

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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — ECO 210 Introductory Macroeconomics (3) Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended — ECO 211 Introductory Microeconomics (3) Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended — GPY 235 Geography for a Changing World (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — HST 317 History of American Foreign Relations (3) Prerequisites: Completion of Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing — PLS 211 International Relations (3) — PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy (3) Prerequisites: PLS 102 or 211 or junior standing — IR 495 SWS Seminar in International Relations (Capstone) (3) Prerequisites: Senior standing and IR major and WRT 150
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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Economics & Business Elective _____ (3) at 300- or 400 level — Elective _____ (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — History & Geography Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level — Elective _____ (3)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Political Science Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level

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 MGT 303 Introduction to International Business (Junior Standing) MGT 466 International Management and Multinational Corporations (Senior Standing) MKT 359 Multinational Marketing (None)	GPY 350 Geopolitics, Energy, and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia (Junior Standing) 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 The Geography, Culture, and Land Use Management of Europe GPY 362 Farmers, Crops, and Our Challenging Agricultural World (Junior Standing) GPY 412 Global Environmental Change (Junior Standing) HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization (None) HST 230 Latin America in World History HST 235 Africa in World History HST 241 A History of East Asia since 1800 HST 307 United States Since 1970 HST 310 Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History HST 331 Modern Latin America HST 332 Emergence of Modern India and South Asia (Junior Standing) HST 333 Modern China (Junior Standing) HST 334 The Making of the Caribbean 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 339 Modern Iran HST 343 History of South Africa (HST 204, HST 235, or Junior Standing) HST/LAS 375 History of Mexico HST 377 History of Warfare HST 386 20 th Century Europe (Historical Perspectives Foundation or junior standing) HST 389 Russian History HST 390 Soviet History (HST 204 or junior standing) LAS/HST 374 Revolution in the Americas (HST 204 or LAS 210)	AAA 300 U.S.-Africa Relations AAA 341 Civil Conflicts in Africa LAS 320 Model Organization of American States (LAS 210, PLS 211, or PLS 284) MES 370 Contemporary Issues in the Modern Middle East: The Model Arab League (Junior Standing) PLS 212 Great Decisions (None) PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe (None) PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-China 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/HRT 316 Human Rights in International Politics (PLS 103 or PLS 211 or junior standing) PLS/AAA 319 African Politics (PLS 103) (junior standing) PLS 320 Comparative Politics of the Middle East PLS 321 The European Union (PLS 221 or permission of instructor) PLS 325 Human Rights & Democracy in Russia & the Post-Communist World (PLS 103 or Junior Standing) PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 339 Comparative Democratization (PLS 103 or junior standing) PLS 350 Comparative Public Opinion (STA 215 and PLS 300) SOC 350 Family and Gender in the Developing World (WRT 150 and Junior Standing)
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-exam-108.htm> or by completing the courses listed below:

- **Language 101** (4)
- **Language 102/150** (4) (150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is only recommended for students with previous language background)
- **Language 201** (4)
- **Language 202** (4)

Sample Plan

Year One	
WRT 150 (4) ¹	GPY 235 (3)
MTH 110 (4)	Language Course (4)
Language course (4)	GEN ED (3)
PLS 211 (3)	GEN ED (3)
Year Two	
ECO 210 (3)	ECO 211 (3)
Language Course (4)	Language Course (4)
GEN ED (3)	PLS 312 (3)
GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)

Year Three: Study abroad or on campus	
IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)
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GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)
Elective (3)	Elective (3)
Elective (3)	Elective (3)
Year Four	
HST 317 (3)	IR Elective Course (3)
IR 495 Capstone (3)	ISSUE (3)
ISSUE (3)	Elective (3)
Elective (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
 *A major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required.

¹ Students who self-place into WRT 098 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 150 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 150 in order to satisfy the WRT 150 requirement at GVSU.

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; PLS 211
World Perspectives: GPY 235; PLS 211; Language 202