

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BA

International Relations addresses the ways in which governments, private groups, and individuals relate to each other in the global political and economic systems. The program provides a solid grounding in the methodologies of political science, history, and economics. The curriculum draws on the best courses relevant to world politics, offers a well-rounded liberal arts education, and helps prepare students for law or business school, Ph.D. programs, and international careers.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/irp/>

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Theory and Method</i>		
Theory:		
PSCI 0400	Introduction to International Relations	1
Method:		
INTR 3500	Research Methods/Practice in IR	1
International History:		
Select 2 course units of International History courses		2
International Political Economy:		
PSCI 1402	International Political Economy	1
	or ECON 0500 International Economics	
Select 1 course unit of Elective in International Political Economy		1
<i>International Electives</i>		
Select 3 course units of Electives comprising a thematic or regional area of concentration		3
Select 1 course unit of Elective in Non-Western		1
Select 1 course unit of Elective in International Security/ Foreign Policy		1
Select 1 course unit of Elective		1
<i>Thesis Research</i>		
INTR 4197	Senior Seminar for Thesis Research I	1
INTR 4297	Senior Seminar For Thesis Research II	1
Total Course Units		34

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

Honors

Candidates must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a GPA of 3.6 in the Major. An honors thesis and completion of an upper level language course are required.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.