

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-BA

THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

## International Relations Major (36 credits)

### Required Courses (21 credits)

<p>— <b>ECO 210 Introductory Macroeconomics (3)</b> Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended</p> <p>— <b>ECO 211 Introductory Microeconomics (3)</b> Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended</p> <p>— <b>GPY 235 World Regional Geography (3)</b></p>	<p>— <b>HST 317 History of American Foreign Relations (3)</b> Prerequisites: Completion of Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing</p> <p>— <b>PLS 211 International Relations (3)</b></p> <p>— <b>PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy (3)</b> Prerequisites: PLS 102 or 211 or junior standing</p> <p>— <b>IR 495 SWS Seminar in International Relations (Capstone) (3)</b> Prerequisites: Senior standing and IR major and WRT 150</p>
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### Elective Requirements (15 credits)

The remaining 15 hours should be selected from the list of international relations course electives below and must include a minimum of three hours at the 300-level or above in each of the three categories (Economics and Business, History and Geography, Political Science)

<p>— <b>Economics &amp; Business Elective _____ (3)</b> at 300- or 400 level</p> <p>— <b>Elective _____ (3)</b></p>	<p>— <b>History &amp; Geography Elective _____ (3)</b> at the 300-level</p> <p>— <b>Elective _____ (3)</b></p>	<p>— <b>Political Science Elective _____ (3)</b> at the 300-level</p>
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## International Relations Elective Courses (Prerequisites in Parentheses)

Note that each academic year the IR coordinator, Dr. Diven, sends majors a list of additional elective choices for that year.

Economics and Business	History and Geography	Political Science
ECO 349 Emerging Markets Issues (ECO 210 or ECO 200) ECO 365 Comparative Economic System (ECO 210 or ECO 200) ECO 369 International Economic Issues (ECO 210 or ECO 200) FIN 429 International Financial Management (None) HTM 202 International Tourism (HTM 101 suggested) MGT 466 International Management and Multinational Corporations (Senior Status) MKT 359 Multinational Marketing (None)	GPY 350 Geography of Russia and its Neighbors (None) GPY 351 Geography of Africa (None) GPY 352 Geography of Latin America (None) GPY 354 Geography of Asia (Junior Standing) GPY 355 Geography of Southwest Asia - The Middle East (None) GPY 356 Geography of Europe (None) HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization (None) HST 331 Modern Latin America (Completion of Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing) HST 333 Modern China (Junior Standing) HST 336 Africa after 1870 (HST 204 or HST 235 or junior standing) HST 337 The Age of Islamic Empire (HST 203, HST 204 or junior standing) HST 338 Modern Middle East (HST 204 and HST 206 or junior standing) HST 386 Europe in the Age of Change and Global Integration (Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing) HST 390 Soviet History (HST 204 or junior standing) LAS/HST 374 Revolution in the Americas (HST 204 or LAS 210)	PLS 212 Great Decisions (None) PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe (None) PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-Chinese Relations (None) PLS 284 Latin American Politics (None) PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS 313 International Organization (PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS 314 International Law (PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS 315 International Political Economy (PLS 211 or ECO 200 or ECO 210 or ECO 211) PLS 316 Human Rights in International Politics (PLS 103 or PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS 319 African Politics (PLS 103) PLS 321 The European Union (PLS 221 or permission of instructor) PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 339 Comparative Democratization (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 382 Politics of Post-Communist Europe (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 385 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics (PLS 103 or junior standing) LAS 320 Model Organization of American States MES 380 Model Arab League
Special Topics and Independent Study		
IR 380 Special Topics (1-3) IR 399 Independent Readings (1-3) IR 490 Internship (2-6) IR 499 Independent Research (1-3)		

## Bachelor of Arts

For IR majors, the B.A. degree requires fourth-semester proficiency in a modern, spoken foreign language. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm>) or by completing the courses listed below:

<p>— <b>Language 101 (4)</b></p> <p>— <b>Language 102/150 (4)</b> (150 is a hybrid of 101 &amp; 102 and is only recommended for students with previous language background)</p> <p>— <b>Language 201 (4)</b></p> <p>— <b>Language 202 (4)</b></p>
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It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

### Sample Plan

Year One	
WRT 150 (4) MTH 110 (4) Language course (4) PLS 211 (3)	GPY 235 (3) Language Course (4) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3)
Year Two	
ECO 210 (3) Language Course (4) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3)	ECO 211 (3) Language Course (4) PLS 312 (3) GEN ED (3)

Year Three: Study abroad or on campus	
IR Elective Course (3) IR Elective Course (3) GEN ED (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)	IR Elective Course (3) IR Elective Course (3) GEN ED (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)
Year Four	
HST 317 (3) IR 495 Capstone (3) ISSUE/THEME (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)	IR Elective Course (3) ISSUE/THEME (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) OR Internship

\*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute  
 \*Elective refers to any course to help you earn the required 120 credits for graduation; you may choose a minor or continue with the language to gain additional credits (you are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credits per semester)  
 \*Supplement major courses with general education courses when scheduling  
 \*The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15

### Guide for Declaring the International Relations Major:

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "International Relations-BA"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

### General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the required courses in the International Relations Major:
Social and Behavioral Sciences: ECO 210 or ECO 211; GPY 235
World Perspectives: GPY 235; Language 202
Themes/Issues: PLS 211 and HST 317 will satisfy the themes requirement