

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SF STATE SCHOLAR ROADMAP

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) <sup>1</sup>	3
GE Area A <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) <sup>3</sup>		3-4
GE Area C		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective <sup>4</sup>		3
		Units 15-16
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
IR 104	Introduction to International Relations: Politics, Economics, Environment, and People (Major Core, D1, ES, GP, SJ)	3
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) <sup>5</sup>		3
GE Area E		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective <sup>4</sup>		3
		Units 15
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) <sup>4</sup>		3-4
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two <sup>4</sup>		6
		Units 15-16
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two <sup>4</sup>		6
		Units 15

<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two <sup>4</sup>		6
		Units 6
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
IR 308	Fundamentals of International Relations Theories, Issues, and Perspectives (Major Core)	4
IR 310	U.S. Foreign Policy (Major Core, UD-D, AERM, GP)	4
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One <sup>6</sup>		4
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
		Units 15
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
IR 309GW	International Relations Analysis and Application - GVAR (Major Core)	4
IR 312	Introduction to International Political Economy (Major Core)	4
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take Two <sup>6</sup>		8
		Units 16
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two <sup>4</sup>		6
		Units 6
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
IR 725	The Analysis of Foreign Policy (Master's Core)	3
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One <sup>6</sup>		4
The International System and its Problems <sup>7</sup>		3
Comparative Foreign Policies <sup>8</sup>		3
		Units 13
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
IR 550	Senior Thesis in International Relations (Major Culminating Requirement)	6
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One <sup>6</sup>		4
Graduate Emphasis <sup>9</sup>		3
		Units 13

**Fifth Year**

**Summer Semester**

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective	3
Units	3

**Fall Semester**

I R 720	Theory and Approaches in International Relations (Master's Core)	3
I R 751	Data Analysis and Evaluation Research in International Relations (Academic Emphasis)	3
or Professional Emphasis Course		
Graduate Emphasis <sup>9</sup>		3
Graduate Elective <sup>10</sup>		3
Units		12

**Spring Semester**

I R 728	International Political Economy (Master's Core)	3
I R 750	Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (Master's Emphasis)	3
I R 892 or I R 898	Sponsored Graduate Internship in International Relations (Master's Culminating Experience) or Master's Thesis	3
Units		9
Total Units		153-155

<sup>1</sup> ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 104/ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105/ENG 105/ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

<sup>2</sup> To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **SF State Studies** requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.

<sup>3</sup> Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

**4 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 I R, and not cross-listed with I R.

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.

<sup>5</sup> 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/>).

**6 Electives (18 Units)**

Students are required to complete 18 elective units related to international relations. Twelve units of coursework must have an I R prefix or be cross-listed with I R. Six additional units may be taken outside of the department upon approval of a major advisor. Elective units must be upper-division courses (300-level or above) with the exception of language courses taken in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

<sup>7</sup> Select a course in the range I R 730 to I R 739

<sup>8</sup> Select a course in the range I R 740 to I R 749

<sup>9</sup> Select one emphasis for the following options:

**Academic Emphasis (15 units)**

I R 750 Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (3 units)

I R 751 Data Analysis and Evaluation Research in International Relations (3 units)

Select 6 units of Electives in international relations or related disciplines

I R 898 Master's Thesis (3 units)

**Professional Emphasis (15 units)**

I R 750 Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (3 units)

Thematic combination of courses (total nine units) in international relations or related fields of inquiry and training such as: public administration; international business, management, or finance; international environmental studies, or other fields related to international careers. Approval of graduate advisor required for courses in other departments.

I R 892 Sponsored Graduate Internship in International Relations (3 units)

<sup>10</sup> Select one additional class from either of the above series (I R 730 to I R 739 or I R 740 to I R 749)