

International Relations, BS

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.

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- Conflict and Foreign Policy Track
- Transnational Issues Track

Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations ^b	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		14-16
Spring		
HIST:1403 or HIST:3155 or HIST:1101	The West and the World: Modern or The World Since 1945 or The Modern World	3

ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		2
Hours		15-17

Second Year

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

Spring

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

Third Year

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

Spring

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

Fourth Year

Fall		
POLI:4802	International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation	1
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course ^f		3
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16

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 ^f	3
GE CLAS Core:	Natural Sciences with Lab ^e	4
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		2
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^h		
Hours		15
Total Hours		121-129

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.

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

c Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

d 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.

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 12 s.h. of additional courses (15 s.h. total); must include courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department). See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

g Students must take 6 s.h. in statistical methods, research processes, and experiential learning courses. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

h Please see Academic Calendar, on 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 Degree Services.

Transnational Issues Track

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core:	Sustainability ^a	
Hours		0

First Year

Fall

POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations ^b	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core:	Understanding Cultural Perspectives ^c	3
GE CLAS Core:	World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^d	4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Hours		14-16

Spring

ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core:	Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c	3
GE CLAS Core:	World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^d	4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-18

Second Year

Fall

HIST:3155 or HIST:1403 or HIST:1101	The World Since 1945 or The West and the World: Modern or The Modern World	3
Major:	transnational issues track course ^f	3
GE CLAS Core:	Natural Sciences with Lab ^c	4
GE CLAS Core:	World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^d	4 - 5
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GE CLAS Core:	World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^d	4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		15-16

Third Year

Fall

Major:	transnational issues track course ^f	3
Major:	statistics/research/experiential course ^g	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core:	Values and Society ^c	3
GE CLAS Core:	Social Sciences ^c	3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15-16

Spring

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GE CLAS Core:	Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c	3
Elective course ^e		3
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Hours		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

POLI:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
POLI:4802	International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation	1
Major: transnational issues track course ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
Elective course ^e		3

Hours	16
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Spring

POLI:4801 or POLI:4800	Honors Senior Seminar in International Relations or Senior Seminar in International Relations	3
Major: statistics/research/experiential course ^g		3 - 4
Elective course ^e		3
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