INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Program Scope and Student Learning Objectives
The courses of study for the Bachelor of Arts in International Relations have three objectives: to impart knowledge of basic concepts, theories and methods in international relations; to develop in each student at least one area of special individual competence in international relations; and to train students in research, analytical, and presentation/communication skills. Liberal arts educational goals are emphasized but the program seeks also to develop marketable skills appropriate to the field. These include report writing, statistical and computer applications, public policy analysis, oral briefing techniques, and audio-visual production.

Utilizing the extensive course offerings in the program and other departments, students are able, on advisement, to develop individual areas of specialization within geographical, functional (e.g., international political economy), problem-oriented (e.g., arms control), theoretical/methodological, and other categories. Field work may also be part of an area of specialization.

The emphasis upon elective courses of study requires that a student consult with an advisor every semester.

Career Outlook
Employment possibilities for graduates in international relations exist in business, government, electronic and print journalism, teaching and private international service (e.g., U.N. Association, Red Cross, etc.). Students completing a degree find it excellent preparation for entry into highly competitive programs of advanced study or work abroad in areas of special interest or knowledge.

Professors
Banerjee, Hanami, McAfee, Monshipouri, Tsygankov, Volk, Yansané

Associate Professors
Darling, Ellis, Skonieczny

Assistant Professor
Siegel

Lecturers
Crosbie, Fiene, Levi-Sanchez, Whooley

Major
- Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/international-relations/ba-international-relations)

Minor
- Minor in International Relations (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/international-relations/minor-international-relations)

Masters
- Master of Arts in International Relations (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/international-relations/ma-international-relations)

I R 104 Introduction to World Affairs (Units: 3)
Description and analysis of forces and events on-going in the world. Contemporary problems; development, nationalism, revolution, war and peace, and imperialism as they relate to overall patterns in international affairs.

Course Attributes:
- D1: Social Sciences
- Environmental Sustainability
- Global Perspectives
- Social Justice

I R 204 Introduction to International Relations (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Restricted to IR majors.
Introduction to the contemporary international system: the historical context of its formation, the major actors of the current state system and how they mutually interact and face major issues. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

I R 305 Hi-Tech and Foreign Policy (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing and ENG 214.
Impact of new telecommunications technologies on the transmission of images, international politics and foreign policy.

I R 306 U.S.-Central American Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.
Examination of the background and current crisis in Central America with a special focus on the political, social, and economic relations of the countries of Central America to the United States.

Course Attributes:
- Global Perspectives

I R 308 Fundamentals of International Relations Theories, Issues, and Perspectives (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; I R 104 and ENG 214.
Field of international relations: international political, economic, and cultural systems and regimes in world affairs. Theories, processes, problems, and prospects in the international arena. (ABC/NC grading only; CR grade not allowed)
I R 309GW International Relations Analysis and Application - GWAR (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; IR majors; ENG 214 or equivalent with a grade of C or better and I R 308.

Analysis of international relations issues from a theoretically sophisticated perspective. Important contemporary, emerging, and enduring issues are debated. Designed for majors and minors. Extra fee required. (ABC/NC grading only)
Course Attributes:
  • Graduation Writing Assessment

I R 310 U.S. Foreign Policy (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

The foreign policy process in American government. Analysis of the institutions in American society which determine our foreign policy.
Course Attributes:
  • UD-D: Social Sciences
  • Am. Ethnic & Racial Minorities
  • Global Perspectives

I R 312 Introduction to International Political Economy (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; I R 104, I R 308, and ENG 214 or equivalent.

Familiarizes various theories of international political economy (IPE) and examines how they explain past and present international relations. In the process, students become familiar with the actors, institutions, and issues important to IPE.

I R 314 Post Modernism in International Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; I R 104, I R 308; or consent of instructor.

Investigation of the role of post-modernism in understanding national and global politics, and relations between nations; examination of the discipline's core beliefs about rational actors who make cost-benefit decisions; and introduction to the role of social constructs such as culture, identity, and narratives, and how they influence policy decisions.

