

International Relations, BS

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in international relations requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 47 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	12-13
Methods Course	3
Senior Seminar Courses	4
Mathematics/Statistics Courses	10-11
Track Courses	18-19

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
HIST:1403	The West and the World: Modern	3
HIST:3143	International Politics: The History of the Present	3-4
HIST:3155	The World Since 1945	3

Methods Course

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:2000	Designing Political Research	3
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
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Mathematics/Statistics Courses

Students must complete one of the following approved sets of mathematics/statistics courses (10-11 s.h.) with a GPA of at least 2.00. Substitutions must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

Set 1

Course #	Title	Hours
MATH:1380	Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business (or equivalent or higher-level calculus course)	4
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
STAT:6513/ PSQF:6243	Intermediate Statistical Methods	3

Set 2

Course #	Title	Hours
MATH:1850	Calculus I	4
MATH:1860	Calculus II	4
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3

Tracks

International relations students complete one of the following five tracks, each of which requires 18 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. 1]
- International Business and Economic Relations Track [p. 2]
- Regional Politics and Relationships Track [p. 2]
- Transnational Issues Track [p. 3]
- Self-Defined Track [p. 4]

Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

The conflict and foreign policy track requires the following coursework (minimum of 18 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3
Five of these, including at least 6 s.h. in courses from each of two departments:		
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	3
POLI:3410	Russian Foreign Policy	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:3425	South Asia: Politics, Identity, and Conflict	3
POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	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:3522	Ending Wars and Keeping Peace	3
POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
HIST:3108	History of Human Rights	3
POLI:3603	War and Film	3
HIST:2420/ GRMN:2720	Germany in the World	3-4
HIST:2465	Europe Since 1945	3
HIST:2684/ 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:3145	Europe and the United States in the Twentieth Century	3
HIST:3155	The World Since 1945	3
HIST:3242	The United States in World Affairs	3-4
HIST:3494	The Russian Revolutions and Their Legacies	3
HIST:4264	The American Home Front During World War II	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 19 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
GEOG:2910	The Global Economy	3
Four of these, including courses from at least two departments:		

POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3400	Political Economy	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3
POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3
POLI:3504	Globalization	3
POLI:3524	Politics and Multinational Enterprises	3
ECON:3345	Global Economics and Business	3
ECON:3620	Economic Growth and Development	3
ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON:3750/ GEOG:3940/ URP:3350	Transportation Economics	3
ECON:4110	International Economics	3
ENTR:4460	Entrepreneurship and Global Trade	3
FIN:4240	International Finance (prerequisite required)	3
GEOG:2410	Environment and Development	3
GEOG:3070/ GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3
GEOG:3800	Environmental Economics and Policy	3
HIST:3240/ GEOG:3780/ GHS:3780/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
IS:3200	Sustainable Development	3
MGMT:3450	International Business Environment	3
MKTG:4300	International Marketing (prerequisite required)	3

