

## 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.**

### Sample Curriculum

#### **FIRST YEAR**

##### **Fall**

WRT 150 or MTH 110 (Basic skills)  
PLS 211: International Relations (Major requirement)  
Language 101 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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