I R 315 Introduction to Global Peace Studies (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Sophomore or higher standing; one lower-division composition course; or consent of instructor.

The field of peace studies and the integrative questions which must be answered to achieve a coherent perspective on world peace. National and international issues, the environment, philosophy, literature, arts, media, and education.
(This course is offered as GPS 315, I R 315, and PHIL 315. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
  • Environmental Sustainability
  • Global Perspectives
  • Social Justice

I R 321 Development and Foreign Policy--Africa (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

A comparison of the foreign policies of various African nation-states; in particular, a consideration of those policies as expressions of national frameworks, ideological perspectives, etc.
(This course is offered as I R 321 and PLSI 321. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 322 Latin American Policy Analysis (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.

Examination of the international relations and foreign policy-making systems of Latin American nations and an analysis of selected foreign policy problems facing Latin American decision-makers with oral and written reports.
(This course is offered as I R 322 and PLSI 322. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
  • UD-D: Social Sciences
  • Global Perspectives

I R 323 The Persian Gulf in International Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Recent history of the Persian Gulf/Arabian Peninsula region: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia; security issues, economic development, modernization and political reforms, Islamic revolution, trade and globalization. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

I R 324 Middle East and North Africa in International Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Exploration of contemporary political and socioeconomic development in the Middle East region. Historical review of the demise of the Ottoman Empire, the anti-colonial revolt, the emergence of Israel, secular nationalism, and the rise of Islamism. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)
Course Attributes:
  • UD-D: Social Sciences
  • Environmental Sustainability
  • Global Perspectives

I R 325 Chinese Foreign Policy (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.

Examination of China's international relations and the actors involved in constructing it. Analysis of the factors influencing China's participation in international affairs. Assessment of the international realm's effect on Chinese foreign policy.
(This course is offered as I R 325 and PLSI 325. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 326 South and Southeast Asia Foreign Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

The foreign policy interaction of states in the South and Southeast Asian regions. Historical origins and development of states in these regions, as well as the evolution of their foreign policies, are examined in the context of SAARC and ASEAN. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)
Course Attributes:
  • Global Perspectives
I R 327 Europe: Forming a More Perfect Union (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: ENG 214 or equivalent.

Comparative foreign policies of the European Union and its key member states. Effort to forge a common foreign policy; the Union's external relations with the U.S. and Russia.

I R 328 Domestic and Foreign Policy: Post-Communist Regions (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

Development and subsequent dynamics of what used to be called the Soviet Bloc. Analysis of current relations in light of events in the post-World War II period.

I R 329 U.S.-Japan Politics (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent; or consent of instructor.

In the postwar period, U.S.-Japan relations have moved from the periphery of international politics to the center, yet our understanding of this development has lagged behind. The origins of the trade deficit, competition, and related economic and security questions.

I R 330 World Law (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

The natural and positive schools of law; the role of law in the world community; the substantive areas of international laws on recognition, nationality, territory, jurisdiction, and conflict resolution; forces influencing the future role and development of world law.

I R 331 Global Environmental Crisis (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

Describes the impact of a growing world economy and population on biological and physical earth systems, and the potential consequences of environmental destruction for human well-being. Explores the historical and economic reasons for the political divide between developed and less-developed countries with respect to environmental issues and negotiations.

I R 332 International Criminal Law (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; C J 300, a GWAR course; or consent of instructor.

Comparative legal systems and the U.S. system of criminal law. Classwork, 3 units; fieldwork, 1 unit.

I R 333 International Organizations: New World Order (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Analysis of the nature, role, history, and future of international organizations in the social, economic, and political development of world community. Examination of present patterns and problems of international political behavior as seen through and influenced by international organizations.

I R 334 Politics of Globalization (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor.

Introduction to the complexity and diversity of the Muslim world with identification of transnational trends and linkages that characterize contemporary Muslim societies. Organized around seminal issues and themes, does not require prior knowledge of Islam.

