

# International Relations, BS

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 BS and BA students, except that the major for the BS requires a set of statistics, research, and experiential courses, while the major for the BA does not.

## Learning Outcomes

Graduates will:

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

## Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in international relations requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 40 s.h. of work for the major. At least 18 s.h. of coursework for the major must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average (GPA) 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.

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 BS with a major in international relations requires the following coursework.

| Requirements                             | Hours |
|--|-------|
| International Relations Core             | 12    |
| Methods Course                           | 3     |
| Senior Seminar Courses                   | 4     |
| Statistics/Research/Experiential Courses | 6     |
| Track Courses                            | 15-16 |

## International Relations Core

| Course #      | Title                                   | Hours |
|---------------|---|-------|
| All of these: |   |       |
| POLI:1500     | Introduction to International Relations | 3     |
| POLI:3512     | International Conflict                  | 3     |
| POLI:3516     | The Politics of International Economics | 3     |
| One of these: |   |       |
| HIST:1101     | The Modern World                        | 3     |

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| HIST:1403 | The West and the World: Modern | 3 |
| HIST:3155 | The World Since 1945           | 3 |

## Methods Course

| Course #     | Title                    | Hours |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------|
| This course: |                          |       |
| POLI:3000    | Analyzing Political Data | 3     |

## Senior Seminar Courses

| Course #      | Title  | Hours |
|---------------|--|-------|
| This course:  |  |       |
| POLI:4802     | International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation | 1     |
| One of these: |  |       |
| POLI:4800     | Senior Seminar in International Relations          | 3     |
| POLI:4801     | Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations   | 3     |

## Statistics/Research/Experiential Courses

Students must take 6 s.h. in statistical methods, research processes, and experiential learning courses. Students are allowed to customize the courses to fit their interests and academic goals.

| Course #                       | Title   | Hours |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| One of these (minimum 3 s.h.): |   |       |
| POLI:3001                      | Hawkeye Poll  | 3     |
| POLI:3020                      | Project Vote Smart: Research and Engagement on Elections  | 3     |
| POLI:3127                      | Legislative Policy Seminar                                | arr.  |
| POLI:3160                      | Applied Research in Political Science                     | 1-3   |
| POLI:3525                      | Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab                               | 3     |
| POLI:3527                      | Civil War Research Lab                                    | 3     |
| POLI:3530                      | Diplomacy Lab   | arr.  |
| POLI:3994                      | Political Science Undergraduate Research Projects         | 3-4   |
| POLI:4700                      | Independent Study   | arr.  |
| POLI:4701                      | Undergraduate Research Tutorial                           | 3     |
| One of these (minimum 3 s.h.): |   |       |
| POLI:3050                      | Problems in Methods                                       | arr.  |
| CS:1210                        | Computer Science I: Fundamentals                          | 4     |
| CS:2110                        | Programming for Informatics                               | 4     |
| ECON:3300                      | Introduction to Econometrics: Causal Inference With Data  | 3     |
| ECON:4800                      | Econometric Analysis: Advanced Causal Inference With Data | 3     |
| SEES:2050                      | Foundations of GIS  | 4     |
| SEES:3500/<br>IGPI:3500        | Introduction to Environmental Remote Sensing              | 3     |

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| SEES:4150/<br>GHS:4150/<br>IGPI:4150   | Health and Environment: GIS Applications | 3 |
| SOC:3880   | The Sociology of Networks                | 3 |
| SOC:4000   | Data Science for Social Good             | 3 |
| Statistics courses (prefix STAT) numbered 3000 and above                                   |  |   |
| Additional courses may be approved with exception by the director of undergraduate studies |  |   |

## Tracks

International relations students complete one of the following five tracks, each of which requires 15–16 s.h. of coursework. 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 [p. 2]
- International Business and Economic Relations Track [p. 2]
- Regional Politics and Relationships Track [p. 3]
- Transnational Issues Track [p. 4]
- Self-Defined Track [p. 5]

## Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

The conflict and foreign policy track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

| Course #   | Title  | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| This course:   |  |       |
| POLI:1501  | Introduction to American Foreign Policy                    | 3     |
| 12 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department): |  |       |
| POLI:2417  | Comparative Environmental Policy                           | 3     |
| POLI:3035  | Careers in Political Science and International Relations   | 3     |
| POLI:3405  | Authoritarian Politics                                     | 3     |
| POLI:3411  | Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles                     | 3     |
| POLI:3420  | Southeast Asia: Politics and Development                   | 3     |
| POLI:3422  | Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues          | 3     |
| POLI:3423  | The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy                      | 3     |
| POLI:3428  | Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order                     | 3     |
| POLI:3450  | Problems in Comparative Politics                           | 3     |
| POLI:3503  | Politics of Terrorism                                      | 3     |
| POLI:3505  | Civil Wars   | 3     |
| POLI:3506  | Consequences of War  | 3     |
| POLI:3509  | International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics | 3     |
| POLI:3518  | Water Wars: Conflict and Cooperation                       | 3     |
| POLI:3527  | Civil War Research Lab                                     | 3     |

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| POLI:3530               | Diplomacy Lab  | arr. |
| POLI:3550               | Problems of International Politics                       | 3    |
| POLI:3603               | War and Film   | 3    |
| HIST:2156/<br>JSTU:2156 | Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel                   | 3    |
| HIST:2420/<br>GRMN:2720 | Germany in the World                                     | 3-4  |
| HIST:2465               | Europe Since 1945  | 3    |
| HIST:2684/<br>ASIA:2684 | Korean War: Local and Global History                     | 3    |
| HIST:2804               | The Middle East Through Graphic Novels and Animated Film | 3    |
| HIST:2810               | The Modern Middle East                                   | 3    |
| HIST:3106               | History Behind the Headlines                             | 3    |
| HIST:3108               | History of Human Rights                                  | 3    |
| HIST:3145               | Europe and the United States in the Twentieth Century    | 3    |
| HIST:3147               | The Cold War   | 3    |
| HIST:3155               | The World Since 1945                                     | 3    |
| HIST:3242               | The United States in World Affairs                       | 3-4  |
| HIST:3494/<br>RUSS:3494 | The Russian Revolutions and Their Legacies               | 3    |
| HIST:4478               | Holocaust in History and Memory                          | 3    |

## International Business and Economic Relations Track

The international business and economic relations track requires the following coursework (minimum of 16 s.h.).

| Course #  | Title  | Hours |
|---|--|-------|
| Two of these:   |  |       |
| ECON:1100   | Principles of Microeconomics                             | 4     |
| ECON:1200   | Principles of Macroeconomics                             | 4     |
| SEES:2910   | The Global Economy                                       | 3     |
| 8-9 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department): |  |       |
| POLI:2417   | Comparative Environmental Policy                         | 3     |
| POLI:3035   | Careers in Political Science and International Relations | 3     |
| POLI:3424   | Global Development                                       | 3     |
| POLI:3432   | Agriculture Politics and Policy                          | 3     |
| POLI:3504   | Globalization  | 3     |
| ECON:3335   | Money, Banking, and Financial Markets                    | 3     |
| ECON:3345   | Global Economics and Business                            | 3     |
| ECON:3620   | Economic Growth and Development                          | 3     |
| ECON:3625/<br>URP:3135  | Environmental and Natural Resource Economics             | 3     |
| ECON:4110   | International Economics                                  | 3     |

