INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

International Relations Program

The curriculum of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences provides for an interdisciplinary major in International Relations (INRL), the study of economic, historic, political, and social relations among states. The international Relations concentration also addresses the interactions among states, markets, and non-state actors (such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and multi-national corporations). The curriculum has been designed to ensure that students address the major issues in the international arena from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The major in International Relations is distinct from William & Mary's Global Studies program, which focuses on the culture, history, languages, literature, politics and religions of major world regions. If you are interested in such a course of study, you should see the Global Studies entry in this catalog.

In general, a major in International Relations includes courses from at least four departments. A detailed description of the degree program is provided below. Additional information about courses, prospective faculty advisors, and requirements is available on the International Relations website (https://www.wm.edu/as/internationalrelations).

Language Requirement

Degrees in International Relations include a modern foreign language component which exceeds the College's proficiency requirement. Students in International Relations must either

1. Complete two courses beyond the 202-level in one modern language OR
2. Achieve 202-level proficiency in two modern languages.

Some freshman seminars may fulfill the IR language requirement. To count toward the language requirement, courses must be taught entirely in the target language.

Major Writing Requirement (MWR)

The major writing requirement will be satisfied upon completion of the capstone seminar, internship, independent study or honors project.

Major Computer Proficiency Requirement (CPR)

International Relations majors will satisfy the computer proficiency by successfully completing the concentration methods course requirement.

Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to seek overseas opportunities which complement their International Relations major. With prior approval, many courses taken abroad may be applied to major or other requirements. Contact the Global Education office at the Reves Center for more information.

Major Declaration

A prospective major in International Relations should discuss their plans with a faculty advisor as soon as possible. See the IR website for details of declaring a concentration.

The International Relations major requires a minimum of 37 credits selected from the options listed under Parts A, B, C, D, and E below. In choosing courses, students are encouraged to work with their advisors to achieve an appropriate degree of substantive coherence across disciplines and analytical approaches. Such choices should also be taken into consideration by the student in selecting the language(s) used to fulfill the language co-requisite.

Code	Title	Hours
Language Requirement		
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Part A: Core Curriculum		
Part A represents the core of the IR major, and includes basic requirements in Government, Economics, History, and Sociology. All course requirements (including associated pre-requisites) must be met, and no substitutions are allowed.		
GOVT 204	Introduction to International Politics	3
GOVT 328	International Political Economy	3
GOVT 329	International Security	3
ECON 475	International Trade Theory and Policy	3
or ECON 476	International Finance and Open Economy Macroeconomics	
HIST 192	Global History since 1500	3
INRL 300	International Relations in Disciplinary Perspectives	4
Select one of the following:		3
SOCI 230	Global Social Problems	
SOCI 333	Globalization and International Development	
SOCI 341	The Politics of Global Health	
Part B: Methods		
Part B includes courses designed to familiarize students with the basic methodological tools of disciplines contributing to the IR major. Students who intend to write an Honors thesis or independent study in IR should select the methods course that provides the necessary tools to complete their research.		
Select one of the following:		3
BUAD 231	Business Statistics	
GOVT 301	Research Methods	
GOVT 302	Quantitative Methods	
GOVT 307	Political Polling and Survey Analysis	
ECON 307	Principles and Methods of Statistics	
ECON 308	Econometrics	
PSYC 302	Research Methods/Psy	
SOCI 302	Research Design	
SOCI 303	Quant Research Methods	
Part C: Social and Cultural Contexts		
Part C emphasizes the role that social and cultural contexts play in international relations, and exposes students to relevant disciplinary approaches.		
Select one of the following: [2]		3
ANTH 335	Peoples & Cultures of Africa	
ANTH 338	Native Cultures of South America	