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences
- Am. Ethnic & Racial Minorities
- Global Perspectives

I R 335 Muslim Societies in Transnational Perspective (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Introduction to the complexity and diversity of the Muslim world with identification of transnational trends and linkages that characterize contemporary Muslim societies. Organized around seminal issues and themes, does not require prior knowledge of Islam.

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences
- Global Perspectives

I R 336 Politics of Globalization (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and I R 104.

Analysis of nature of globalization and its impact. Examination of causes of globalization and its effect on the state, policy autonomy, national security, the developing world, and culture.

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences
- Global Perspectives

I R 337 Introduction to the European Union (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor

Introduction to the European Union, its rationale, foundations, operations, and current challenges. Exploration of the roles of the European Union's governing institutions, how they interact with different levels of governance among Member States, and main policies of the European Union.

I R 341 Comparative Criminal Justice (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Ways in which institutions of criminal justice in one society compare with those in other societies. Attention is given to U.S., British, European, Asian, and African systems. Classwork, 3 units; fieldwork, 1 unit.

I R 342 Strategy and War (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

War as an instrument of national policy. Causes of war and classical and modern strategies for winning it from Clausewitz to Herman Kahn. Strategic theory, games, deterrence, guerrilla warfare, counter-insurgency, weapons technology, and the political consequences of preparedness.
I R 346 Recent European History (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing or consent of instructor; ENG 214 or equivalent.
Western Europe since the eve of World War I; political and social problems originating in the conditions of the interwar period and World War II.
(This course is offered as HIST 346 and I R 346. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 360 Intelligence and Intelligence Agencies (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.
The role of modern intelligence agencies such as the CIA and the KGB as information sources for foreign policy making. Analysis of intelligence successes and failures and proposals for improving the intelligence process.

I R 361 Terrorism and Covert Political Warfare (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent; or consent of instructor.
Terrorism and covert political warfare as international instruments especially since World War II. The use of terror and covert political warfare and the responses to their use.
(This course is offered as C J 461 and I R 361. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 362 Domestic & Transnational Sources of US Foreign Policy (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: ENG 214 or equivalent, I R 310 or PLSI 200, or consent of instructor.
The role of domestic and transnational actors in making US foreign policy. Examination of American culture, media, interest groups, social movements, corporations, and lobbies on policy outcomes. Transnational influences on US foreign policy. Impact of international events on Americans.
(This course is offered as I R 362 and PLSI 362. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 372 Critical Political Theory (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: ENG 214.
Focus on the critical tradition in political theory that responds to and differentiates itself from classical and modern canonical texts.
(This course is offered as PLSI 372, HUM 372, and I R 372. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 404 Politics of China (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Contemporary government and politics of the People’s Republic of China with modest concern for the way the past has shaped the present. Main focus is on political institutions and political processes.
(This course is offered as PLSI 404 and I R 404. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• UD-D: Social Sciences
• Global Perspectives

I R 407 Politics of Russia (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
Contemporary government and politics of Russia, the way the past has shaped the present. Political institutions, political processes, and ideologies.
(This course is offered as PLSI 407 and I R 407. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• UD-D: Social Sciences
• Global Perspectives

I R 409 Russia and World Order (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Introduction to theories of world order and Russia's role in it. Review of historical and contemporary foundations for understanding world order. Discussion of Russia's role in various regional and global settings. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
(This course is offered as I R 409 and PLSI 409. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 411 East Asian Politics (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Government and politics of East Asia (China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan). Systematic comparison of nations utilizing common themes: political development, political institutions, political economy, political change.
(This course is offered as PLSI 411 and I R 411. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• UD-D: Social Sciences
• Global Perspectives

I R 412 South Asian Politics (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.
Political development in the South Asian states; political institutions and processes; parties and election; leadership; current policies and problems.
(This course is offered as PLSI 412 and I R 412. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• Global Perspectives

I R 413 Media Chinese (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: CHIN 401 or consent of instructor.
Mandarin as it is used in various genres on radio/television and in news reports and articles, editorials, interviews, and advertisements.
(This course is offered as CHIN 411, I R 413, and JOUR 411. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• Global Perspectives
I R 416 Ethnicity and Nationalism (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.

