INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

Program Overview
International Relations is a degree program that offers the student a truly interdisciplinary course of study. The major concentration emphasizes modern history, economics, and political science. The IR faculty encourages its majors to enhance the interdisciplinary nature of their studies by taking a double major or a minor concentration in modern language, economics, history, political science, business, or one of the interdisciplinary and area studies programs that the University offers (Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Gender Studies, American Studies); by studying abroad; and/or by participating in the Washington and Philadelphia Internship Programs.

Students majoring in International Relations acquire valuable skills in communication and analysis, independent judgment, appreciation of different societies and cultures, and knowledge of world affairs and trends, all of which are critical in the increasingly global environment of today and tomorrow.

International Relations is a major rooted in the Jesuit tradition of liberal arts, especially suited to those whose orientation may be toward graduate or legal studies, government service, international business, communications, and education.

Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Students will gain a general knowledge of the field of International Relations, with exposure to the three core fields of the program, global politics, international economics, and modern history.

Outcome 1.1: Students will identify and demonstrate knowledge of contemporary scholarship in the areas they have studied.

Outcome 1.2: Students will identify and demonstrate knowledge of major historical and contemporary events in world affairs.

Goal 2: Students will be able to read and critically assess academic literature, orally articulate ideas, conduct research, and analyze data, appropriate to the undergraduate level.

Outcome 2.1: Students will apply relevant theoretical concepts to assess real world issues.

Outcome 2.2: Students will communicate an argument verbally to real world issues by analyzing or synthesizing relevant theories and concepts and/or analyzing and evaluating appropriate evidence.

Outcome 2.3: Students will ask their own research question and conduct well-organized, empirically-oriented, written analysis of it by identifying, analyzing and synthesizing relevant theories and concepts, and collecting, analyzing and evaluating appropriate evidence.

Requirements or the International Relations Major
The traditional undergraduate programs include 40 courses distributed across three components: A General Education component divided into Signature Courses, Variable Courses, and an Integrative Learning requirement; a Major and Divisional component; and Free Electives. In addition to course requirements as specified in each area, students must complete one certified course in each of the following overlay areas:

1. Diversity, Globalization or Non-western Area Studies,
2. Ethics Intensive, and
3. Writing Intensive. Overlay requirements are part of the forty-course requirement.

General Education Signature Courses
See this page about Signature courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#signature). Six courses

General Education Variable Courses
See this page about Variable courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#variable). Six to Nine courses

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General Education Overlays
See this page about Overlays (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#overlay).

General Education Integrative Learning Component
See this page about Integrative Learning Component (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#integrative-learning). Three courses:

GEP Integrative Learning Component
International Relations majors must take three classes to satisfy the Integrated Learning Component of the GEP that stem from three groups or "types" of course, and students must take one class within each group. Students may petition the IR committee for approval to take two courses within one category, and a third course within another category. The three groups are:

1. Social Justice
2. Foreign Languages and Literature (Modern and Classical Languages)
3. Global Literacy

The Social Justice category includes:

Any class designated as Faith-Justice or additional GEP Overlay "Diversity" (beyond the GEP DGNW requirement). Students may petition the IR committee for non-Faith-Justice courses to count toward this requirement.

The Foreign Languages and Literature category includes:

All classes in Modern and Classical Languages numbered 202 or higher. Must be in addition to the courses used to fulfill the GEP Non-Native Language Requirement. Or, study of a different (new) language beyond the GEP Non-Native Language Requirement may count towards this requirement. See the IR Director for more information.

