

International Relations, BS

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in international relations requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 40 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 must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Coursework in the major may not be taken pass/nonpass. Courses graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis may not count toward major requirements.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rules: students earning a BS may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department (e.g. a BS in international relations and a BS in political science), two degrees from the same department (e.g. a BS in international relations and a BA in political science), or a major and a minor from the same department (e.g. a BS in international relations and a minor in political science) may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

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
Methods Course	3
Senior Seminar Courses	4
Statistics/Research/Experiential Courses	6
Track Courses	15-16

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:3155	The World Since 1945	3

Methods Course

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
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

Statistics/Research/Experiential Courses

Students must take 6 s.h. in statistical methods, research processes, and experiential learning courses. Students are allowed to customize the courses to fit their interests and academic goals.

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these (minimum 3 s.h.):		
POLI:3001	Hawkeye Poll	3
POLI:3020	Project Vote Smart: Research and Engagement on Elections	3
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	arr.
POLI:3160	Applied Research in Political Science	1-3
POLI:3525	Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab	3
POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
POLI:3528	Disasters, Migration, and Violence Lab	arr.
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:3994	Political Science Undergraduate Research Projects	3-4
POLI:4700	Independent Study	arr.
POLI:4701	Undergraduate Research Tutorial	3
One of these (minimum 3 s.h.):		
POLI:3002	Data Visualization	3
POLI:3050	Problems in Methods	arr.
CS:1210	Computer Science I: Fundamentals	4
CS:2110	Programming for Informatics	4
ECON:3300	Introduction to Econometrics: Causal Inference With Data	3
ECON:4800	Econometric Analysis: Advanced Causal Inference With Data	3

SEES:2050	Foundations of GIS	4
SEES:3500/ IGPI:3500	Introduction to Environmental Remote Sensing	3
SEES:4150/ GHS:4150/ IGPI:4150	Health and Environment: GIS Applications	3
SOC:3880	The Sociology of Networks	3

Statistics courses (prefix STAT) numbered 3000 and above

Additional courses may be approved with exception by the director of undergraduate studies

Tracks

International relations students complete one of the following five tracks, each of which requires 15–16 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
- International Business and Economic Relations Track
- Regional Politics and Relationships Track
- Transnational Issues Track
- Self-Defined Track

Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

The conflict and foreign policy track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3
12 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department):		
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	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:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3
POLI:3450	Problems in Comparative Politics	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:3526	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
POLI:3528	Disasters, Migration, and Violence Lab	arr.
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
POLI:3555	Gender, Conflict, and International Relations	3
POLI:3603	War and Film	3
HIST:2156/ JSTU:2156	Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel	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:3108	History of Human Rights	3
HIST:3147	The Cold War	3
HIST:3155	The World Since 1945	3
HIST:3242	The United States in World Affairs	3-4
HIST:3494/ RUSS:3494	The Russian Revolutions and Their Legacies	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 16 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
SEES:2910	The Global Economy	3
8-9 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department):		
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3
POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3
POLI:3504	Globalization	3
ECON:3335	Money, Banking, and Financial Markets	3

ECON:3345	Global Economics and Business	3	POLI:3450	Problems in Comparative Politics	3
ECON:3620	Economic Growth and Development	3	POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3	POLI:3528	Disasters, Migration, and Violence Lab	arr.
ECON:4110	International Economics	3	POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
ENTR:4460	Entrepreneurship and Global Trade	3	POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
FIN:4240	International Finance (prerequisite required)	3	GWSS:3326/ GHS:3327	Politics of Progress: Nonprofits and Sexuality	3
HIST:1115/ SEES:1115	The History of Oil	3	HIST:1602/ ASIA:1602	Civilizations of Asia: China from the 17th Century to the Present	3
HRTS:3904/IS:3904	Business, Labor, and Human Rights	1-3	HIST:1604/ ASIA:1604	Civilizations of Asia: Japan	3-4
MGMT:3450	International Business Environment	3	HIST:1606/ ASIA:1606/ RELS:1606	Civilizations of Asia: South Asia	3-4
MKTG:4300	International Marketing (prerequisite required)	3	HIST:1607/ ASIA:1607	Civilizations of Asia: Korea	3-4
SEES:3090/ GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3	HIST:1609/ ASIA:1609	India Now! Surveying the World's Largest Democracy	3-4
SEES:3800	Environmental Policy	3	HIST:1708	Civilizations of Africa	3
URP:3350/ ECON:3750/ SEES:3940	Transportation Economics	3	HIST:2155/ JSTU:2155	Global Jewish History	3