Regional Politics and Relationships Track

The regional politics and relationships track requires the following coursework (minimum of 18 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
POLI:1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Five of these, including at least 6 s.h. in courses from each of two departments:		
POLI:1401	Introduction to Russian Politics	3
POLI:1445	Introduction to Asian Politics: China	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	HIST:3685/ ASIA:3685	Modern Korean History	3
POLI:3408	Chinese Politics and Society	3	HIST:3760/ AFAM:3760	The Making of Modern Africa	3
POLI:3410	Russian Foreign Policy	3	HIST:3810	History of the Modern Middle East	3
POLI:3420	Southeast Asia: Politics and Development	3	HIST:4433/ FREN:4433	France Under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944	3-4
POLI:3422	Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues	3	HIST:4666/ ASIA:4166	Topics in Asian History	3
POLI:3423	The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy	3	Transnational Issues Track		
POLI:3424	Global Development	3	The transnational issues track requires the following coursework (minimum of 18 s.h.).		
POLI:3425	South Asia: Politics, Identity, and Conflict	3	Course #	Title	Hours
POLI:3426	Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries	3	Six of these, including at least 3 s.h. in courses from each of three departments:		
POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3	POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3	POLI:2500	Politics of Natural Disasters	3
POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3	POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3450	Problems in Comparative Politics	3	POLI:3411	Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles	3
POLI:3522	Ending Wars and Keeping Peace	3	POLI:3422	Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues	3
HIST:1602/ ASIA:1602	Civilizations of Asia: China from the 17th Century to the Present	3	POLI:3424	Global Development	3
HIST:1604/ ASIA:1604	Civilizations of Asia: Japan	3-4	POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3
HIST:1606/ ASIA:1606/ RELS:1606	Civilizations of Asia: South Asia	3-4	POLI:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3
HIST:1607/ ASIA:1607	Civilizations of Asia: Korea	3-4	POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3
HIST:1609/ ASIA:1609	India Now! Surveying the World's Largest Democracy	3-4	POLI:3509	International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics	3
HIST:1708	Civilizations of Africa	3	POLI:3522	Ending Wars and Keeping Peace	3
HIST:2420/ GRMN:2720	Germany in the World	3-4	CRIM:3415	Global Criminology	3
HIST:2465	Europe Since 1945	3	ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
HIST:2804	The Middle East Through Graphic Novels and Animated Film	3	ECON:3750/ GEOG:3940/ URP:3350	Transportation Economics	3
HIST:3145	Europe and the United States in the Twentieth Century	3	ECON:3760	Health Economics	3
HIST:3289/ NAIS:3289	The Atlantic World c. 1450-1850	3	GEOG:1020	The Global Environment	3
HIST:3416	Modern Britain: War and Empire in the Twentieth Century	3	GEOG:1070	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3
HIST:3470	France from 1815 to Present	3	GEOG:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity	3
HIST:3475	Germany's Twentieth Century	3-4	GEOG:2110/ GHS:2110	Eight Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics	3
HIST:3501/ LAS:3501	Rebel Island: A History of Cuba	3	GEOG:2410	Environment and Development	3
HIST:3502	History of Mexico	3	GEOG:3070/ GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3
HIST:3515/ LAS:3515	Introduction to Modern Latin America	3	GEOG:3110/ GHS:3111	Geography of Health	3
HIST:3652/ ASIA:3652	Twentieth-Century China	3			

GEOG:3300/ GHS:3300	Envisioning Future Worlds: Sustainable Development and Its Alternatives	3
GEOG:3331	Human Dimensions of Climate	3
GEOG:3780/ GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
GEOG:3800	Environmental Economics and Policy	3
GEOG:4770/ AFAM:4770/ GHS:4770	Environmental Justice	3
GHS:2674/ GWSS:2674	Food, Body, and Belief: A Global Perspective	3
GHS:3015/ GWSS:3010	Transnational Sexualities	3
GHS:3030/ CPH:3240	Global Health Today	1
GHS:3036	Ethics, Politics, and Global Health	3
GHS:3037	Technology to Improve Global Health	3
GHS:3050/ ASP:3135/ SSW:3135	Global Aging	3
GHS:3110/ ANTH:3110/ NAIS:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3
GHS:3120	Global Maternal and Child Health	3
GHS:3150/ CBH:3150/JMC:3150	Media and Health	3
GHS:3162/ HIST:3162	History of Global Health	3
GHS:3230	Health Experience of Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees	3
GHS:3325	Global Epidemics	3
GHS:3500/ CPH:3500	Global Public Health	3
GHS:3560	Global Garbage and Global Health	3
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
GHS:3850/ HHP:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
GHS:4003	Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3
GWSS:1046/ ANTH:1046/ GEOG:1046/ SJUS:1046	Environmental Politics in India	3
GWSS:2151/ ANTH:2151/IS:2151	Global Migration in the Contemporary World	3
GWSS:2190/ ANTH:2190/IS:2190	Love Rules: Law and the Family Across Cultures	3
GWSS:2650/ GHS:2650	Global Reproduction	3
GWSS:3010/ GHS:3015	Transnational Sexualities	3

GWSS:3157/ HIST:3157	Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3
GWSS:3350/ ANTH:3125/IS:3350	Transnational Feminism	3
HIST:3108	History of Human Rights	3
HIST:3240/ GEOG:3780/ GHS:3780/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
HIST:3508/ GHS:3508/LAS:3508	Disease and Health in Latin American History	3
HIST:3755/ 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	Human Rights Advocacy	3
IS:2151/ ANTH:2151/ GWSS:2151	Global Migration in the Contemporary World	3
IS:3116/JMC:3116	Media and Global Cultures	3
IS:3200	Sustainable Development	3
IS:4131/ COMM:4131	Globalization and Culture	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 18 s.h. of coursework, which must include 3 s.h. of credit earned in courses from each of three departments.