The Global Literacy category includes:

Global Literacy is broadly defined as a course that would enhance students’ ability to analyze pressing issues and phenomena in the
contemporary global world. Students may petition the IR committee for non-Global Literacy courses to count toward this requirement. Courses include:

- GIS (Global Information Systems) courses: (INT 170)
- QAS (Quantitative Analytical Skills) courses: Any math (MAT) course (beyond the GEP Math “Beauty” requirement); Any computer science (CSC) course; Econometrics (ECN 410, requires ECN 101, ECN 102, MAT 118 or equivalent); Logic (PHL 220) or Symbolic Logic (PHL 240)
- Global Topics and Issues courses: ENG 202, ENG 261, ENG 315, ENG 317, ENG 325, ENG 415, ENG 468, REL 356, REL 358, REL 359, REL 360, SOC 250, SOC 316, SOC 340, SOC 349, SOC 376

**Major Requirements**

**Major Concentration**

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**Core Course (1 course):**

Capstone Course from: POL 403, POL 404, or POL 409.¹

IR majors who double-major in POL must complete a second Senior Capstone Course to fulfill the POL major requirements. In addition, Capstone Courses do not count towards the Upper Division Course requirements for either major.

**Experiential Learning (1 course):**

POL Internship Course (POL 411, POL 412, POL 413, POL 414, POL 490, POL 491 or HIS 491) or any Service Learning course (with SLR attribute).

**Upper Division Courses (9 courses):**²,³

Major will select a total of 9 courses from the list of approved IR courses (see below). In completing this requirement, students must meet (1) at least one upper division IR course in Economics, (2) at least two upper division IR courses in History, and (3) at least two upper division IR courses in Political Science. Course descriptions can be found in the relative Departmental listings of the catalog.

**Economics**

- ECN 321: International Trade
- ECN 322: International Macroeconomics
- ECN 370: Economic Development
- ECN 475: Asian Economies
- ECN 476: Women & Econ Dev in South Asia
- ECN 477: Chinese Economics
- ECN 482: Latin American Economies

**History**

- HIS 203: Historical Intro to Latin Am
- HIS 204: Latin American-U.S. Migration
- HIS 205: His Intro to the Islamic World
- HIS 208: Historical Intro to Asian Civ
- HIS 210: Historical Intro to Africa
- HIS 301: United States and Latin Am

**Political Science**

- POL 311: Politics, Ideology, & Film
- POL 313: Latin American Politics
- POL 333: Asian Democ at the Crossroads
- POL 334: Russian Politics
- POL 336: The EU and European Politics
- POL 337: Contemp Cuban Pol & Society
- POL 339: China/N.Korea: Dictators, Asia
- POL 340: Political Geography
- POL 350: Haunted by the Past
- POL 352: Global Political Economy
- POL 354: War and Peace
- POL 356: Russian Politics
- POL 364: IR of East Asia: War and Peace
- POL 367: Politics in Internation Affairs
- POL 368: Women, Gender & World Politics
- POL 411: Washington Internship I
- POL 412: Washington Internship II
- POL 413: International Internship I
- POL 414: International Internship II
- POL 490: Global Smarts Internship
- POL 491: Philadelphia-Area Internship

- HIS 303: History of Modern Mexico
- HIS 304: Social Protest in Latin Am His
- HIS 321: French Revolution and Napoleon
- HIS 322: Europe in 20th Century
- HIS 325: France 1814-1914
- HIS 326: The Age of Empire
- HIS 332: Age of Aristocy: Brit 1689-1832
- HIS 333: Victorian Britain: 1815-1901
- HIS 334: Twentieth-Century Britain
- HIS 335: Germany: Fr Rev through WWI
- HIS 336: Weimar Republic & Nazi Germany
- HIS 337: War & Peace in Imperial Russia
- HIS 338: Russia& Soviet Union 1881-1991
- HIS 340: Stalinism: Terr/Transf in USSR
- HIS 343: African Ethnecities
- HIS 350: Exchng & Conj in Mod E. Asia
- HIS 351: Gndr, Ideology & Rev in E. Asia
- HIS 353: Modern China
- HIS 354: Japan Since 1600
- HIS 355: Clnism & Ntnlism SE Asia
- HIS 356: Modern South Asia
- HIS 357: History of Islam in Asia
- HIS 358: Contemporary China
- HIS 359: India & Pak: Colony to Nation
- HIS 366: Progressive Era to New Deal
- HIS 367: Postwar Am, 1945 to the Prent
- HIS 380: Am Foreign Policy, 1775-1914
The Department strongly recommends that all students take the appropriate introductory and upper division courses prior to enrolling in a Capstone.

