

International Relations, BA

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 12 s.h. in the track and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 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 Plan 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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International Business and Economic Relations 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
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	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	
Hours	
16-18	

Second Year

Fall		
POLI:3000 or POLI:2000	Analyzing Political Data or Designing Political Research	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^{e, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		16-17

Spring

ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics ^b	4
POLI:3512	International Conflict	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Hours		15-16

Third Year

Fall		
ECON:1200 or SEES:2910	Principles of Macroeconomics or The Global Economy	3 - 4
POLI:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15-16

Spring

Major: international business and economic relations track course ^g		3
Major: international business and economic relations track course ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		
POLI:4802	International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation	1
Major: international business and economic relations track course ^g		3
Major: international business and economic relations track course ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e		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
Elective course ^d		3
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h Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours	15
Total Hours	122-129

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 STAT:1010 or STAT:1020 recommended.

g Students complete 11-12 s.h. from approved international business and economic relations track elective courses, including courses from at least two different departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department). 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.