

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BS

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Program Description

The undergraduate BS major in international relations helps students develop the analytic, cultural, and linguistic skills needed to understand contemporary international affairs, to function effectively in a global environment, and to prepare for further academic or professional study and international career opportunities. This multidisciplinary program provides students with tools and approaches from social science disciplines - anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, and sociology - to explore current issues in international affairs and to conceptualize global citizenship.

The BS degree program is a 48-credit major that provides advanced training in economics, data analytics, and research methods.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Recognize global political and economic patterns and relationships.
2. Interpret similarities and differences in cultures, norms, and institutions.
3. Apply theoretical and analytical perspectives in two of nine concentrations: Culture, Identities and Citizenship; Global Health and Environment; International Law and Organizations; Human Rights; International Political Economy; International Security and Diplomacy; Migration; Technology and Global Politics; and Regional

Studies with options in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, and the Americas.

4. Demonstrate foreign language competency necessary to study or work abroad.
5. Effectively utilize appropriate quantitative or qualitative research tools, analytical techniques, and presentation skills to explain and interpret contemporary issues in international relations.

Major Requirements

Graduation with a Bachelors of Science degree in international relations requires an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher in upper-division courses for the major, including a grade of 'C' or better for work undertaken to fulfill the senior capstone requirement.

To declare an International Relations major, or to remain in good standing if directly admitted to the program, students must complete one of four introductory courses with a grade of B or better at Syracuse University. The remaining introductory courses must be completed with a passing grade.

Requirements for the major include 48 credits in courses taken for the major, plus fulfillment of the major's language proficiency requirement (see below). At least 33 credits must be from courses numbered 300 or higher. The major requirements include:

- Required introductory courses
- Research methods requirement
- Skills Courses
- Concentration courses
- Language proficiency
- Senior capstone seminar

Please note that some required courses have prerequisites. Students should meet with an academic advisor to plan accordingly and to ensure all prerequisites are met.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Introductory Courses		
PSC 124 or PSC 139	International Relations International Relations (Honors)	
ECN 101	Introductory Microeconomics	
ECN 102	Introductory Macroeconomics	
MAX 132 or ANT 185	Global Community Global Encounters:Comparing World Views & Values Cross-Culturally	
Research Methods Requirement		
Each student takes three 3-credit courses in social science research methods, one introductory research methods course, and two advanced research methods courses.		9
Introductory Research Methods Courses		
IRP 201	International Relations Research Methods	
MAX 201	Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences	
PSC 202	Introduction to Political Analysis	
SOC 318	Introduction to Research	
Advanced Research Methods Courses		
ECN 422	Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics	
ECN 521	Economic Statistics	
GEO 383	Geographic Information Systems	

HST 301	Practicum in the Study of History	
SOC 319	Qualitative Methods in Sociology	
ANT 481	Ethnographic Techniques	

Skills Courses

WRT 307	Advanced Writing Studio: Professional Writing	3
CRS 325	Presentational Speaking	3
or IST 344	Information Reporting and Presentation	

Concentration Courses

Each student major takes 9 credits (3 courses) in each of two concentrations chosen from among the following: Culture, Identities and Citizenship; Global Health and Environment; Human Rights; International Law and Organizations; International Political Economy; International Security and Diplomacy; Migration; Technology and Global Politics; and Regional Studies focused on one of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, or The Americas.

Language Proficiency

Each student major must demonstrate proficiency in a contemporary spoken language other than English. If the student selects a regional studies concentration, this language should be spoken in the selected geographic area. Proficiency is demonstrated by coursework through at least the level of Course IV (202) taught by the Syracuse University Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, or the equivalent. We strongly encourage students to continue language study to an advanced level of literacy and fluency. Students for whom English is a second language must complete coursework through ENL 213.

Senior Capstone Seminar

The remaining 3 credits are fulfilled in an advanced seminar in which the student designs and implements a capstone project. The capstone typically consists of an original research paper, but other models for written work may be considered at the discretion of the IR Program. Each semester a list of approved senior seminar courses is posted on the International Relations Program website, and capstone proposals must be approved by the faculty of the International Relations Program. Students must earn a minimum grade of a 'C' in the written work and for the seminar in order to fulfill the capstone requirement.

Total Credits **36**

Additional Program Opportunities

International relations majors are encouraged to study abroad during their undergraduate program. Syracuse Abroad offers a rich variety of courses that can be applied to the International Relations major requirements.

Participation in the Maxwell-in-Washington Program, a 15-credit seminar and internship program, is open to all majors. For more information on how this program applies to the International Relations major, please contact the International Relations Program office.

Credits for internships in international relations, including internships abroad and IRP 471 Global Internship in Washington, D.C., may be counted toward the major upon prior approval by the International Relations Program.

