

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 (39 credits)

Required Courses (21 credits)

<p>— ECO 201 Introductory Microeconomics (3) Prerequisites: MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended</p> <p>— ECO 202 Introductory Macroeconomics (3) Prerequisites: ECO 201 AND MTH 110, or MTH 122, or MTH 201, sophomore standing recommended</p> <p>— GPY 235 Geography for a Changing World (3)</p>	<p>— HST 317 History of American Foreign Relations (SWS) (3) Prerequisites: Completion of Historical Analysis Gen Ed or junior standing</p> <p>— PLS 211 International Relations (3)</p> <p>— PLS 312 U.S. Foreign Policy (3) Prerequisites: PLS 102 or 211 or junior standing</p> <p>— IR 495 SWS Seminar in International Relations (Capstone) (3) Prerequisites: Senior standing, IR major and WRT 150</p>
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Elective Requirements (18 credits)

Three hours of Experiential Learning must be earned. 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>— Economics & Business Elective _____ (3) at 300- or 400 level</p> <p>— Elective _____ (3)</p>	<p>— History & Geography Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level</p> <p>— Elective _____ (3)</p>	<p>— Political Science Elective _____ (3) at the 300-level</p> <p>— Experiential Learning _____ (3)</p>
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International Relations Elective Courses

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

Economics and Business	History and Geography	Political Science
<p>ECO 349 Emerging Markets Issues Prerequisites: ECO 202, by permit only, and junior standing</p> <p>ECO 365 Comparative Economic System Prerequisites: ECO 202, by permit only, and junior standing</p> <p>ECO 369 International Economic Issues Prerequisites: ECO 202 and by permit only</p> <p>FIN 429 International Financial Management Prerequisite: By permit only</p> <p>HTM 202 International Tourism</p> <p>MGT 303 Introduction to International Business Prerequisites: By permit only and junior standing</p> <p>MGT 466 International Management and Multinational Corporations Prerequisites: By permit only and senior standing</p> <p>MKT 359 Multinational Marketing Prerequisites: By permit only and junior standing</p> <p>PLS 315 International Political Economy Prerequisite: PLS 211 or ECO 202 or ECO 201</p>	<p>GPY 350 Geopolitics, Energy, and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>GPY 351 Geography of Africa</p> <p>GPY/LAS 352 Geography of Latin America</p> <p>GPY 354 Geography of Asia Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>GPY 356 The Geography, Culture, and Land Use Management of Europe</p> <p>GPY 362 Farmers, Crops, and Our Challenging Agricultural World Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>GPY 412 Global Climate and Environmental Change Prerequisite: GPY 100 or ENS 201</p> <p>HST 211 History of Islamic Civilization</p> <p>HST 230 Latin America in World History</p> <p>HST 241 A History of East Asia since 1800</p> <p>HST 307 United States Since 1970</p> <p>HST 310 Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History</p> <p>HST/LAS 331 Modern Latin America Prerequisite: Junior Standing</p> <p>HST 332 Emergence of Modern India and South Asia Prerequisite: Junior Standing</p> <p>HST 333 Modern China Prerequisite: Junior Standing</p> <p>HST 334 The Making of the Caribbean</p> <p>HST 336 Africa after 1870 Prerequisite: HST 204 or HST 235 or junior standing</p> <p>HST 337 The Age of Islamic Empire Prerequisite: HST 203, HST 204 or junior standing</p> <p>HST 338 Modern Middle East Prerequisite: HST 204 and HST 206 or junior standing</p> <p>HST 339 Modern Iran</p> <p>HST 343 History of South Africa Prerequisite: HST 204 or junior standing</p> <p>HST/LAS 374 Revolution in the Americas</p> <p>HST/LAS 375 History of Mexico</p> <p>HST 377 History of Warfare</p> <p>HST 386 20th Century Europe</p> <p>HST 389 Russian History</p> <p>HST 390 Soviet History</p>	<p>AAA 300 U.S.-Africa Relations</p> <p>MES 370 Contemporary Issues in the Modern Middle East: The Model Arab League Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>PLS 212 Great Decisions</p> <p>PLS 221 Government and Politics of Western Europe</p> <p>PLS 283 Chinese Politics and US-China Relations</p> <p>PLS 284 Latin American Politics</p> <p>PLS 311 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution Prerequisite: PLS 211 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS 313 International Organization Prerequisite: PLS 211 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS 314 International Law Prerequisite: PLS 211 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS 315 International Political Economy Prerequisite: PLS 211 or ECO 200 or ECO 210 or ECO 211</p> <p>PLS/HRT 316 Human Rights in International Politics Prerequisite: PLS 103 or PLS 211 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS/AAA 319 African Politics Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>PLS 320 Comparative Politics of the Middle East</p> <p>PLS 321 The European Union Prerequisite: PLS 221 or permission of instructor</p> <p>PLS 325 Human Rights & Democracy in Russia & the Post-Communist World Prerequisite: PLS 103 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries Prerequisite: PLS 103 or junior standing</p> <p>PLS 339 Democracy and the Authoritarian Challenge Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>PLS 350 Comparative Public Opinion Prerequisites: STA 215 and PLS 300</p> <p>SOC 350 Family and Gender in the Developing World Prerequisites: WRT 150 and junior standing</p>
Special Topics and Independent Study		
<p>IR 380 Special Topics (1-3) Prerequisite: Offered on sufficient demand</p> <p>IR 399 Independent Readings (1-3) Prerequisite: Permission from the instructor</p> <p>IR 499 Independent Research (1-3) Prerequisite: Permission from the instructor</p>		
Experiential Learning		
<p>PLS 110 Careers in Political Science and International Relations (1)</p> <p>PLS 321 The European Union (3) Prerequisite: PLS 221 or permission of instructor</p> <p>PLS 387 National Security Seminar (2-3)</p> <p>IR 490 Internship (2-3) Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the sponsoring institution</p> <p>MES 370 The Model Arab League (3) Prerequisite: Junior standing</p> <p>Study Abroad (3)</p>		

