TO MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS YOU NEED:
At least 36 credit hours are needed for the B.A. degree.

**Required Courses:**
- ECO 210 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECO 211 Principles of Microeconomics
- GPY 235 World Regional Geography
- HST 317 History of American Foreign Relations
- PLS 211 International Relations
- PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy
- IR 495 Seminar in International Relations (Capstone)

**Elective Courses:**
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:

A. Economics and Business
- ECO 349 Emerging Markets Issues
- ECO 365 Comparative Economic Systems
- ECO 369 International Economic Issues
- FIN 429 International Financial Management
- HTM 202 International Tourism
- MGT 466 International Management and Multinational Corporations
- MKT 359 Multinational Marketing

B. History and Geography
- GPY 350 Geography of Russia and Its Neighbors
- GPY 351 Geography of Africa
- GPY 352 Geography of Latin America
- GPY 354 Geography of Asia
- GPY 355 Geography of Southwest Asia (The Middle East)
- GPY 356 Geography of Europe
- HST 210 Empire, Culture and Conflict
- HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization
- HST 331 Modern Latin America
- HST 333 Modern Chinese History
- HST 336 Africa After 1870
- HST 337 The Age of Islamic Empire
- HST 338 Modern Middle East
- HST 341 History of East Asia Since 1800
- HST 385 Europe 1900-1945
- HST 386 Europe Since World War II
- HST 390 Soviet History
- LAS 374 Revolution in the Americas

C. Political Science
- PLS 212 Great Decisions
- PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe
- PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-Chinese Relations
- PLS 284 Latin American Politics
- PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- PLS 313 International Organization
- PLS 314 International Law
- PLS 315 International Political Economy
Degree cognate: The B.A. degree requires fourth-semester proficiency in a foreign language of IR majors who enter GVSU starting with the 2004-5 catalog year.

Sample Curriculum

FIRST YEAR
Fall
WRT 150 or MTH 110 (Basic skills)
PLS 211: International Relations (Major requirement)
Language 101 (1st of four-semester requirement)
General education (Arts, History, Science-2, or Phil/Lit)

Winter
WRT 150 or MTH 110 (Basic skills)
GPY 235: World Regional Geography (Major + GenEd soc science + world perspectives)
Language second semester (2nd of four-semester requirement)
General Education (Arts, History, Science-2, or Phil/Lit)

SECOND YEAR
Fall
ECO 210: Microeconomics (Major requirement + GenEd social science)
Language 201 (3rd of four-semester requirement)
General Education (Arts, History, Science-2, or Phil/Lit)
General Education (Math)

Winter
ECO 211: Macroeconomics (Major requirement + GenEd social science)
PLS 312: U.S. Foreign Policy (Major requirement)
Language 202 (4th of four-semester requirement)
General Education (Arts, History, Science-2, or Phil/Lit)
General Education (U.S. Diversity)

THIRD YEAR
Fall and Winter -- Study Abroad or On Campus
IR electives (15 hours total required)
General Education (Arts, History, Science-2, or Phil/Lit)
General Education theme course(s)
Continue language study
Pursue minor, if desired

FOURTH YEAR
Fall and Winter
HST 317: History of U.S. Relations (Major requirement)
IR 495: Capstone in IR (Major requirement)
IR elective courses
Other options:
  Internship
  Additional language instruction
  Complete minor