Issues and problems raised by the phenomena of ethnicity and nationalism, ethnic conflict, and efforts at conflict resolution in a comparative context.
(This course is offered as PLSI 416 and I R 416. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences
- Global Perspectives

I R 417 Gender, Equality, and Politics: A Comparative Perspective (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Examination of gendered nature of political representation, employment, and welfare state policy in post-industrialized nations. Emphasis on different political and social arrangements that European governments and social movements have developed to accommodate the growing demand for gender equality.
(This course is offered as PLSI 417 and I R 417. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 424 Social Movements (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: ENG 214 or equivalent.

Examines social movements, mobilization, and collective action in comparative perspective. Analysis of movement origins, tactics, methods, and outcomes, as well as contexts in which movements may use violent and nonviolent repertoires. [CSL may be available]
(This course is offered as PLSI 424, SOC 424, and I R 424. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 428 International Political Economy of Food and Hunger (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Exploration of why hunger persists in a world of abundance; food aid, farm policy, and global food trade; whether production can match population growth without environmental harm; crop genetic engineering, international policies and movements for sustainability, and food sovereignty/security.
(This course is offered as I R 428 and GEOG 428. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 430 Israeli Democracy: Politics, Institutions, and Society (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 214 or equivalent.

Knowledge of Israel’s political system, its origins, its formal structure, the way it functions, and its main attributes in comparison to other democratic political systems. Ideology, state and religion, and civil liberties.
(This course is offered as JS 430, I R 430, and PLSI 430. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences
- Global Perspectives

I R 432 Model United Nations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Major social, economic, and political issues before the United Nations; their meaning for a selected member state. Participation in annual Model United Nations Conference under faculty supervision. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

I R 433 Model Arab League (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214, and MEIS 300 or I R 324 or PLSI 410; or consent of instructor.

Seminar focusing on select countries in the Arab world, which students represent at delegates at regional Model Arab League (MAL) conferences. Preparation of case study papers, policy briefs and MAL resolutions for various councils at the MAL. Training in parliamentary procedure and public speaking. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.
(This course is offered as I R 433 and MEIS 433. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 435 Politics of Global Finance and Crisis (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

The development and role of late 20th and early 21st century financial technologies in modern market crises. Research and critical analysis of 21st century finance capitalism. Political and financial interactions, including limits and possibilities for controlling financial behavior.
(This course is offered as PLSI 435, I R 435, and FIN 435. May not be repeated under alternate prefix.)

I R 445 Geopolitics and Globalization (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214.

Physical and cultural geographic factors in and between political-territorial units. Effects of resource distribution, political motivations and ideologies on establishing territorial sovereignty.
(This course is offered as GEOG 445 and I R 445. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
- UD-D: Social Sciences

I R 446 The Multinational Corporation in World Affairs (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214 or equivalent.

Examination of nature of multinational corporations (MNCs) and sources of their internationalization. Review of major schools of thought about MNCs power (obsolescing bargain, dependencia, and bargaining model) vis-a-vis host and home governments, and international regimes.

I R 450 International Labor (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; LABR 250 or consent of instructor.

Analysis of labor’s role in the developed economies, East and West, and in developing areas. Theoretical perspectives on international labor. Migration and population as they relate to labor. Impact of trade treaties on labor markets.
(This course is offered as LABR 550 and I R 450. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
I R 452 International Media Politics (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214 or equivalent.

Examination of how communication among states and non-state entities shapes international relations, from the perspective of various theoretical and epistemological approaches.
(This course is offered as I R 452 and JOUR 452. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 453 Women and Media in International Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.

Explore how media, broadly defined, perceive and project women’s role in international relations. Focus on some of “those non-state entities whose power to influence nation-state decisions is growing rapidly,” as mentioned in the IR program description. Analyze the portrayal of women’s role in international relations, stretching back to Aristophanes’ comedy of Greek women ending the Peloponnesian War to current news and popular television series such as “Madame Secretary.”

