

International Relations BA

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements. Political science courses may be used to satisfy the social sciences requirement. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. degree may be satisfied in any language.

Departmental Honors

The department awards honors to students having a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 in the major, a minimum overall GPA of 3.2 (except in extraordinary circumstances), and successfully completed an honors thesis, project, or report.

Degree Requirements

All majors must complete at least 15 hours in Political Science at the 3000 level or above.

Core Courses

POL SCI 1800	Introduction to International Politics (MOTR POSC 201)	3
POL SCI 1500	Introduction to Comparative Politics (MOTR POSC 202)	3
POL SCI 2800	International Relations Theories	3
POL SCI 3000	Political Analysis	3
POL SCI 4950	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3
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Select four of the following:

POL SCI 1820 **Global Issues**

POL SCI 2600	The Geography of Governance
POL SCI 2820	United States Foreign Policy
POL SCI 2900	Studies in Political Science ¹
POL SCI 3810	The Politics of the Middle East: International and National Dynamics
POL SCI 3830	International Political Economy
POL SCI 3850	International Organizations and Global Problem-Solving
POL SCI 3860	Political Violence
POL SCI 3880	Global Diasporas and International Relations in the 21st Century
POL SCI 3890	Workers and Globalization
POL SCI 3900	Special Readings (with consent of instructor and advisor)
POL SCI 4810	Human Rights
POL SCI 4850	International Law

Comparative Politics **9**

Select three of the following:

POL SCI 2500	Comparing Different Worlds
POL SCI 2510	The Politics of European Union
POL SCI 2530	Political Systems of South America
POL SCI 2540	Political Systems of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean
POL SCI 2580	African Politics
POL SCI 2590	Globalization: Prospects and Problems
POL SCI 2600	The Geography of Governance

POL SCI 2900	Studies in Political Science ²
POL SCI 3810	The Politics of the Middle East: International and National Dynamics
POL SCI 3860	Political Violence
POL SCI 3900	Special Readings (with consent of instructor and advisor)
POL SCI 4810	Human Rights
Total Hours	36

¹ Topic must relate to international relations.

² Topic must relate to comparative politics.

It is recommended that majors take POL SCI 1500, POL SCI 1800, POL SCI 1820, and POL SCI 3000 as early as possible since these courses are designed to provide a substantive foundation as well as conceptual and analytical tools for subsequent course work.

Majors are strongly encouraged to broaden their academic experience by including relevant curricular experiences including study abroad, and minors or certificates in areas such as economics and foreign languages.

B.A. degree students may take a maximum of 3 hours of political science on a satisfactory/ unsatisfactory basis; this can include any course except the four required courses in the core curriculum.

Justification for request:

These changes reflect recently added courses and recently deleted courses.