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|--|---|-----|---------------------------------------|---|------|
| ENTR:4460  | Entrepreneurship and Global Trade               | 3   | POLI:3527                             | Civil War Research Lab  | 3    |
| FIN:4240   | International Finance (prerequisite required)   | 3   | POLI:3530                             | Diplomacy Lab   | arr. |
| HIST:1115/<br>SEES:1115                            | The History of Oil                              | 3   | POLI:3550                             | Problems of International Politics                                | 3    |
| HRTS:3904/IS:3904                                  | Business, Labor, and Human Rights               | 1-3 | GWSS:3326/<br>GHS:3327                | The Politics of Progress: NGOs, Development, and Sexuality        | 3    |
| MGMT:3450  | International Business Environment              | 3   | HIST:1602/<br>ASIA:1602               | Civilizations of Asia: China from the 17th Century to the Present | 3    |
| MKTG:4300  | International Marketing (prerequisite required) | 3   | HIST:1604/<br>ASIA:1604               | Civilizations of Asia: Japan                                      | 3-4  |
| SEES:3090/<br>GHS:3070                             | Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food       | 3   | HIST:1606/<br>ASIA:1606/<br>RELS:1606 | Civilizations of Asia: South Asia                                 | 3-4  |
| SEES:3780/<br>GHS:3780/<br>HIST:3240/<br>POLI:3431 | U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context            | 3   | HIST:1607/<br>ASIA:1607               | Civilizations of Asia: Korea                                      | 3-4  |
| SEES:3800  | Environmental Policy                            | 3   | HIST:1609/<br>ASIA:1609               | India Now! Surveying the World's Largest Democracy                | 3-4  |
| URP:3350/<br>ECON:3750/<br>SEES:3940               | Transportation Economics                        | 3   | HIST:1708                             | Civilizations of Africa   | 3    |
|  |   |     | HIST:2155/<br>JSTU:2155               | Global Jewish History   | 3    |

## Regional Politics and Relationships Track

The regional politics and relationships track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

| Course #   | Title  | Hours |                                      |  |     |
|--|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--|-----|
| This course:   |  |       |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:1400  | Introduction to Comparative Politics                     | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| 12 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department): |  |       |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:1401  | Introduction to Russian Politics                         | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:1449  | Introduction to European Politics                        | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:2415  | Latin American Politics                                  | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:2500  | Politics of Natural Disasters                            | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3035  | Careers in Political Science and International Relations | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3405  | Authoritarian Politics                                   | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3408  | Chinese Politics and Society                             | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3420  | Southeast Asia: Politics and Development                 | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3422  | Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues        | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3423  | The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy                    | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3424  | Global Development                                       | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3426  | Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries                        | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3428  | Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order                   | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3430  | Environmental Politics and Indigeneity                   | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3432  | Agriculture Politics and Policy                          | 3     |                                      |  |     |
| POLI:3450  | Problems in Comparative Politics                         | 3     |                                      |  |     |
|  |  |       | HIST:2156/<br>JSTU:2156              | Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel                   | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:2420/<br>GRMN:2720              | Germany in the World                                     | 3-4 |
|  |  |       | HIST:2465                            | Europe Since 1945  | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:2804                            | The Middle East Through Graphic Novels and Animated Film | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3145                            | Europe and the United States in the Twentieth Century    | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3289/<br>NAIS:3289              | The Atlantic World c. 1450-1850                          | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3427/<br>GWSS:3427              | Family, Gender, and Society in Early Modern Europe       | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3470                            | France From 1815 to Present                              | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3501/<br>LAS:3501               | Rebel Island: A History of Cuba                          | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3502/<br>LAS:3502/<br>NAIS:3502 | History of Mexico  | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3515/<br>LAS:3515               | Introduction to Modern Latin America                     | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3522/<br>LATS:3522              | Indigenous Women and Rural Unrest in Latin America       | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3652/<br>ASIA:3652              | Twentieth-Century China                                  | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3685/<br>ASIA:3685              | Modern Korean History                                    | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3760/<br>AFAM:3760              | The Making of Modern Africa                              | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:3810                            | History of the Modern Middle East                        | 3   |
|  |  |       | HIST:4433/<br>FREN:4433              | France Under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944                  | 3-4 |
|  |  |       | HIST:4666/<br>ASIA:4166              | Topics in Asian History                                  | 3   |

