

≈ International Relations 2009-2010 ≈

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
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Website: <http://sbs.mnsu.edu/psle/irelations/concentration>

Admission to Major is granted by the department. Minimum university admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

International relations majors are required to consult with an advisor. The student's individualized program will be on file with the political science department and the awarding of a degree will depend upon fulfillment of the program. Please see the current IR Major Course Planning Sheet on the website.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR (42 credits)

Required Core Courses (12 credits)

POL 231 *	World Politics	(3)
POL 241**	Introduction to Comparative Politics	(3)
POL 431	International Relations	(3)
POL 400	Any comparative politics course	(3)

*POL 231 must be taken prior to any 300 or 400 level classes in Political Science/International Relations

**POL 241 must be taken prior to any 300 or 400 level classes in Political Science/Comparative Politics. SEE YOUR ADVISOR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Required Concentration (15 credits)

With the advice and consent of an International Relations advisor, students **CHOOSE ONE** concentration area:

1. Global Policy Issues: Students must choose at least two of the following courses:
LAW 438; POL 425, 432, 433, 434, 436, 438, 439, 442, 445, 447, 448
See website for additional concentration courses
2. International Norms and Behavior: Students must choose at least two of the following courses:
LAW 434, POL 311, 312, 313, 416, 432, 433, 434, 436, 437, 449
See website for additional concentration courses
3. War, Peace, and Conflict Resolution
Students must take:
POL 437 International Conflict Resolution (3)
and choose at least one of the following courses:
POL 432, 433, 434, 438, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447
See website for additional concentration courses
4. International Political Economy: students must take
POL 436 International Political Economy (3)
and choose at least one of the following courses:
ECON 201, 420, POL 432, 433, 435, 439, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448
See website for additional concentration courses
5. Africa: students must take
POL 446 African Politics (3)
and choose at least one of the following:
GEOG 456; HIST 437; HIST 438, POL 433, 448
See website for additional concentration courses
6. Latin America: students must take
POL 444 Latin America (3)

and choose at least one of the following courses:

ANTH 430; GEOG 445; HIST 442; POL 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 439, 448; SPAN 356

See website for additional concentration courses

7. Asia

Students must take either:

POL 445 Asian Pacific Rim: Politics & Policy (3)

-or- POL 442 South Asia: Politics & Policy (3)

and will choose at least one of the following courses:

ART 469; HIST 434, 435; POL 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 438, 442, 445, 448

See website for additional concentration courses

8. Middle East: students must take

POL 443 Middle East Politics (3)

and choose at least one of the following courses:

POL 432, 433, 434, 435, 437, 448

See website for additional concentration courses

9. Europe: students must take

POL 447 Europe: Politics & Policy (3)

and choose at least one of the following courses:

GEOG 450; POL 312, 313, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 439

See website for additional concentration courses

10. Russia : students must take

POL 441 Russia and Neighboring States Politics (3)

and choose at least one of the following courses:

GEOG 454; HIST 427; POL 432, 433, 434, 435, 439

See website for additional concentration courses

Required Elective Courses (15 credits)

With the advice and consent of an International Relations advisor, each International Relations major will select the remainder of their credits from an approved list of International Relations program courses. See website for details.

Required for Major (Foreign Language, 8 cr.):

The student may satisfy this requirement by completing a college level foreign language sequence with grades of C or above, or by demonstrating equivalent proficiency in a foreign language. Examples of the latter include scoring 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Exam in a foreign language and graduating with a C average or better from a high school where the main classroom instruction was in a language other than English. Language credits do not count toward the IR degree.

Required Minor. Yes. Any. (Check with Advisor if minoring in Political Science)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR (18 CREDITS)

POL 231 World Politics (3)

POL 241 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)

POL 431 International Relations (3)

POL 300-400 Any comparative politics course (3)

Required Electives (6 Credits) Choose 6 credits of electives from the approved list of IR program courses at the 300 and 400 levels only.

