

# 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.

### International Relations, BS

- Conflict and Foreign Policy Track
- Transnational Issues Track

### Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>		
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations <sup>b</sup>	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 <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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 <sup>e</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		2
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>

### Second Year

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

### Spring

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

### Third Year

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

### Spring

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

### Fourth Year

<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:4802	International Relations Senior Seminar Preparation	1
Major: conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup>		3
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GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</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:	conflict and foreign policy track course <sup>f</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core:	Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>e</sup>	4
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		2
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) <sup>h</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>121-129</b>

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

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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.

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**Transnational Issues Track**

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
GE CLAS Core:	Sustainability <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

**First Year**

**Fall**

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

**Spring**

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

**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 <sup>f</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core:	Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>c</sup>	4
GE CLAS Core:	World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>d</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>

**Spring**

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<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>

**Third Year**

**Fall**

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Major:	statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup>	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core:	Values and Society <sup>c</sup>	3
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Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>

**Spring**

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GE CLAS Core:	Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year****Fall**

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

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<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
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**Spring**

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Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>g</sup>		3 - 4
Elective course <sup>e</sup>		3
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>122-130</b>
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