## Transnational Issues Track

The transnational issues track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

| Course #   | Title  | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| 15 s.h. from these, including courses from at least three departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department): |  |       |
| POLI:2417  | Comparative Environmental Policy                           | 3     |
| POLI:2500  | Politics of Natural Disasters                              | 3     |
| POLI:3035  | Careers in Political Science and International Relations   | 3     |
| POLI:3411  | Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles                     | 3     |
| POLI:3422  | Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues          | 3     |
| POLI:3424  | Global Development   | 3     |
| POLI:3428  | Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order                     | 3     |
| POLI:3430  | Environmental Politics and Indigeneity                     | 3     |
| POLI:3432  | Agriculture Politics and Policy                            | 3     |
| POLI:3450  | Problems in Comparative Politics                           | 3     |
| POLI:3509  | International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics | 3     |
| POLI:3527  | Civil War Research Lab                                     | 3     |
| POLI:3530  | Diplomacy Lab  | arr.  |
| POLI:3550  | Problems of International Politics                         | 3     |
| ANTH:1046/<br>GWSS:1046/<br>SEES:1046/<br>SJUS:1046  | Environmental Politics in India                            | 3     |
| ANTH:2151/<br>GWSS:2151/IS:2151  | Global Migration in the Contemporary World                 | 3     |
| CRIM:3415  | Global Criminology   | 3     |
| ECON:3625/<br>URP:3135   | Environmental and Natural Resource Economics               | 3     |
| ECON:3760  | Health Economics   | 3     |
| GHS:2674/<br>GWSS:2674/<br>RELS:2674   | Food, Body, and Belief: A Global Perspective               | 3     |
| GHS:3030/<br>CPH:3240  | Global Health Today  | 1     |
| GHS:3036   | Ethics, Policy, and Global Health                          | 3     |
| GHS:3037   | Technology to Improve Global Health                        | 3     |
| GHS:3050/<br>ASP:3135/<br>SSW:3135   | Global Aging   | 3     |
| GHS:3110/<br>ANTH:3110/<br>CBH:4200/<br>NAIS:3110  | Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity                   | 3     |
| GHS:3120   | Global Maternal and Child Health                           | 3     |

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|---------------------------------------|---|-----|
| GHS:3150/<br>CBH:3150/JMC:3150        | Media and Health  | 3   |
| GHS:3230                              | Health Experience of Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees         | 3   |
| GHS:3325                              | Global Epidemics  | 3   |
| GHS:3500/<br>CPH:3500                 | Global Public Health  | 3   |
| GHS:3560                              | Global Garbage and Global Health                                | 3   |
| GHS:3720                              | Contemporary Issues in Global Health                            | 3   |
| GHS:3850/<br>HHP:3850                 | Promoting Health Globally                                       | 3   |
| GHS:4003                              | Case Studies in Global Health Inequities                        | 3   |
| GWSS:2190/<br>ANTH:2190/IS:2190       | Love Rules: Law and the Family Across Cultures                  | 3   |
| GWSS:2650/<br>GHS:2650                | Global Reproduction   | 3   |
| GWSS:3010/<br>GHS:3015                | Transnational Sexualities                                       | 3   |
| GWSS:3118/<br>ANTH:3118/<br>COMM:3118 | Politics of Reproduction  | 3   |
| GWSS:3157/<br>HIST:3157               | Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights                             | 3   |
| GWSS:3350/<br>ANTH:3125/IS:3350       | Transnational Feminism  | 3   |
| HIST:1115/<br>SEES:1115               | The History of Oil  | 3   |
| HIST:3108                             | History of Human Rights   | 3   |
| HIST:3128                             | Topics in Global Environmental History                          | 3   |
| HIST:3131/<br>SEES:3131               | Unnatural Disasters: A Global History                           | 3   |
| HIST:3171                             | Slavery in World History  | 3   |
| HIST:3427/<br>GWSS:3427               | Family, Gender, and Society in Early Modern Europe              | 3   |
| HIST:3508/<br>GHS:3508/LAS:3508       | Disease and Health in Latin American History                    | 3   |
| HIST:3755/<br>GHS:3555/IS:3555        | Understanding Health and Disease in Africa                      | 3   |
| HRTS:3905/IS:3905                     | Topics in Human Rights  | 1-3 |
| HRTS:3906                             | Global Crises and Human Rights                                  | 3   |
| HRTS:3910/IS:3910                     | Approaches to Advocacy: From Theory to Practice                 | 3   |
| IS:3116/JMC:3116                      | Media and Global Cultures                                       | 3   |
| IS:4131/<br>COMM:4131                 | Globalization and Culture                                       | 3   |
| SEES:1020                             | The Global Environment  | 3   |
| SEES:1070                             | Contemporary Environmental Issues                               | 3   |
| SEES:1090                             | Globalization and Geographic Diversity                          | 3   |
| SEES:2110/<br>GHS:2110                | Eight Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics | 3   |
| SEES:3090/<br>GHS:3070                | Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food                       | 3   |

