Major Requirements
International Relations

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
B. History and Geography
C. Political Science.

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
- PLS 316 Human Rights in International Politics
International Relations

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in International Relations requires a fourth semester proficiency in a modern language.

Sample Curriculum

**FIRST YEAR – at least 30 Credits**

**Fall –**
- WRT 150 and MTH 110
- PLS 211: International Relations (Major requirement)
- Language 101 (1st of four-semester BA requirement)
- General Education requirements (Arts, History, Physical Science, Life Science or Phil/Lit) if needed to get to 15 credits.

**Winter –**
- GPY 235: World Regional Geography (Major & General Education: Social and Behavioral Sci. & World Perspectives)
- Language 102 (2nd of four-semester BA requirement)
- General Education courses (Arts, Historical Perspectives, Physical Science, Life Science or Phil/Lit)

**SECOND YEAR – at least 30 Credits**

**Fall –**
- ECO 210: Microeconomics (Major & General Education: Social and Behavioral Sci)
- Language 201 (3rd of four-semester BA requirement)
- General Education (Arts, Historical Perspectives, Physical Science, Life Science and/ or Phil/Lit)
- General Education (Mathematical Science)
- Pursue Minor, if desired

**Winter –**
- ECO 211: Macroeconomics (Major requirement & General Education: Social and Behavioral Science)
- PLS 312: U.S. Foreign Policy (Major requirement)
- Language 202 (4th of four-semester BA requirement)
- General Education (Arts, Historical Perspectives, Physical Science, Life Science or Phil/Lit)
- General Education (U.S. Diversity)

**THIRD YEAR – at least 30 Credits**

**Fall and Winter –**
- *Study Abroad or On Campus*
- IR Electives (A total of 15 hours of electives from the categories in the major are required)
- General Education (Arts, Historical Perspectives, Physical Science, Life Science and/ or Phil/Lit)
- General Education Theme courses (Any theme of interest may be chosen. Note that required courses in the major will complete Theme 5 – War and Peace.)
- Continue language study
- Pursue minor, if desired

**FOURTH YEAR – at least 30 Credits**

**Fall and Winter –**
- HST 317: History of U.S. Relations (Major requirement)
- IR 495: Capstone in IR (Major requirement)
- IR Electives
- Other options:
  - Internship
  - Additional language instruction
  - Complete minor

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.