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly, located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

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

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** (3)

CLAS Voyage Courses

What is the CLAS Voyage? <https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/clas-voyage-1184.htm> or search “GVSU CLAS Voyage”

Embarking Experience: PLS 110 (Careers in Political Science/IR)— an optional course that can also count towards the Experiential Learning requirement	Capstone: IR 495 – required as part of the IR major
Experiential Learning: all IR students are required to complete 3 credits of Experiential Learning—PLS 110, PLS 321, PLS 387, IR 490, MES 370, or study abroad (see front page for more course info)	

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the required courses in the International Relations Major:

Social and Behavioral Sciences: ECO 201 or ECO 202; GPY 235; PLS 211

Global Perspectives: GPY 235; PLS 211; Language 202

Issues: There are several IR electives courses that are also Issues courses, so students can take courses to meet both major and Gen Ed requirements—ECO 349, ECO 365, MGT 303, MKT 359, MES 370, GPY 350, GPY 354, GPY 362, HST 331, HST 332, PLS 319, PLS 339, SOC 350

Sample Plan

Year One		Year Three: Experiential Learning, Study abroad advised in years three or four		*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.
WRT 150 (4) ¹	GPY 235 (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	
MTH 110 (4)	Language Course (4)	IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	
Language course (4)	GEN ED (3)	ISSUE GEN ED (3)	ISSUE GEN ED (3)	
PLS 211 (3)	GEN ED (3)	Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
		Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
Year Two		Year Four: Experiential Learning, Study abroad advised in years three or four		
ECO 201 (3)	ECO 202 (3)	HST 317 SWS (3)	IR 495 Capstone SWS (3)	
Language Course (4)	Language Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	IR Elective Course (3)	
GEN ED (3)	PLS 312 (3)	GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)	
GEN ED (3)	GEN ED (3)	Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
PLS 110 (1)		Elective (3)	Elective (3)	
			OR Internship	

¹ Students who feel the need for some additional writing support may want to choose WRT 120/130, to be taken in the fall and winter semesters of your first year. These two courses will fulfill your General Ed. writing requirement. 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”