

Proposed International Affairs Undergraduate Self-contained Curriculum

Department of Political Science

18 courses, 54 – 64 hours (depending on Cognate selection)

This major provides students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of both area and global issues. It is intended to prepare students for participation in a global society, including work with government, business, and non-government organizations. It is intended for students who are interested in diplomacy, international affairs, and international service. There are two tracks within this curriculum: **Cognate Option A** does not have a foreign language requirement and is directed to students who either already possess an adequate level of foreign language proficiency or who anticipate employment in which such proficiency is not expected. This curriculum requires 54 hours. **Cognate Option B** includes a foreign language requirement and is *strongly recommended* for individuals who are seeking work outside the United States or work in which some familiarity with a foreign language may be an asset such as the foreign service. This curriculum requires 61-64 credit hours.

Required Courses (4 courses, 12 hours)

PLSC 210, Introduction to Political Analysis

PLSC 211, Introduction to Comparative Government

PLSC 212, Introduction to International Politics

PLSC 327, American Foreign Policy

Comparative Politics Courses (3 courses, 9 hours)

PLSC 308, Political Violence and Revolutions

PLSC 311, Politics of the Developing World

PLSC 354, Government and Politics of Canada

PLSC 361, Russian Politics in Transition

PLSC 367, Latin American Politics

PLSC 371, Government and Politics of Middle East

PLSC 372, Government and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa

PLSC 374, Asian Political Systems

International Politics Courses (2 courses, 6 hours)

PLSC 341, International Law

PLSC 342, International Organizations

PLSC 343, Model United Nations

PLSC 462, Russian Foreign Relations

PLSC 467, Advanced International Relations

Cognate Option A (8 courses, 24 hours)

Students will select courses from at least two disciplines from an approved list of courses in History, Economics, Anthropology, Geography, and Foreign Language. If a Foreign Language is selected students will consult with a FLABS advisor to select an appropriate sequence of classes.

Cognate Option B (Foreign Language Proficiency, 19-23 hours; + 4 courses, 12 hours)

Students will take an appropriate sequence of courses in a foreign language – **French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, or Russian** (19-23 hours), and will select four courses from two disciplines from an approved list of courses in History, Economics, Anthropology, and Geography.

Capstone (1 course, 3 hours)

Students may select one of the following options:

PLSC 480, Internship (to intern in an international-focused organization)

PLSC 499, Independent Study (to prepare an undergraduate thesis)

PLSC 499, Independent Study (to study abroad for a semester)

Cognate Courses

International Economics Perspective (approved 10//04/2006)

ECON 201, Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 202, Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 301 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis

ECON 302 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis

ECON 370, Comparative Economic Systems

ECON 385, Economic Development

ECON 480, International Economics

International Historical Perspective (approved 10/25/2006)

Students should select only one of the following 100-level classes:

History 103 Twentieth Century Civilization

History 106 Asian and African Civilizations

History 110 World History Since 1500

After one 100-level class, students may select from the following:

History 316 History and Geography of Modern Europe

History 317 History and Geography of Spanish America

History 326 History and Geography of Modern Asia

History 333 Europe since 1919

History 339 Arab-Israeli Conflict

History 341 The Middle East, 1798 to Present

History 342 North Africa, 1798 to Present

History 344 Russia since 1855

History 348 20th Century Africa

History 350 History of Canada

History 356 Latin America: National Period

History 375 Modern India

History 426 The United States from 1963 to the Present

History 442 Modern China

History 443 Modern Japan

History 456 Europe since 1945

History 461 Foreign Relations of the United States

International Social/Cultural Perspective

ANTH 135, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 233, Peoples and Cultures of Mexico

ANTH 236, Peoples and Cultures of Africa

ANTH 248, Peoples and Cultures of the Pacific

ANTH 336, Social and Cultural Change

ANTH 385, Culture of Japan

International Geography

GEOG 107, Introduction to Geography
GEOG 110, World Regions
GEOG 111, Regions and Resources
GEOG 235, Economic Geography
GEOG 314, Geography of Russia and Neighboring States
GEOG 316, History and Geography of Modern Europe
GEOG 317, History and Geography of Spanish America
GEOG 318, Geography of Asia
GEOG 319, Geography of Europe
GEOG 321, Geography of Latin American
GEOG 322, Geography of Africa