

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2025-2026

REQUIRED COURSES

Course #	Title	S/S25	F25	W26
ECO 210	Introductory Macroeconomics	X	X	X
ECO 211	Introductory Microeconomics	X	X	X
GPY 235	Geography for a Changing World	X	X	X
HST 317	History of American Foreign Relations		X	X
PLS 211	International Relations	X	X	X
PLS 312	US Foreign Policy		X	X
IR 495	Seminar in International Relations (Capstone)		X	X

ELECTIVES

All courses below are offered at GVSU in the coming academic year and will count toward IR electives. Remember that IR students need **5 electives/15 hours** to fulfill the major. There must be at least **1** course in each of the first three categories. At least **1 course per category** must be at the 300 level or above. With the approval of the Program Director, students may count courses taken via study abroad toward the major.

Please note the MyPath should recognize most of these courses as IR electives. However, in the event it does not, please notify your advisor, as all courses below will count toward your major. In the semester before you plan to graduate, you should file an “intent to graduate” with the Registrar. At that time, meet with your academic advisor to identify the elective courses you are using toward your major.

A. ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Course #	Title	S/S25	F25	W26
ECO 349	Emerging Markets Issues	X	X	X
ECO 365	Comparative Economic Systems		X	
ECO 369	International Economic Issues	X	X	X
FIN 429	International Financial Management			X
HTM 202	International Tourism	X	X	X
MGT 303	International Business and Culture		X	
MGT 466	International Management and Multinational Corporations			X
MKT 359	Multinational Marketing		X	

B. HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Course #	Title	S/S25	F25	W26
GPY 350	Geopolitics, Energy and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia			X
GPY 351	Geography of Africa		X	
GPY 354	Geography and Globalization of Asia			X
GPY 356	The Geography, Culture and Land Use Management of Europe			X
GPY 412	Global Environmental Change	X		X
HST 211	History of Islamic Civilization		X	
HST 230	Latin America in World History	X		X
HST 333	Modern China		X	
HST 334	The Making of the Caribbean			X
HST 338	Modern Middle East			X
HST 339	Modern Iran		X	

HST 343	History of South Africa		X	
HST 375	History of Mexico		X	
HST 377	History of Warfare		X	
HST 386	20th Century Europe		X	
HST 390	Soviet History	X		X

C. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course #	Title	S/S25	F25	W26
PLS 215	Global Migration	X	X	X
PLS 221	Government and Politics of Western Europe		X	
PLS 283	Chinese Politics and U.S.-China Relations			X
PLS 284	Latin American Politics			X
PLS 311	International Conflict and Conflict Resolution			X
PLS 313	International Organization			X
PLS 320	Comparative Politics of the Middle East		X	
PLS 339	Democracy and the Authoritarian Challenge			X
PLS 350	Comparative Public Opinion		X	X
PLS 387	National Security Seminar in Washington D.C.	X		
SOC 350	Family & Gender in the Developing World	X	X	X
MES 370	Contemporary Issues in the Middle East: The Model Arab League			X

D. SPECIAL COURSES, INTERNSHIPS, AND INDEPENDENT STUDIES ____

- ____ IR 380 Special Topics (Usually reserved for transferring in study abroad courses)
 ____ IR 490 Internship (Available all semesters)
 ____ IR 399 and 499 (Readings and research *only with permission of instructor*)

Some courses that are approved as IR electives are excluded from this list because they will not be offered in the 2024-2025 academic year. Examples include:

HST 235 Africa in World History	PLS 212 Great Decisions
HST 241 A History of East Asia Since 1800	PLS 314 International Law
HST 307 United States Since 1970	PLS 315 International Political Economy
HST 310 Cultural and Social Topics in Nonwestern History	PLS 316 Human Rights in International Politics
HST 331 Modern Latin America	PLS 319 African Politics
HST 332 Emergence of Modern India & South	PLS 321 The European Union
HST 336 Africa After 1870	PLS 325 Human Rights and Democracy in Russia and the Post-Communist World
HST 337 The Age of Islamic Empire	PLS 327 Politics of Developing Countries
HST 389 Russian History	GPY 352 Geography of Latin America
AAA 300 U.S.-Africa Relations	GPY 362 Farmers, Crops & Our Challenging Agricultural World
LAS 374 Revolutions in the Americas	

Questions? Contact Professor Polly Diven, Director of International Relations, at divenp@gvsu.edu