International Relations, B.S.

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 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.

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- Conflict and Foreign Policy Track [p. 1]
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Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

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Hours 15-17

Spring

Major: history core course e | 3 - 4

Fourth Year

Fall

POLI:4802 International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation | 1

Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX g | 3

Major: statistics course h | 3

GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives f | 3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3

Elective course d | 2

Hours 15
**Spring**

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numbered HIST:XXXX  
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab  
Elective course  
Elective course  
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)  

**Hours**  
15-16

**Total Hours**  
120-129

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b) Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

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e) Refer to the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

f) GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

g) The conflict and foreign policy track requires POLI:1501 and at least five additional approved courses (18 s.h. total). This must include at least 6 s.h. in courses from each of two departments.

h) Students must complete one of the approved sets of mathematics/statistics courses (10-11 s.h.).

i) Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.

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**Transnational Issues Track**

**Course** | **Title** | **Hours**
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**Academic Career**

Any Semester

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability  

**Hours**  
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**First Year**

**Fall**

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**GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives**  

**GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab**  

**GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course**  

**Elective course**  

**Elective course**  

**Spring**

**GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion**  

**GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course**  

**Elective course**  

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**Second Year**

**Fall**

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Major: calculus course  
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course  
Elective course  
Elective course  

**Hours**  
15-17

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**Second Year**

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**Hours**  
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