

# 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

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations <sup>a</sup>	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major: history core course <sup>d</sup>		3 - 4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion <sup>e</sup>		3

Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16-19</b>

### Second Year

<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy <sup>a, f</sup>	3
POLI:2000 or POLI:3000	Designing Political Research or Analyzing Political Data	3
Major: calculus course <sup>a, g, h</sup>		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		2 - 3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>

### Spring

POLI:3512	International Conflict	3
Major: calculus or statistics course <sup>g</sup>		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>

### Third Year

<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX <sup>f</sup>		3
Major: statistics course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Spring

Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered HIST:XXXX <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:4802	International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation	1
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX <sup>f</sup>		3
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered POLI:XXXX or HIST:XXXX <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>e</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab		3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Spring

POLI:4800 or POLI:4801	Senior Seminar in International Relations or Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations	3
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course numbered HIST:XXXX <sup>f</sup>		3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>e</sup>	4
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	2 - 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) <sup>i</sup>	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>123-133</b>

- a Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- b Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- c Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- d Refer to the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- e 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.
- f 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.
- g Students must complete one of the approved sets of mathematics/statistics courses (10-11 s.h.).
- h Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
- i Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.

### Transnational Issues Track

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations <sup>a</sup>	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
Major: history core course <sup>d</sup>		3 - 4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-19</b>

### Second Year

<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:2000 or POLI:3000	Designing Political Research or Analyzing Political Data	3
Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>		3
Major: calculus course <sup>a, g, h</sup>		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5

Elective course <sup>e</sup>	2 - 3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16-18</b>

### Spring

POLI:3512	International Conflict	3
Major: calculus or statistics course <sup>g</sup>		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>

### Third Year

#### Fall

Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>		3
Major: statistics course <sup>g</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

#### Spring

Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>		3
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GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

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GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>b</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>b</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Spring

POLI:4801 or POLI:4800	Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations or Senior Seminar in International Relations	3
Major: transnational issues track course <sup>f</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>b</sup>		4
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		2 - 3
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>124-134</b>

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