Regional Politics and Relationships Track

The regional politics and relationships track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours	Course #	Title	Hours
This course:			HIST:2156/ JSTU:2156	Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel	3
POLI:1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	HIST:2420/ GRMN:2720	Germany in the World	3-4
12 s.h. from these, including courses from at least two departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department):			HIST:2465	Europe Since 1945	3
POLI:1401	Introduction to Russian Politics	3	HIST:2804	The Middle East Through Graphic Novels and Animated Film	3
POLI:1449	Introduction to European Politics	3	HIST:3289/ NAIS:3289	The Atlantic World c. 1450-1850	3
POLI:2415	Latin American Politics	3	HIST:3427/ GWSS:3427	Family, Gender, and Society in Early Modern Europe	3
POLI:2500	Politics of Natural Disasters	3	HIST:3470/ FREN:3470	France From 1789 to Present	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3	HIST:3501/ LAS:3501	Rebel Island: A History of Cuba	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	3	HIST:3502/ LAS:3502/ NAIS:3502	A Journey Through Mexico's Past: From Tenochtitlan to Independence	3
POLI:3420	Southeast Asia: Politics and Development	3	HIST:3515/ LAS:3515	Introduction to Modern Latin America	3
POLI:3422	Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues	3	HIST:3522/ LATS:3522	Indigenous Women and Rural Unrest in Latin America	3
POLI:3423	The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy	3	HIST:3652/ ASIA:3652	Twentieth-Century China	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3	HIST:3685/ ASIA:3685	Modern Korean History	3
POLI:3426	Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries	3	HIST:3760/ AFAM:3760	The Making of Modern Africa	3
POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3	HIST:3810	History of the Modern Middle East	3
POLI:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3	HIST:4433/ FREN:4433	France Under Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944	3-4
POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3			

Transnational Issues Track

The transnational issues track requires the following coursework (minimum of 15 s.h.).

Course #	Title	Hours
15 s.h. from these, including courses from at least three departments (minimum 3 s.h. per department):		
POLI:2417	Comparative Environmental Policy	3
POLI:2500	Politics of Natural Disasters	3
POLI:3035	Careers in Political Science and International Relations	3
POLI:3411	Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles	3
POLI:3422	Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues	3
POLI:3424	Global Development	3
POLI:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	3
POLI:3430	Environmental Politics and Indigeneity	3
POLI:3432	Agriculture Politics and Policy	3
POLI:3450	Problems in Comparative Politics	3
POLI:3509	International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics	3
POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
POLI:3528	Disasters, Migration, and Violence Lab	arr.
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
POLI:3555	Gender, Conflict, and International Relations	3
ANTH:1046/ GWSS:1046/ SEES:1046/ SJUS:1046	Environmental Politics in India	3
ANTH:2151/ GWSS:2151/IS:2151	Global Migration in the Contemporary World	3
CRIM:3415	Global Criminology	3
ECON:3625/ URP:3135	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON:3760	Health Economics	3
GHS:2674/ GWSS:2674/ RELS:2674	Food, Body, and Mind: A Global Perspective	3
GHS:3030/ CPH:3240	Global Health Today	1
GHS:3036	Ethics, Policy, 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/ CBH:4200/ 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: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: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:3118/ ANTH:3118/ COMM:3118	Politics of Reproduction	3
GWSS:3157/ HIST:3157	Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights	3
GWSS:3350/ ANTH:3125/IS:3350	Transnational Feminism	3
HIST:1115/ SEES:1115	The History of Oil	3
HIST:3108	History of Human Rights	3
HIST:3128	Global Environmental History: Nature and Power in the Modern World	3
HIST:3131/ SEES:3131	Unnatural Disasters: A Global History	3
HIST:3171	Slavery in World History	3
HIST:3427/ GWSS:3427	Family, Gender, and Society in Early Modern Europe	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	Approaches to Advocacy: From Theory to Practice	3
IS:3116/JMC:3116	Media and Global Cultures	3
IS:4131/ COMM:4131	Globalization and Culture	3
SEES:1020	The Global Environment	3
SEES:1070	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3

SEES:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity	3
SEES:2110/ GHS:2110	Eight Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics	3
SEES:3090/ GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3
SEES:3110/ GHS:3111	Geography of Health	3
SEES:3300/ GHS:3300	Sustainable Development	3
SEES:3331	Human Dimensions of Climate	3
SEES:3780/ GHS:3780/ HIST:3240/ POLI:3431	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
SEES:3800	Environmental Policy	3
SEES:4770/ AFAM:4770/ GHS:4770	Environmental Justice	3
URP:3350/ ECON:3750/ SEES:3940	Transportation Economics	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 15 s.h. of coursework, which must include at least 3 s.h. of credit earned in courses from each of three different departments (9 s.h. total).