I R 460 Rising Powers (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; I R 104 or I R 204; or consent of instructor;

Exploration of the rise of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and others; capacities for domestic power accumulation, national identities, military capabilities, Western and non-Western responses, and emerging global order.

I R 520 Globalization and Development (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 or equivalent.

Explores origins of poverty in Africa, Latin America, Asia; successes and failures of development policies and aid, technology, industrialization, trade trends and controversies, inequality, impacts of globalization, international agencies, NGOs, social movements for justice and sustainability. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

I R 530 The Arab-Israeli Conflict (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 114 or equivalent.

Examination of causes of the Arab-Israeli conflict; beginnings in the late nineteenth century; Jewish-Palestinian confrontation during the British Mandate (1917-1948); Arab-Israeli wars since 1948; Israeli-Palestinian confrontation since 1948; attempts to end the confrontation since 1967. (This course is offered as JS 560 and I R 530. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• UD-D: Social Sciences
• Global Perspectives

I R 540 The Rich and the Poor Nations (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Institutional framework and processes of international development, finance, trade, and foreign aid. Exercise of influence and cultural dominance by developed over less developed nations through diffusion, transference, and exchange.

I R 544 Women in the World (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214.

Analysis of women’s roles in political, social, and economic development of selected nations and in international relations; effect of global movement for women’s rights. Case studies of female leaders and their impact on world affairs.
(This course is offered as I R 544 and PLSI 544. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• UD-D: Social Sciences
• Global Perspectives
• Social Justice

I R 550 Proseminar in Foreign Policy Analysis (Units: 6)
Prerequisites: All 300-level IR core courses, including I R 309GW, or consent of instructor.

Analysis of political, economic, and socio-cultural influences on the decision-making behavior of individuals, groups, and nation-states in world affairs; data collection, interpretation, and prescription.

I R 601 Lectures on Contemporary Global Issues (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Survey of a major global event as it unfolds; analysis of news coverage and supplemental readings; and application of regional and theoretical knowledge from core IR classes. May be repeated for a total of 2 units.

I R 604 Analysis of Global Issues (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Analysis of major global events as they unfold; analysis of news coverage, supplemental readings; and application of regional and theoretical knowledge from core IR classes. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

I R 632 Regional Economic Communities (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; ENG 214 and I R 104; or consent of instructor.

Political economy of economic integration in the South (African Economic Community, MERCOSUR, Andean Community, Caribbean ASEAN) in light of the European Union, and the fundamental tension between economics and politics.

I R 635 Economics of Globalization (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: ECON 101, ECON 102, or consent of instructor.

(This course is offered as ECON 635 and I R 635. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 640 Field Study in International Relations (Units: 1-5)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and ENG 214 or equivalent.

Practical and academic experience in a non-classroom setting, requiring the utilization of research and communication skills in a topic relevant to the study of international relations. May be repeated for a total of 10 units.
I R 685 Projects in the Teaching of IR (Units: 1-4)
Prerequisites: I R major with successful completion of I R 104 and I R 308 (minimum 3.0 in instructionally related course); consent of instructor.

Reading and discussion in the teaching of international relations. Responsibilities include working with supervising faculty member in preparing course materials, tutoring students, and conducting small discussion sections. (Students may earn a maximum of 4 units toward the baccalaureate degree for any course(s) numbered 685 regardless of discipline.)

I R 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-4)
Prerequisite: Consent of major adviser, supervising faculty member, and department chair. Enrollment by petition.

Study is planned, developed, and completed under the direction of a member of the departmental faculty. Open only to students who have demonstrated ability to do independent work.

I R 708 College Teaching of IR (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in IR; completion of instructionally related course with B or better; consent of instructor.

Reading and discussion in teaching of international relations. Responsibilities include working with supervising faculty member in preparing course materials, tutoring students, and conducting small discussion sections. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

I R 720 Theory and Approaches in International Relations (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Seminar in the theories and approaches to the study of international relations. Required of all graduate students in first semester of graduate study. (AB/NC grading only.)