GOVT 311	European Politics
GOVT 312	Politics of Developing Countries
GOVT 334	Politics of Russia and Neighboring States
GOVT 335	Politics of Eastern Europe
GOVT 336	Governments and Politics of China and Japan
GOVT 337	Politics in Africa
GOVT 338	Latin American Politics and Government
GOVT 339	Middle Eastern Political Systems
HIST 280	West African History since 1800
HIST 309	The Caribbean
HIST 304	Brazil
HIST 325	The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
HIST 330	America and China: U.S.-China Relations since 1784
HIST 331	Modern Japanese History
HIST 332	Modern Korean History
HIST 333	Modern Chinese History
HIST 337	Modern Iran since 1800
HIST 370	History of Britain 1783 to the Present
HIST 373	East Central Europe
HIST 378	History of Russia since 1800
HIST 384	History of Germany since 1918
HIST 386	History of France, 1800 to the Present
SOCI 332	Comparative Sociology
SOCI 333	Globalization and International Development
or other approved course	
Part D: Capstone	
Select one of the following:	3-4
INRL 491	Seminar: Topics in International Relations
INRL 495	Senior Honors in International Relations
INRL 496	Senior Honors in International Relations
INRL 480	Independent Study in International Relations (by approval only)
ECON, GOVT, HIST, SOCL (400-level seminar in contributing department; approved IR topics only)	
or other approved course	
Part E: Electives	
Select two of the following: [3]	6
ANTH 350	Special Topics in Anthropology
BUAD 417	International Finance
ECON 300	Topics in Economics (approved IR topics only)
ECON 342	Global Economic History
ECON 400	Topics in Economics (approved IR topics only)
ECON 483	Macroeconomics of Development
GOVT 203	Introduction to Comparative Politics
GOVT 310	Game Theory and Politics
GOVT 322	Global Environmental Politics
GOVT 324	U S Foreign Policy
GOVT 325	Global Governance
GOVT 326	International Law
GOVT 327	Theory and History in International Relations
GOVT 330	The Politics of European Integration
GOVT 388	The Bosnia Project
GOVT 391	Topics in Government (International Relations topics only)
GOVT 433	Seminar: Theories of the International System
GOVT 482	Seminar: Geostrategic Thought
HIST 131	History of Latin America to 1824
HIST 132	Survey of Latin American History since 1824
HIST 142	Survey of East Asian Civilization since 1600
HIST 161	History of South Asia
HIST 172	Hist Middle East since 1400
HIST 181	African History to 1800
HIST 211	Topics in History
HIST 212	Topics in History
HIST 223	Pacific War
HIST 241	European History, 1815-1914
HIST 242	European History, 1914-1945
HIST 243	Europe Since 1945
HIST 265	Postwar Japan
HIST 280	West African History since 1800
HIST 284	African History during Colonialism and Independence
HIST 311	Topics in History (only approved IR topics)
HIST 312	Topics in History (only approved IR topics)
HIST 325	The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
HIST 327	The Global Color Line: U.S. Civil Rights and South African Anti-Apartheid Politics
HIST 334	Nation, Gender, and Race in South Asia
HIST 341	United States Immigration History
HIST 353	America in the World, 1901-Present
HIST 413	Topics in History (International Relations topics only))
HIST 414	Topics in History (International Relations topics only))
HIST 490C	Senior Colloquium (International Relations topics only))
HIST 491C	Senior Colloquium (International Relations topics only))
INRL 100	Critical Questions in International Relations
INRL 150	First-Year Seminar
INRL 390	Topics in International Relations
INRL 480	Independent Study in International Relations
PSYC 470	Topics in Psychology
SOCI 230	Global Social Problems
SOCI 305	Special Topics in Sociology
SOCI 331	Gender and Human Rights
SOCI 431	Migration in a Global Context
SOCI 433	Energy, Environment, and Development
Total Hours	**43-46**

[1] Some freshman seminars may fulfill the IR language requirement. To count toward the language requirement, courses must be taught entirely in the target language. A student who is a native speaker of a language other than English should consult with their advisor about meeting the IR language requirement using their native language, which may be approved at the discretion of the Program Director.

[2] If students take more than one course from the Part C list, those courses may be used as electives to fulfill Part E. SOCI 333 can be used to fulfill EITHER the Part A SOCI core requirement or the Part C Social and Cultural Contexts requirement, not both.

[3] All the courses in Part C listed above can also count as Part E courses.