GEP Variable Courses (See Curricula): six to nine courses, including

Social/Behavioral Sciences:
ECN 102 Introductory Economics (Macro)
GEP Overlays (See Curricula): three courses

Major Concentration:

Foundational Courses: (4 courses) (Class of 2018)
ECN 101 Introductory Economics (Micro)
POL 113 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 115 Introduction to Global Politics
IRT 211 World Regional Geography

Foundational Courses: (3 courses) (Classes of 2016 & 2017)
ECN 101 Introductory Economics (Micro)
POL 113 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 115 Introduction to Global Politics
and any two of the following (Classes of 2016 & 2017):
HIS 202 U.S. History II
HIS 203 Historical Introduction to Latin America
HIS 204 Latin American-U.S. Migration
HIS 205 Historical Introduction to the Islamic World
HIS 206 Historical Introduction to East Asian Civilization
HIS 207 Historical Introduction to South Asia
HIS 209 Historical Introduction to Modern Europe
HIS 210 Historical Introduction to Modern Africa
IRT 211 World Regional Geography

Core Courses: (2 courses)
IRT 250 Research and Writing in International Relations
IRT 495 IR Senior Capstone Seminar

Upper Division Courses: (8 courses) (Class of 2018)
Majors will select a total of 8 courses from the list of approved IR courses (see below). In completing this requirement, students must take (1) at least two upper division IR courses in History and (2) at least one upper division course each in Economics and Political Science. Course descriptions can be found in the relevant Departmental listings of the catalog.

Upper Division Courses: (7 courses) (Class of 2016-2017)
Majors will select a total of 7 courses from the list of approved IR courses (see below). In completing this requirement, students must take at least one upper division IR course in each of the constituent departments, Economics, History, and Political Science. Course descriptions can be found in the relative Departmental listings of the catalog.

Economics
ECN 321 International Trade
ECN 322 International Macroeconomics

ECN 370 Economic Development
ECN 430 Modern Economic Systems
ECN 440 U.S. Economic History
ECN 445 Economics of Multinational Enterprises
ECN 460 African Economies
ECN 475 Asian Economies
ECN 477 Chinese Economy
ECN 485 Economics Of Migration & Immigration

History
HIS 203 Historical Introduction To Latin America
HIS 204 Latin American-U.S. Migration
HIS 205 Historical Introduction to the Islamic World
HIS 206 Historical Introduction to East Asia
HIS 207 Historical Introduction to South Asia
HIS 209 Historical Introduction to Modern Europe
HIS 210 Historical Introduction to Modern Africa
HIS 301 United States And Latin America
HIS 303 History Of Modern Mexico
HIS 304 Social Protest In Latin American History
HIS 310 Modern Germany
HIS 311 Nazism and Fascism in the Modern World
HIS 337 History of Russia to 1861
HIS 338 History of Russia and the Soviet Union, 1861-1991
HIS 340 Stalinism
HIS 343 African Ethnicities
HIS 350 Exchange And Conquest In Modern East Asia
HIS 351 Gender, Ideology, And Revolution In East Asia
HIS 353 Modern China
HIS 354 Japan Since 1800
HIS 355 Colonialism And Nationalism In Southeast Asia, 1600-1960
HIS 356 Modern South Asia
HIS 358 Contemporary China
HIS 359 India and Pakistan: From Colony to Nations
HIS 366 Progressive Era To New Deal
HIS 367 Post-War America, 1945 - the Present
HIS 380 Foundations Of American Foreign Policy, 1775 – 1914
HIS 381 The U.S. in the World, from Wilson to Reagan
HIS 478 Seminar in Global and Comparative History: China & the West from the Early Jesuits to the Beijing Olympics

Political Science
POL 305 Politics, Ideology, and Film
POL 331 Latin American Politics
POL 332 Politics of Japan
POL 333 Asian Political Systems
POL 334 Russian Politics
POL 335 Comparative Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
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**GEP Integrative Learning Component:**

International Relations majors must take three classes to satisfy the Integrated Learning Component of the GEP. Classes will stem from three groups or "types" of course, with two classes coming from one group and the third class coming from another group. Students may choose from which group they take two courses and which group they take a single course. The three groups are:

