

Major Requirements International Relations

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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.

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