

Major Requirements International Relations

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Catalog Year:

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
____ PLS 319 African Politics
____ PLS 321 The European Union
____ PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries
____ PLS 339 Comparative Democratization
____ PLS 382 Politics of Post-Communist Europe
____ PLS 385 Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

D. Special Topics and Independent Studies

____ IR 380 Special Topics
____ IR 399 Independent Readings
____ IR 490 Internship
____ IR 499 Independent Research

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