1. Analytical Tools
2. Foreign Languages and Literature (Modern and Classical Languages)
3. Social Justice

**The Analytical Tools category includes:**

- Any math course (MAT) (does not include "Beauty")
- Any computer science (CSC) course
- Economic statistics (ECN 311—requires MAT 106 or equivalent)
- Econometrics (ECN 410—requires ECN 311 or equivalent)
- Logic (PHL 220)
- Symbolic Logic (PHL 240)
- Statistics for the Social Sciences (PSY 211—requires MAT 118 or equivalent)
- Social Research Methods I (SOC 312)

- Social Research Methods II (SOC 313)

**The Foreign Languages and Literature category includes:**

All classes in Modern and Classical Languages numbered 202 or higher. Must be in addition to the courses used to fulfill the GEP Non-Native Language Requirement

**The Social Justice category includes:**

Any class designated as Faith-Justice. Students may petition the IR committee for non-Faith-Justice courses to count toward this requirement.

**Minor in International Relations**

Minors in International Relations will complete 6 courses that satisfy the following requirements:

- POL 115
- One course from ECN 101, ECN 102, IRT 211, POL113, or any HIS 200-level Course (except HIS 201 and 211)
- Plus 4 upper division IR courses. In completing these 4 upper division courses, students must take at least one approved ECN, HIS, and POL class.

**Internships**

Students majoring in International Relations are encouraged to consider participating in the Washington and Philadelphia internship programs. The Washington Internship is described under Special Programs and allows students to work in Washington for a whole semester and earn course credits (POL 411/412 Washington Internship). The Philadelphia Program is described under the Political Science Program and is listed as POL 491 Philadelphia-Area Internship. IR students who find a relevant internship in the area or in Washington are able to receive credit for one upper division IR course.

**College Honors Requirements**

To receive College Honors credit, an International Relations major must have a 3.5 GPA and must undertake two consecutive semesters of research/study in the form of a senior thesis with a faculty mentor. These two courses may be counted toward the student's total upper division international relations courses. Specific requirements for the College Honors thesis may be found under the Honors Program.
**University Honors Requirements**

To receive University Honors credit, an Honors Program student who is an International Relations major must have a 3.5 GPA, complete the Honors curriculum of 8 courses as specified, and must undertake two consecutive semesters of research/study in the form of a senior thesis with a faculty mentor. These two courses may be counted toward the student's total upper division international relations courses. Specific requirements for the Honors thesis may be found under the Honors Program.

**International Relations Courses**

**IRT 211 World Regional Geography (3 credits)**
World Regional Geography is a course of social and spatial inquiry; it helps students compare and contrast societies and cultures. For nearly every area of the globe, this course explores how physical geography, the environment, politics, population, culture, and economy have shaped and continue to shape the diverse lives of people living on this increasingly connected planet. Furthermore, as a geography course, special attention is paid to how issues of place and scale influence and are influenced by human activity. Thus this course not only sheds light on what is out there in the world, but also the major patterns and processes that cut across regions and explain why what is out there is where it is.

**IRT 250 Research and Writing in International Relations (3 credits)**
This course exposes students to some classical theories in international and comparative studies. It will also introduce students to different methodologies appropriate for performing undergraduate research in International Relations. Throughout the semester, students will work on developing and completing their own research project, and the final product will be a significant paper which they will write in multiple drafts.

**IRT 495 IR Senior Capstone Seminar (3 credits)**
Designed to be a culminating experience for all senior International Relations majors, this course provides students with an opportunity to pursue research on a topic of their choosing and present their papers to the class.

**IRT 493-494 Honors Research in International Relations 3 credits each semester**

These courses are for students pursuing College Honors. Students must both have a 3.5 GPA as junior and generate a research proposal for a year-long project to be completed under the supervision of a member of the IR Committee. Interested students apply to the Honors Program by April 15 of their junior year for the right to perform Departmental Honors. Majors then work on their project from the summer prior to and throughout their final year at the University. For more information, please consult the Honors Program or the Director of the International Relations Program.