**International Relations, B.S.**

**Learning Outcomes**
Graduates will:

- possess a broad understanding of international relations (IR),
- be able to apply a theoretical approach in international relations to understand a specific area of IR,
- have effective written and oral communication skills, and
- be able to conceptualize problems and apply analytical tools to solve them.

**Overview**
A major in international relations focuses on economic relations between states, a crucial area of study in today's globalized world. Students are introduced to the politics of foreign countries. They develop an understanding of how countries interact and acquire a deep appreciation for the root causes of problems that transcend national boundaries.

Requirements for the major are the same for B.S. and B.A. students, except that the major for the B.S. requires a set of mathematics/statistics courses, while the major for the B.A. does not.

**Requirements**
The Bachelor of Science with a major in international relations requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 48 s.h. of work for the major. At least 18 s.h. of course work for the major must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

No more than 12 s.h. of course work used to satisfy the requirements of any other major, minor, or certificate program may be used toward the minimum required course work for the international relations major.

Students choose one of five tracks: conflict and foreign policy, international business and economic relations, regional politics and relationships, transnational issues, or a self-defined track.

The B.S. with a major in international relations requires the following course work.

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**Mathematics/Statistics Courses**
Students must complete one of the following approved sets of mathematics/statistics courses (11 s.h.) with a g.p.a. of at least 2.00. Substitutions must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

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**Tracks**
International relations students complete one of the following five tracks, each of which requires 18 s.h. of course work. Students who would like to declare the major in international relations before deciding on a track may declare the open track for advising purposes. They should talk with an advisor and decide on a track as soon as possible.

**Conflict and Foreign Policy Track**
The conflict and foreign policy track requires the following course work (minimum of 18 s.h.).
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Five of these, including at least 6 s.h. in courses from each of two departments:

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**International Business and Economic Relations Track**

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### Self-Defined Track

Students may create their own track with permission from the director of undergraduate studies. A self-defined track may not duplicate an existing track or another academic program of study at the University of Iowa. It must consist of at least 18 s.h. of course work, which must include 3 s.h. of credit earned in courses from each of three departments.

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### Honors

### Honors in the Major

Students majoring in international relations have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Honors students must maintain a UI and major g.p.a. of at least 3.50. They must complete POLI:4500 Honors Seminar on International Politics or POLI:4400 Honors Seminar on Comparative Politics in addition to the minimum major requirements. Honors students complete an honors thesis through their enrollment in POLI:4801 Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations.

### National Honor Society

The department sponsors a chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Students who have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.30, have attained junior standing, and have completed 15 s.h. of course work in political science are considered for membership. Contact the Department of Political Science honors advisor for more information.

### University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.
Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the international relations major.

## Academic Plans

### Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

**Before the third semester begins:** POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations

**Before the fifth semester begins:** all core courses and the methods course

**Before the seventh semester begins:** at least two of the mathematics/statistics courses, at least 12 s.h. in the track, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

**Before the eighth semester begins:** all core courses, the methods course, the remaining mathematics/statistics course, and all track requirements

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

### Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

#### International Relations, B.S.

- Conflict and Foreign Policy Track [p. 5]
- Transnational Issues Track [p. 6]

### Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

**Course** | **Title** | **Hours**
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**First Year**
 FALL
POLI:1500 | Introduction to International Relations | 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2
**Total Hours** | **15-17**

SPRING
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 | The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
Major: history core course | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion | 3
Elective course | 3
**Total Hours** | **16-18**

#### Second Year

**Fall**
POLI:1501 | Introduction to American Foreign Policy | 3
Major: calculus course | 4 - 5
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
POLI:2000 | Designing Political Research | 3
Elective course | 2 - 3
**Total Hours** | **16-19**

**Spring**
POLI:3512 | International Conflict | 3
Major: calculus or statistics course | 3 - 5
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
**Total Hours** | **16-19**

#### Third Year

**Fall**
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX | 3
Major: statistics course | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture | 3
POLI:3516 | The Politics of International Economics | 3
Elective course | 3
**Total Hours** | **15-16**

**Spring**
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered HIST:XXXX | 3
d GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | 3
Elective course | 3
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**Total Hours** | **15**

#### Fourth Year

**Fall**
POLI:4802 | International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation | 1
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX | 3
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX or HIST:XXXX | 3
g GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3
Elective course | 2
**Total Hours** | **15**

**Spring**
POLI:4800 | Senior Seminar in International Relations | 3
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### Career Advancement

Because international relations and the international community are so important, a major in international relations is an excellent choice for any student considering a career in either the public or private sector, including the diplomatic service, intelligence organizations, multinational corporations, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations,
think tanks, public health agencies, the media, and numerous other professions. The international relations major also prepares students to pursue postbaccalaureate degrees such as the J.D., M.A., or Ph.D.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.