## INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, <br> B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park, World Campus

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Politics, a minimum of 123 credits is required:

| Requirement | Credits |
| :--- | :--- |
| General Education | 45 |
| Electives | $15-18$ |
| Bachelor of Arts Degree <br> Requirements <br> Requirements for the Major | 24 |

$0-3$ of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 0-3 credits of GS General Education courses.
$\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{2 4}$ credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and $0-12$ credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Requirements for the Major

$A$ grade of $C$ or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/\#82-44).

${ }^{1}$ PLSC 7N is recommended for students choosing the National Security Option.

## Requirements for the Option <br> International Relations Option (30 credits) <br> Available at the following campuses: University Park, World Campus

Code Title Credits
Additional Courses
Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
PLSC 412 International Political Economy 3
or PLSC 481 Global Political Economy
PLSC 418 International Relations Theory 3
or PLSC 442 American Foreign Policy
Select 3-6 credits (no more than 3 credits below the 300 level) of the 3-6
following:

| HIST 120 |  |
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| HIST 142N | History of Communism |
| HIST 143N | History of Fascism and Nazism |
| HIST 144 | The World at War. 1939-1945 |
| HIST 173 | Vietnam in War and Peace |
| HIST 175 | East Asia since 1800 |
| HIST 179 | Latin-American History Since 1820 |
| HIST 181 | Introduction to the Middle East |
| HIST 192 | Modern African History |
| HIST 320 | Contemporary World History and Issues |
| HIST 420 | Recent European History |
| HIST 423 | Orthodox Christianity. History and Interpretations |
| HIST 427 | Germany Since 1860 |
| HIST 430 | Eastern Europe in Modern Times |
| HIST/AFAM | Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy |
| 431 |  |
| HIST/AFAM | Between Nation and Empire: The Caribbean in the |
| 432 | 20th Century |
| HIST 434 | History of the Soviet Union |
| HIST 435 | Topics in European History |
| HIST 446 | America Between the Wars |
| HIST 447 | Recent American History |
| HIST 452 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations |
| HIST 454 | American Military History |
| HIST 460 |  |
| HIST 467 | Latin America and the United States |
| HIST 468 | Mexico and the Caribbean Nations in the |
| HIST 473 | Thentieth Century |
| HIST 479 | History of Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa |
| HIST 481 | Modern Japan Since 1800 |
| HIST 486 | China in Revolution |

Select $3-6$ credits (no more than 3 credits below the 300 level) of the $3-6$ following:

| ECON 102 | Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy |
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| ECON 104 | Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy |
| ECON 333 | International Economics |


| or IB 303 | International Business Operations |
| :---: | :---: |
| Select 3-6 credits following: | (no more than 3 credits below the 300 level) of the $3-6$ |
| GEOG 123 | Geography of Developing World |
| GEOG 124 | Elements of Cultural Geography |
| GEOG 128 | Geography of International Affairs |
| GEOG 364 | Spatial Analysis |
| GEOG 424 | Geography of the Global Economy |
| GEOG 430 | Human Use of Environment |
| GEOG 431 | Geography of Water Resources |
| GEOG 438W | Human Dimensions of Global Warming |
| GEOG 444 | Resource Governance in Africa |
| GEOG 463 | Geospatial Information Management |
| GEOG 464 | Advanced Spatial Analysis |
| GEOG 468 | Geographic Information Systems Design and Evaluation |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better Select 12 credits from one of the following:

400-level political science courses in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Theory/Methodology (excluding courses taken to fulfill other requirements in the major) from an approved department list in consultation with an adviser
Foreign language courses beyond the 12th-credit level ${ }^{1}$
${ }^{1} 9$ of these credits must be at the 400 level. With adviser approval, all 12 credits may be below the 400 level, but must be in addition to the language proficiency for BA requirements.

## National Security Option (30 credits)

Available at the following campuses: University Park, World Campus
Code Title Credits

## Prescribed Courses

| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CRIM 406 | Sociology of Deviance | 3 |
| SRA 111 | Introduction to Security and Risk Analysis | 3 |
| SRA 211 | Threat of Terrorism and Crime | 3 |


| Additional Courses |  |
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| Additional Courses: Require a grade of $C$ or better |  |
| Select 3 credits of the following: |  |
| ECON 102 | Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy |
| ECON 104 | Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy |
| ECON 333 | International Economics |
| or IB 303 | International Business Operations |
| GEOG 123 | Geography of Developing World |
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HIST/AFAM Between Nation and Empire: The Caribbean in the

Topics in European History

HIST 447 Recent American History
HIST 452 History of U.S. Foreign Relations
HIST 454 American Military History

HIST 467 Latin America and the United States
Mexico and the Caribbean Nations in the Twentieth Century
HIST 473 The Contemporary Middle East
HIST 479 History of Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa
HIST 481 Modern Japan Since 1800

Select 6 credits of the following:
PLSC 412 International Political Economy
PLSC 418 International Relations Theory
PLSC/CRIMJ The Politics of Terrorism
439
PLSC 442 American Foreign Policy
PLSC 481 Global Political Economy

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 12 credits from one of the following:
400 -level political science courses in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Theory/Methodology (excluding courses department list in consultation with an adviser
Foreign language courses beyond the 12 th-credit level ${ }^{1}$

19 of these credits must be at the 400 level. With adviser approval, all 12 credits may be below the 400 level, but must be in addition to the language proficiency for BA requirements.

International Political Economy Option ( 30 credits)
Available at the following campuses: University Park, World Campus


Select 3 credits of the following:
AFAM/HIST Black Liberation and American Foreign Policy
431

GEOG 124 Elements of Cultural Geography
GEOG 128 Geography of International Affairs
GEOG 364 Spatial Analysis
GEOG 424 Geography of the Global Economy
GEOG 430 Human Use of Environment
GEOG 431 Geography of Water Resources
GEOG 438W Human Dimensions of Global Warming
GEOG 444 Resource Governance in Africa
GEOG 463 Geospatial Information Management
GEOG 464 Advanced Spatial Analysis
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Evaluation
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HIST 192 Modern African History

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| HIST 423 | Orthodox Christianity: History and Interpretations |
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| HIST 430 | Eastern Europe in Modern Times |
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| HIST 434 | History of the Soviet Union |
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| HIST 446 | America Between the Wars |
| HIST 447 | Recent American History |
| HIST 452 | History of U.S. Foreign Relations |
| HIST 454 | American Military History |
| HIST 460 |  |
| HIST 467 | Latin America and the United States |
| HIST 468 | Mexico and the Caribbean Nations in the Twentieth Century |
| HIST 473 | The Contemporary Middle East |
| HIST 479 | History of Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa |
| HIST 481 | Modern Japan Since 1800 |
| HIST 486 | China in Revolution |

## Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of $C$ or better
Select 12 credits from 400-level political science courses in
International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Theory/Methodology (excluding courses taken to fulfill other requirements in the major) from an approved department list in consultation with an adviser

## General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits


## Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not

 meet this requirement.)- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 3 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits


## Integrative Studies

- Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits


## Exploration

- GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits


## University Degree Requirements

## First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

## Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits


## Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

## Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

## Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

## Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/ policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/\#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## B.A. Degree Requirements

Foreign Language ( $0-12$ credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/ undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).
B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures ( $0-3$ credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.