Co-curricular activities including the International Relations Learning Community (a residential program for incoming students), the Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society, Model United Nations Club and Team, International Relations Club, invited speaker series, and other events throughout

the Maxwell School are available. More information is available on the International Relations website.

The International Relations Program also offers minors in Global Political Economy and Global Security Studies. For more information, please see the Course Catalog listings for these two programs or visit the International Relations website.

Program faculty will invite majors who meet the eligibility requirements to participate in the Distinction Program. The Distinction Program offers an enhanced research and mentoring experience. Working closely with a faculty member, Distinction candidates produce a research project of substantially greater depth than the capstone research project required of all international relations majors. In addition, the Distinction Program provides young scholars the skills and support needed to produce a project suitable for presentation at an academic conference or for publication in an undergraduate social science academic journal.

Graduation with Distinction requires a grade of B or higher on the Distinction paper and in the Distinction seminar.

Concentration Courses

This is a partial list of courses that can be applied to the major. A full list of on-campus courses that are approved each semester for the major (including special and selected topics) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and Maxwell-in-Washington can be found by visiting the International Relations website.

Culture, Identities and Citizenship

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 318	African Cultures	3
ANT 322	South American Cultures	3
ANT 323	Peoples and Cultures of North America	3
ANT 324	Modern South Asian Cultures	3
ANT 357	Health, Healing, and Culture	3
ANT 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
ANT 428	Transformation of Eastern Europe	3
ANT 449	World Heritage Sites	3
ANT 455	Culture and AIDS	3
ANT 462	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine	3
ANT 468	Middle East in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANT 476	Women, War and Peace	3
GEO 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
GEO 372	Political Geography	3
GEO 396	European Integration	3
GEO 450	Geographies of Migration and Mobility	3
HST 338	Middle East Media	3
HST 351	Godzilla to Gangnam: Korean-Japanese Relations	3
HST 372	Caste and Inequality in Modern India	3
HST 374	Popular Culture in the Middle East	3
PSC 330	Political Economy of Gender in Industrialized Countries	3
PSC 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
PSC 386	Gender, Militarism, and War	3
PSC 387	Ethnic Conflict	3
PSC 391	Revolutions in the Middle East	3
PSC 392	Islamism and Islamist Movements Today	3

PSC 395	Democratization in the Muslim World	3
PSC 396	European Integration	3
SOC 354	Gender, Militarism, and War	3

Plus - Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

Global Health and Environment

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 357	Health, Healing, and Culture	3
ANT 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
ANT 455	Culture and AIDS	3
ANT 462	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine	3
ANT 463	Global Health	3
GEO 340	Geography of Oil	3
GEO 360	Sustainability Science and Policy	3
GEO 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
GEO 374	Environment and Development in the Global South	3
GEO 422	Water: Environment, Society and Politics	3
PSC 360	Sustainability Science and Policy	3

Plus - Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

International Law and Organizations

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 449	World Heritage Sites	3
ANT 473	Peace and Conflict in the Balkans: Anthropological Perspectives	3
GEO 331	The European Union	3
GEO 396	European Integration	3
HST 381	Genocide, Atrocity, and Political Violence in the Modern World	3
IRP 412	Global Governance: The United Nations System	3
IRP 413	Global Governance Practicum	3
PSC 310	Refugees in International Politics	3
PSC 320	Comparative Law and Courts	3
PSC 352	International Law	3
PSC 353	International Organization	3
PSC 396	European Integration	3
PSC 412	Global Governance: The United Nations System	3
PSC 435	Humanitarian Action in World Politics	3
PSC 469	Global Migration	3

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Human Rights

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 358	Peace, War and Security	3
ANT 476	Women, War and Peace	3
GEO 422	Water: Environment, Society and Politics	3
HST 381	Genocide, Atrocity, and Political Violence in the Modern World	3
PSC 310	Refugees in International Politics	3
PSC 320	Comparative Law and Courts	3
PSC 352	International Law	3
PSC 354	Human Rights and Global Affairs	3
PSC 435	Humanitarian Action in World Politics	3

Plus - Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

International Political Economy

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
ANT 463	Global Health	3
ECN 365	The World Economy	3
ECN 367	Economics of Globalization	3
ECN 465	International Trade Theory and Policy	3
ECN 487	Economic Growth	3
GEO 340	Geography of Oil	3
GEO 367	Gender in a Globalizing World	3
GEO 420	Labor Geography	3
GEO 450	Geographies of Migration and Mobility	3
HST 393	East Asia and the Socialist Experience	3
IRP 351	China's Economy and Financial System	3
PSC 330	Political Economy of Gender in Industrialized Countries	3
PSC 346	Comparative Third World Politics	3
PSC 355	International Political Economy	3
PSC 365	International Political Economy of the Third World	3
PSC 388	Globalization & the Rise of Populism	3
PSC 469	Global Migration	3
SOC 308	Social Movements and Global Capitalism	3
SOC 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism	3

