

International Relations (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/History, Politics, and International Relations Department.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key subfields and theories of international relations as a discipline.
- Identify major actors and institutions of international relations and know their functions.
- Analyze international issues from perspectives other than their own.
- Display familiarity with foreign cultures and languages.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 42 required credit hours with the Department of History, Politics, & International Relations
- Study abroad residency requirement of at least one term (eight weeks) outside the United States
- 12 international language credit hours (or advanced proficiency)
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

Courses completed with a grade of D+ or below do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major.

Students are required to complete 42 credit hours within the department, including methods, a research requirement (fulfilled by taking the seminar, Bachelor thesis, or a designated upper-division course) and senior overview.

A minimum of 18 credit hours of international relations at Webster University is required.

At least 12 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or above) coursework in the department with an international focus must be completed in addition to methods and overview. *Note: In Leiden, Geneva, Athens, Thailand and Ghana, the research requirement and overview is satisfied by the seminar course (INTL 4600).*

To satisfy the study abroad residency, students may study at one of Webster University's international campuses or at an approved alternative location. International students who have lived outside of the country of their home campus are exempt from this requirement.

Students are required to have significant international language experience. This requirement can be met by completing the full elementary and intermediary sequence in a single foreign language (usually consisting of four 3-credit hour sequential courses), completing a 3000 or 4000 level course in a foreign language with a grade of C- or better, or by passing an advanced-level proficiency examination. This requirement will be waived for students whose native language is not English and who are studying in English. Their mastery of English as a second language fulfills the requirement.

Curriculum

The 42 credit hours required for the international relations major include the following:

- INTL 1050 or POLT 1050 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)
- POLT 1070 Introduction to Political Theory (3 hours) or INTL 2680 International Relations Theory (3 hours)
- POLT 1080 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)

- or POLT 1060 Introduction to American Politics (3 hours)
- or POLT 2250 Politics of the Industrialized World (3 hours)
- or POLT 2550 The Politics of the Developing World (3 hours)
- INTL 2700 Methods of Political Inquiry (3 hours)
- or POLT 2600 Research Methods and Approaches in Political Science (3 hours)
- INTL 1500 World System since 1500 (3 hours)
- A 2000-level or above HIST course with an international focus (3 hours)
- Three of the following sub-field courses (9 hours):
 - INTL 2030 International Law (3 hours)
 - INTL 3100 International Political Economy (3 hours)
 - POLT 3310 Conduct of Foreign Policy (3 hours)
 - INTL 3800 International Security (3 hours)
 - INTL 3500 Environmental and Energy Security (3 hours)
 - INTL 3700 International Organizations (3 hours)
- INTL 4000 Research Requirement (to be taken in conjunction with a designated 3000- or 4000-level course) (0 hours)
- INTL 4620 Senior Overview (0-1 hours)
- INTL/POLT/HIST electives (with an international focus) (15 hours)

Special Requirements

Students studying at the Vienna campus have the following additional requirements. They complete the courses in addition to the core requirements listed above:

- POLT 1070 Introduction to Political Theory (3 hours) AND INTL 2680 International Relations Theory (3 hours) (3 additional hours; 6 hours total)
- SOCI 2750 Introduction to Measurement and Statistics (3 hours)
- ECON 2030 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 hours) or ECON 2000 Survey of Economics (3 hours)
- Complete two additional courses from the sub-field course list in the core requirements. Only one security course (3500 or 3800) can be used. (6 hours)
- INTL 4700 Bachelor's Thesis (4 hours)

Special Study Opportunities

- HRTS 1100 Introduction to Human Rights (3 hours)
- ECON 3700 Economics of Development (3 hours)
- ECON 4910 Comparative Economic Problems (3 hours)
- JOUR 3080 Global Journalism (3 hours)
- MNGT 3320 Business Law: International (3 hours)
- BUSN 4650 International Business (3 hours)

Courses in the emphases (international economics; migration and refugee studies) are also considered pre-approved electives for the INTL major. Qualified students may take selected graduate-level courses in international business and international relations as part of an international relations major with permission of the department and the instructor of the course.

Emphasis in International Economics (48 hours)

Completion of this emphasis requires study in St. Louis and/or Geneva.

Emphasis-Specific Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Identify the costs and the benefits of the global economy.
- Demonstrate their ability to define and critically analyze economic problems.
- Understand basic macroeconomic and microeconomic concepts.

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Required Courses for the Emphasis in International Economics

Students in St. Louis and Geneva may elect an emphasis in international economics by fulfilling the above core requirements for international relations and by structuring five of their courses (15 hours) around the following list:

- ECON 2030 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 hours)
or ECON 2000 Survey of Economics* (3 hours)
- ECON 2020 Principles of Microeconomics (3 hours)
or ECON 2000 Survey of Economics* (3 hours)
- ECON 3030 Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 hours)
- ECON 3700 Economics of Development (3 hours)
- ECON 4600 Comparative Economic Systems (3 hours)
- ECON 3720 International Trade and Finance (3 hours)
- ECON 4910 Comparative Economic Problems (3 hours)
- INTL 4280 International Economics (3 hours)
- INTL 3290 Politics of International Economic Relations (3 hours)
- INTL 3330 International Economic Integration (3 hours)
- HIST 3000 Ideas in History: History of Economic Thought (3 hours)
or ECON 4900 History of Economic Thought (3 hours)

*Students using credit for ECON 2000 cannot count ECON 2020 or ECON 2030 toward the emphasis.

Emphasis in Migration and Refugee Studies (48 hours)

Completion of this emphasis requires study in Geneva.

Required Courses for the Emphasis in Migration and Refugee Studies

Students in Geneva may elect an emphasis in migration and refugee studies by fulfilling the above core requirements for international relations and by structuring five of their courses (15 hours) around the following list:

- SOCI 2000 Issues in Contemporary Society: Sociocultural Factors Behind Migration and Refugee Movements (3 hours)
- HIST 2360 Refugee and Migration Movements (3 hours)
- POLT 2550 Politics of the Developing World (3 hours)
- POLT 3400 Comparative Politics (subtitled Refugee and Migration) (3 hours)
- INTL 2610 Advocacy, NGOs, and Civil Society (3 hours)
- INTL 3030 Advanced Studies in International Law (subtitled International Refugee Law) (3 hours)
- INTL 4280 International Economics (3 hours)
- INTL 4600 International Relations Seminar (subtitled Refugee and Migration Studies) (3 hours)
- Field Experience (0 hours)