# Bachelor of Arts in International Relations Roadmap

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required  
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 43

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<td>or Written English Communication (A2) Stretch II</td>
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<td>I R 104</td>
<td>Introduction to World Affairs</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of International Relations Theories, Issues, and Perspectives</td>
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<td>U.S. Foreign Policy</td>
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1. To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet LLD and SF State Studies requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.
2. ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.
3. Depending on courses completed through Early Start, students in Pathway/Category 3 or 4 may be required to enroll in a support course to complement their Quantitative Reasoning/B4 requirement. There are multiple course options for this pathway. Before enrolling in a B4 course, students should verify their MATH Pathway/Category in their Student Center (http://cms.sfsu.edu/content/student-center). Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website (http://developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu).
Complementary Studies

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than IR, and not cross-listed with IR.

International Relations majors are offered several pathways toward completing this requirement, each of which is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner. International Relations majors may, with the approval of an International Relations advisor, elect to apply 12 units in a single foreign language of their choosing, courses taken in an approved study abroad program (e.g., CSU Study Abroad), courses taken as part of a second major, a minor or a certificate, and courses in a related discipline. Related disciplines typically include: political science, sociology, anthropology, environmental studies, geography, global health, or journalism.

Up to six units of a single language or six upper division units of complementary studies may, with the approval of a departmental advisor, also be counted as International Relations electives in fulfillment of major requirements.

Note: Courses fulfilling the IR major core requirement may not be taken on a CR/NC basis.

Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

Students are encouraged to select an emphasis by choosing course work in Area Studies, International Institutions, or Global Problems in consultation with an advisor. Twelve units of course work must be in IR.