

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

Requirements

Degree Requirements

This major is available as a bachelor of arts degree only, as defined in the section on degree requirements (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/ba-bs-bsn/>) for all majors in this catalog.

Major Requirements

44-46 credits distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Common Core		
POLS 210	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	4
POLS 390	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	4
POLS 489	SENIOR SEMINAR	3
POLS 490	SENIOR CAPSTONE	3
ECON 210	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS	4
Foreign language proficiency through a second-year level and successful completion of a foreign study abroad program of at least one semester approved in advance for this purpose (relevant courses taken abroad may count toward IR electives).		
Additional Credits		
<i>4-5 Credit Methods Requirement</i> ¹		
Select one of the following:		4-5
POLS 230	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	
HIST 285	METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH	
SOAN 307	SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS	
<i>4-Credit History Requirement</i>		
An international history course (200 level or above)		4
<i>4-Credit Theory and Practice of International Politics Requirement (plus corresponding 1-credit 498 Proseminar course)</i>		
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 315	POLITICS AND RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 315)	
POLS 361	CURRENT DEBATES IN US FOREIGN POLICY	
POLS 362	INTERNATIONAL LAW, ETHICS, AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE	
POLS 370	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	
POLS 371	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
POLS 384	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY	
POLS 385	TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
POLS 498	PROSEMINAR	1
<i>Comparative Culture, Philosophy, and Ethics Requirement</i>		
Select 3-4 credits of the following:		3-4
ANTH 111	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
COMM 230	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	
GLCS 210	LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	
POLS 220	GREAT POLITICAL THINKERS	

PHIL 160	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 160)
PHIL 180	MORAL PROBLEMS
PHIL 365	SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
RELS 111	JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM
RELS 160	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST (ALSO LISTED AS PHIL 160)

Major Elective Courses

Select at least 10 additional credits from the IR major elective list below, including at least one additional 300-level course or above: 10

ANTH 111	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
COMM 230	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
COMM 335	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION
Any other relevant COMM course	
ECON 331	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
ECON 332	DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
ECON 333	INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ECONOMICS
ECON 341	ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
ECON 342	NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS
ECON 461	HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT
ENGL 365	RACE, IMPERIALISM, JUSTICE: POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES AND THEORY
ENVS 250	ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE (ALSO LISTED AS SOAN 250)
GLCS 210	LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
Any other relevant GLCS course	
HIST 120	WESTERN CULTURE TO 1500
HIST 121	WESTERN CULTURE SINCE 1500
HIST 122	HISTORY OF WORLD CIVILIZATIONS TO 1500
HIST 123	HISTORY OF WORLD CIVILIZATIONS SINCE 1500
HIST 124	EAST ASIA BEFORE 1800
HIST 125	EAST ASIA SINCE 1800
HIST 207	JEWISH-MUSLIM RELATIONS IN MODERN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 207)
HIST 253	FASCISM AND THE HOLOCAUST IN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA
Any other relevant HIST course	
JAMS 150	LIVING IN A MEDIA WORLD ²
JAMS 230	MEDIA THEORY AND CRITICISM ²
JAMS 340	MEDIA AND POPULAR CULTURE ²
JAMS 347	PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS ²
PHIL 150	FUNDAMENTALS OF PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 180	MORAL PROBLEMS
PHIL 185	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
PHIL 306	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
PHIL 360	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
PHIL 365	SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 375	COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY: ASIAN THOUGHT
Any other relevant PHIL course	
POLS 201	AMERICAN POLITICS
POLS 220	GREAT POLITICAL THINKERS

POLS 330	POLITICS AND THE ARTS
POLS 361	CURRENT DEBATES IN US FOREIGN POLICY
POLS 362	INTERNATIONAL LAW, ETHICS, AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
POLS 370	TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
POLS 371	POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY
POLS 384	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
POLS 385	TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS
PSYC 101	SURVEY OF PSYCHOLOGY
RELS 111	JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM
RELS 140	THE HOLY QUR'AN
RELS 160	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST (ALSO LISTED AS PHIL 160)
RELS 310	HISTORY OF RELIGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST (ALSO LISTED AS HIST 310)
RELS 325	FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION
RELS 342	WOMEN IN RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS GENS 342)
Any other relevant RELS course	
Any relevant SOAN course	
Any relevant internship course	
Any relevant study in Washington, D.C. or abroad	
Any relevant January term course abroad	
Total Credits	44-46

- achieve proficiency in a foreign language;
- apply their coursework to their own experiences through study abroad and beyond; and
- demonstrate an understanding of different global perspectives – social, cultural, political, and economic.

¹ Subject to approval from HIST or SOAN for double majors.

² JAMS courses subject to approval by IR coordinator.

Given the interdisciplinary nature of international relations, other courses may be approved to count toward the major. The student may petition the coordinator of the International Relations program, expressing a rationale for the substitution. This rationale must include a signed agreement between the student and the relevant course instructor that the student's major project, counting for at least 1/3 of the course grade, will be devoted to an international relations issue. The IR coordinator must approve the petition before the Office of the Registrar will accept the substitution.

As noted above, courses taken while studying abroad may also be counted toward elective credit. To receive credit, students should retrieve the relevant form from the Office of the Registrar (or on the IR website), provide a course syllabus, and other supporting documentation for approval from the relevant department and/or IR major director.

Double majors with other disciplines are encouraged and three courses (up to 12 credits) may count toward both major requirements. Double majors in Political Science and International Relations, however, are not permitted. As with other majors, at most two courses can be counted toward Linfield Curriculum requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

- think critically, systematically, and creatively about international issues by employing a variety of different disciplinary tools and perspectives;
- exhibit a fundamental grasp of the major problems facing the world today and their complexity;
- communicate in clear, cogent, and literate fashion to a range of audiences, both written and orally;