

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2026-2027

REQUIRED COURSES

Course #	Title	S/S26	F26	W27
ECO 201	Introductory Macroeconomics	X	X	X
ECO 202	Introductory Microeconomics	X	X	X
GPY 235	Geography for a Changing World		X	X
HST 317	History of American Foreign Relations		X	X
PLS 211	International Relations	X	X	X
PLS 312	US Foreign Policy		X	X
IR 495	Seminar in International Relations (Capstone)		X	X

*ECO 201 and ECO 202 are listed as ECO 210 and ECO 211 for S/S26. *

*Students will need to take ECO 201 before ECO 202, as ECO 201 is a prerequisite. *

EXPERIENTIAL (APPLIED) LEARNING

Course #	Title	S/S26	F26	W27
PLS 110	Careers in Political Science and International Relations		X	
PLS 321	The European Union			X
PLS 387	National Security Seminar	X	X	X
IR 490	Internship	X	X	X
MES 370	The Model Arab League			X
IS 380	Study Abroad	X	X	X

*Students entering Fall 2025 are now required to complete 3 credits of experiential (applied) learning. *

ELECTIVES

All courses below are offered at GVSU in the coming academic year and will count toward IR electives. Remember that IR students need **5 electives/15 hours** to fulfill the major. There must be at least **1** course in each of the first three categories. At least **1 course per category** must be at the 300 level or above. With the approval of the Program Director, students may count courses taken via study abroad toward the major.

Please note the MyPath should recognize most of these courses as IR electives. However, in the event it does not, please notify your advisor, as all courses below will count toward your major. In the semester before you plan to graduate, you should file an "intent to graduate" with the Registrar. At that time, meet with your academic advisor to identify the elective courses you are using toward your major.

A. ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Course #	Title	S/S26	F26	W27
ECO 349	Emerging Markets Issues	X	X	X
ECO 365	Comparative Economic Systems		X	
ECO 369	International Economic Issues	X	X	X
FIN 429	International Financial Management			X
HTM 202	International Tourism	X	X	X
MGT 303	International Business and Culture		X	X
MGT 466	International Management and Multinational Corporations			X
MKT 359	Multinational Marketing	X	X	X

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B. HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Course #	Title	S/S26	F26	W27
GPY 350	Geopolitics, Energy and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia			X
GPY 351	Geography of Africa		X	
GPY/LAS 352	Geography of Latin America			X
GPY 356	The Geography, Culture and Land Use Management of Europe			X
GPY 362	Farmers, Crops & Our Challenging Agricultural World		X	
GPY 412	Global Environmental Change			X
HST 211	History of Islamic Civilization		X	
HST 307	United States Since 1970			X
HST/LAS 331	Modern Latin America		X	
HST 333	Modern China		X	
HST 334	The Making of the Caribbean			X
HST 336	Africa After 1870			X
HST 337	The Age of Islamic Empire		X	
HST/LAS 375	History of Mexico			X
HST 377	History of Warfare		X	

C. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course #	Title	S/S26	F26	W27
PLS 215	Global Migration		X	
PLS 311	International Conflict and Conflict Resolution			X
PLS 315	International Political Economy		X	
PLS 316	Human Rights in International Politics		X	
PLS/AAA 319	African Politics		X	
PLS 320	Comparative Politics of the Middle East			X
PLS 321	The European Union			X
PLS 325	Human Rights and Democracy in Russia and the Post-Communist World		X	
PLS 327	Politics of Developing Countries			X
PLS 350	Comparative Public Opinion		X	X
SOC 350	Family & Gender in the Developing World	X	X	

D. SPECIAL COURSES, INTERNSHIPS, AND INDEPENDENT STUDIES

_____ IR 380 Special Topics (Usually reserved for transferring in study abroad courses)

_____ IR 490 Internship (Available all semesters)

_____ IR 399 and 499 (Readings and research *only with permission of instructor*)

Some courses that are approved as IR electives are excluded from this list because they will not be offered. Examples include:

HST 230 Latin America in World History	AAA 300 U.S.-Africa Relations
HST 241 A History of East Asia Since 1800	HST/LAS 374 Revolutions in the Americas
HST 310 Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History	GPY 354 Geography and Globalization of Asia
HST 332 Emergence of Modern India & South Asia	PLS 212 Great Decisions
HST 338 Modern Middle East	PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe
HST 339 Modern Iran	PLS 283 Chinese Politics and U.S.-China Relations
HST 343 History of South Africa	PLS 284 Latin American Politics
HST 386 20 th Century Europe	PLS 313 International Organization
HST 389 Russian History	PLS 314 International Law
HST 390 Soviet History	PLS 339 Democracy and the Authoritarian Challenge

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