IR majors who double-major in POL may not count more than 3 Upper Division courses towards either degree requirement.

For classes of 2023 and beyond, IR majors may only count 2 study abroad courses towards their degree requirements.

P/NP requirement for all classes 2024 and beyond

Internships

The Washington Internship is described under Special Programs and allows students to work in Washington for a whole semester and earn course credits (POL 411/POL 412 Washington Internship). The Global Smarts Internship is described under the Political Science Program (as POL 490). The Philadelphia-Area Internship Program is described under the Political Science Program (as POL 491) and History Program (as HIS 491). IR students can take both HIS 491 and POL 491. However, only one of the two courses will be counted towards the IR course requirements.

University Honors Requirements

To receive University Honors credit, an Honors Program student who is an International Relations major must have a 3.5 GPA; complete the Honors curriculum of 8 specified courses; and must undertake two consecutive semesters of research/study in the form of a senior thesis with a faculty mentor, OR engage in honors-level work in two IR courses/capstone during their senior year. These two courses may be counted toward the student’s total upper division IR courses/capstone, and one semester of the thesis can replace the Capstone Course requirement. Specific requirements for the Honors thesis may be found under the Honors Program.

Course Title Hours
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Freshman
Fall
POL 115 Intro to Global Politics 3

HIS 154 Forging the Modern World 3

ENG 101 Craft of Language 3

Non-Native Language I 3

First-Year Seminar 3

Hours 15

Spring

POL 113 Intro to Comparative Politics 3

PHL 154 Moral Foundations 3

ENG 102 Texts & Contexts 3

Non-Native Language II 3

Math Beauty 3

Hours 15

Sophomore
Fall

IR Upper Division Course 3

IR Upper Division Course 3

THE 154 Faith, Justice & the Cath Trad 3

ECN 101 Introductory Economics Micro 3

Free Elective 3

POL 290 Professional Prep Seminar 1

Hours 16

Spring

IR Upper Division Course 3

Integrative Learning Course 3

Philosophical Anthropology 3

ECN 102 Introductory Economics Macro 3

Free Elective 3

Hours 15

Junior

Fall

IR Upper Division Course 3

Experiential Learning Course 3

Integrative Learning Course 3

Religious Difference 3

Natural Science 1 (if lab, only 1 required) 3

Hours 15

Spring

IR Upper Division Course 3

IR Upper Division Course 3

Integrative Learning Course 3

Faith and Reason 3

Free Elective 3

Hours 15

Senior

Fall

IR Upper Division Course 3

POL 403 or POL 404 or POL 409 Capstone: Nations & Nationalism 3

or IR Senior Capstone 3

or Capstone: Revolts & Revolutions 3

or Capstone: Contemp Intern Migra 3

Natural Science 2 (if non-lab) or Free Elective 3

Free Elective 6

Hours 15

Spring

IR Upper Division Course 3

IR Upper Division Course 3

Fine Arts/Lit 3

Free Elective 3

Free Elective 3

Hours 15

Total Hours 121
1. Nine Upper Division IR electives - must complete courses in each of the constituent departments: minimum 1 course in Economics, 2 courses in Political Science, and 2 courses in History.

Below are following notes/restrictions for this requirement:
- For classes of 2023 and beyond, IR majors may only count 2 study abroad courses towards their major requirements.
- IR majors who double-major in POL may not count more than 3 Upper Division POL courses towards either degree requirement.

2. International Relations Capstone Course (40X level course) (certified Writing Intensive).
- IR majors who double-major in Political Science must complete a second Senior Capstone Course to fulfill the Political Science major requirements.
- The Capstone Courses do not count towards the Upper Division Course requirements for either major.