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|--|---|---|
| SEES:3110/<br>GHS:3111                             | Geography of Health   | 3 |
| SEES:3300/<br>GHS:3300                             | Envisioning Future Worlds:<br>Sustainable Development<br>and Its Alternatives | 3 |
| SEES:3331  | Human Dimensions of<br>Climate  | 3 |
| SEES:3780/<br>GHS:3780/<br>HIST:3240/<br>POLI:3431 | U.S. Energy Policy in Global<br>Context                                       | 3 |
| SEES:3800  | Environmental Policy  | 3 |
| SEES:4770/<br>AFAM:4770/<br>GHS:4770               | Environmental Justice   | 3 |
| URP:3350/<br>ECON:3750/<br>SEES:3940               | Transportation Economics  | 3 |

## 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 15 s.h. of coursework, which must include 3 s.h. of credit earned in courses from three different departments (9 s.h. total).

## Honors

### Honors in the Major

Students majoring in international relations have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a UI grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33 and a major GPA of at least 3.50. In addition to maintaining the minimum GPA requirements and minimum major requirements, honors students must complete a final honors thesis, POLI:4801 Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations.

### National Honor Society

The department sponsors a chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Students who have met the expectations for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha are invited to join. 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.

## 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 a JD, MA, or PhD.

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

## 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 one of the statistics/research/experiential 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 statistics/research/experiential course, and all track requirements.

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining coursework 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, BS

- Conflict and Foreign Policy Track [p. 5]
- Transnational Issues Track [p. 7]

### Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

| Course   | Title   | Hours        |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>Academic Career</b>   |   |              |
| <b>Any Semester</b>  |   |              |
| GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>  |   |              |
| <b>Hours</b>   |   | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>First Year</b>  |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>  |   |              |
| POLI:1500  | Introduction to International Relations <sup>b</sup>                          | 3            |
| ENGL:1200<br>or RHET:1030  | The Interpretation of Literature<br>or Rhetoric: Writing and<br>Communication | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level<br>Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup> |   | 4 - 5        |
| CSI:1600   | Success at Iowa   | 1            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>   |   | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |   | <b>14-16</b> |

**Spring**

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|--|---|--------------|
| HIST:3155<br>or HIST:1403<br>or HIST:1101  | The World Since 1945<br>or The West and the World:<br>Modern<br>or The Modern World | 3            |
| ENGL:1200<br>or RHET:1030  | The Interpretation of Literature<br>or Rhetoric: Writing and<br>Communication       | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives <sup>e</sup>                         |   | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup> |   | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>   |   | 2            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |   | <b>15-17</b> |

**Second Year****Fall**

|   |   |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| POLI:1501   | Introduction to American Foreign Policy <sup>b, f</sup> | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning <sup>e</sup>                           |   | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup> |   | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>  |   | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>  |   | 2            |
| <b>Hours</b>  |   | <b>15-16</b> |

**Spring**

|  |                          |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| POLI:3000  | Analyzing Political Data | 3            |
| POLI:3512  | International Conflict   | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup> |                          | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>   |                          | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>   |                          | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |                          | <b>16-17</b> |