Plus - Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

International Security and Diplomacy

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 358	Peace, War and Security	3
ANT 473	Peace and Conflict in the Balkans: Anthropological Perspectives	3
ANT 476	Women, War and Peace	3
GEO 372	Political Geography	3
HST 317	The Arab Revolutions	3
HST 336	America and the Middle East	3
HST 337	America in the World: The History of U.S. Foreign Relations, 1898-Present	3
HST 350	The Global Cold War	3
HST 381	Genocide, Atrocity, and Political Violence in the Modern World	3
HST 392	The Korean War	3
PSC 322	International Security	3
PSC 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
PSC 348	Politics and the Military	3
PSC 356	Political Conflict	3
PSC 357	U.S. Foreign Policy	3
PSC 386	Gender, Militarism, and War	3
PSC 387	Ethnic Conflict	3
PSC 391	Revolutions in the Middle East	3
PSC 435	Humanitarian Action in World Politics	3
SOC 354	Gender, Militarism, and War	3

Plus - Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

Migration

Code	Title	Credits
GEO 331	The European Union	3
GEO 396	European Integration	3
GEO 450	Geographies of Migration and Mobility	3
PSC 310	Refugees in International Politics	3
PSC 469	Global Migration	3
SOC 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism	3
PSC 435	Humanitarian Action in World Politics	3

Plus – Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

Technology and Global Politics

Code	Title	Credits
GEO 420	Labor Geography	3
GEO 479	Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Research & Applications	3

IDS 350	Global Information Technology Abroad	3-6
IST 343	Data in Society	3
PSC 318	Technology, Politics, and Environment	3
PST 367	Smart Cities and Urban Policy	3
HST 339	Technology and Society	3

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Regional Studies

Students can select one of the following regions as a concentration:

Africa

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 318	African Cultures	3
GEO 425		3
HST 309	Africa and Global Affairs 1870 - Present	3
HST 366	Modern East Africa Since 1850	3
PSC 341	Politics of Africa	3
PSC 364	African International Relations	3

Plus – Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

Asia

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 324	Modern South Asian Cultures	3
HST 321	Modern China	3
HST 329	Making of Modern India	3
HST 351	Godzilla to Gangnam: Korean-Japanese Relations	3
HST 372	Caste and Inequality in Modern India	3
HST 392	The Korean War	3
HST 393	East Asia and the Socialist Experience	3
HST 395	The History of Modern Japan	3
HST 397	The History of Modern Korea	3
IRP 351	China's Economy and Financial System	3
PSC 335	Politics of East Asia	3
PSC 337	Politics and Economy of Japan	3
PSC 478	Politics of China	3

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Europe

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 428	Transformation of Eastern Europe	3
ANT 473	Peace and Conflict in the Balkans: Anthropological Perspectives	3
GEO 331	The European Union	3
GEO 362	The European City	3
GEO 396	European Integration	3
HST 316	Europe Since 1945	3
HST 365	Russia in the Twentieth Century	3-4
PSC 343	Politics of Europe	3
PSC 347	Politics of Russia	3
PSC 396	European Integration	3

Plus – Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

Middle East and North Africa

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 468	Middle East in Anthropological Perspective	3
GEO 435	The Global Middle East	3
HST 317	The Arab Revolutions	3
HST 336	America and the Middle East	3
HST 338	Middle East Media	3
HST 374	Popular Culture in the Middle East	3
HST 407	Iraq: Modern Nation to US Occupation	3
PSC 342	Religion and Politics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	3
PSC 344	Politics of the Middle East	3
PSC 349	Politics of Iran	3
PSC 391	Revolutions in the Middle East	3
PSC 393	Middle Eastern Political Systems	3
PSC 395	Democratization in the Muslim World	3

Plus – Additional courses approved each semester including special and selected topics (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/major/course-lists/>) as well as courses through Syracuse Abroad and the Maxwell in Washington Program (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/international-relations-undergraduate/study-abroad-or-in-dc/>).

The Americas

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 322	South American Cultures	3
ANT 323	Peoples and Cultures of North America	3
GEO 321	Latin American Development: Politics & Environment	3
HST 323	Modern Latin America	3
HST 324	Recent Latin American History	3
PSC 333	Politics of Latin America	3
PSC 334	Mexico and the United States	3
PSC 358	Latin American International Relations	3

SOC 445	The Caribbean: Sex Workers, Transnational Capital, and Tourism	3
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College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)