**Third Year****Fall**

|   |   |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| POLI:3516   | The Politics of International Economics | 3            |
| Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup> |   | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>e</sup>          |   | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: Values and Society <sup>e</sup>               |   | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>                                |   | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>  |   | <b>15-16</b> |

**Spring**

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| Major: conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup>     |  | 3            |
| Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup>      |  | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>e</sup> |  | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>                                     |  | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>                                     |  | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>15-16</b> |

**Fourth Year****Fall**

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| POLI:4802  | International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation | 1 |
| Major: conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup> |  | 3 |
| Major: conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup> |  | 3 |
| GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab                   |  | 3 |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>                                 |  | 3 |

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| Elective course <sup>d</sup>  |  | 3              |
| <b>Hours</b>  |  | <b>16</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>   |  |                |
| POLI:4801<br>or POLI:4800   | Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations<br>or Senior Seminar in International Relations | 3              |
| Major: conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup>  |  | 3              |
| GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>e</sup>  |  | 4              |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>  |  | 3              |
| Elective course <sup>d</sup>  |  | 2              |
| Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) <sup>h</sup> |  |                |
| <b>Hours</b>  |  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  |  | <b>121-129</b> |

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## Transnational Issues Track

| Course   | Title  | Hours        |
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| <b>Academic Career</b>   |  |              |
| <b>Any Semester</b>  |  |              |
| GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>  |  |              |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>0</b>     |
| <b>First Year</b>  |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>  |  |              |
| POLI:1500  | Introduction to International Relations <sup>b</sup>                       | 3            |
| ENGL:1200<br>or RHET:1030  | The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication    | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives <sup>c</sup>                         |  | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>d</sup>  |  | 4 - 5        |
| CSI:1600   | Success at Iowa  | 1            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>14-16</b> |
| <b>Spring</b>  |  |              |
| RHET:1030<br>or ENGL:1200  | Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or The Interpretation of Literature    | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning <sup>c</sup>                            |  | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>d</sup> |  | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>16-18</b> |
| <b>Second Year</b>   |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>  |  |              |
| HIST:1101<br>or HIST:1403<br>or HIST:3155  | The Modern World or The West and the World: Modern or The World Since 1945 | 3            |
| Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>                                  |  | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>c</sup>                                   |  | 4            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>d</sup>  |  | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 2            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>16-17</b> |
| <b>Spring</b>  |  |              |
| POLI:3000  | Analyzing Political Data   | 3            |
| POLI:3512  | International Conflict   | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>d</sup> |  | 4 - 5        |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 2            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>15-16</b> |
| <b>Third Year</b>  |  |              |
| <b>Fall</b>  |  |              |
| Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>                                  |  | 3            |
| Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup>                            |  | 3 - 4        |
| GE CLAS Core: Values and Society <sup>c</sup>  |  | 3            |
| GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences <sup>c</sup>   |  | 3            |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>   |  | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>   |  | <b>15-16</b> |

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| <b>Spring</b>   |   |                |
| Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>   |   | 3              |
| Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>   |   | 3              |
| GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>c</sup>  |   | 3              |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>  |   | 3              |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>  |   | 3              |
| <b>Hours</b>  |   | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Fourth Year</b>  |   |                |
| <b>Fall</b>   |   |                |
| POLI:3516   | The Politics of International Economics   | 3              |
| POLI:4802   | International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation  | 1              |
| Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>   |   | 3              |
| GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>c</sup>  |   | 3              |
| GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>c</sup>   |   | 3              |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>  |   | 3              |
| <b>Hours</b>  |   | <b>16</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>   |   |                |
| POLI:4800<br>or POLI:4801   | Senior Seminar in International Relations or Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations | 3              |
| Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup>   |   | 3 - 4          |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>  |   | 3              |
| Elective course <sup>e</sup>  |   | 3              |
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| <b>Hours</b>  |   | <b>15-16</b>   |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  |   | <b>122-130</b> |

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