I R 725 The Analysis of Foreign Policy (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Foreign policy analysis, research, and oral and written briefing techniques. Required of all International Relations master's degree candidates. (AB/NC grading only.)

I R 726 Intelligence and Foreign Policy (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Intelligence is a key component in the formulation of foreign policy. Review of what constitutes national intelligence; examine the tension between policymakers and intelligence analysts through the use of case studies and readings. (AB/NC grading only.)

I R 728 International Political Economy (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720, or consent of instructor.

International political economy: in-depth consideration of alternative theories—globalization vs. nation-states, World Trade Organization and regional trading blocs, transnationals, International Monetary Fund and global finance, investment and inequality, environment, trade and development, future scenarios. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

I R 731 Politics of Multinational Corporations (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720 and I R 728, or consent of instructor.

Interdisciplinary examination of one of the most salient actors in the international political economy, the multinational corporations (MNC). The power of MNCs, the effect of MNCs on host countries, and the governance of MNCs. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

I R 734 International Migration (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Analysis of global migration trends and their impact, including international migration theory, law and migration policies of sending and receiving states; gendered, generational and transnational dimensions of migration. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

I R 735 Seminar in Global Environmental Policy (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

International/global policy making process and responses to critical environmental problems confronting the world as well as underlying causes such as population explosion and energy consumption. Policy choices, negotiating strategies, and outcomes. (This course is offered as I R 735 and GEOG 735. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

I R 736 International Development and Globalization (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Colonial legacies, economic strategies, contemporary challenges in the former Third World; contrasting theories of development and globalization; feminist and ecological critiques; roles of the World Bank, IMF, and WTO, transnational corporations, new global forums and social movements "from below". (Plus-minus letter grade only)

I R 737 Seminar in Regional Economic Communities (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: I R 720.

Political economy of economic integration of the African Economic Community, MERCOSUR, Andean Community, Caribbean ASEAN in light of the European Union, and the fundamental tension between economics and politics.

I R 738 Contemporary International Legal Issues (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in International Relations or upper division standing in International Relations with consent of instructor.

Introduces fundamentals of international public law: sources, subjects, sovereignty, jurisdiction, immunity, and responsibility of states. Provides thorough analysis of recent substantial and institutional development in the fields of the environment, trade, use of force, and universal crimes. (Intended for majors only.)

I R 739 International Security (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

The major theories, problems, and case studies of international security in the past cold war; concentrating on the security interests of the leading states; such as, the U.S., Russia, China, Japan, and Europe as they face today's challenges.

I R 741 Africa (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and I R 720.

Examines African development as a context and concern for contemporary foreign policy of selected African nation-states. Students are required to do individual research and contribute to the general discussion.

I R 742 Seminar on American Foreign Policy (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and I R 720.

Reading and research seminar dealing with varying approaches to U.S. diplomacy and culminating in a research paper on American policy toward some major problem, nation, or area.
IR 743 Seminar in Chinese Foreign Policy (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720 and I R 725; or consent of instructor.

Configuration, causes, and consequences of Chinese foreign policy. Key actors and events, and the diverse instruments that China has used or is using to achieve its foreign policy objectives. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

IR 744 Current European Politics (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and I R 720.

Investigation of European nation states and the development of supranational institutions, processes and politics in the European Union. Individual research and seminar discussion.

IR 745 Latin America (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720; or consent of instructor.

The leitmotif of contemporary Latin American relations--the struggle for development. Within the context of specific case studies, examines how domestic and international forces affect national development efforts. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

IR 746 The Middle East (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 323, I R 324, and I R 720, or consent of instructor.

Contemporary international relations among Arab countries, including Maghreb states, and between region and outside countries and blocs. Case studies of continuing penetration of area by imperialism, competing changing faces, and different characters of such forces.

IR 747 Russia and the West (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720, or consent of instructor.

Russia’s relations with the West in historical, economic, political and military settings. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

IR 749 Asia and the World System (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: I R 720.

Principal Asia-Pacific states: economic, political, and military issues in the region. Readings on China, Japan, Taiwan, the Koreas, S.E. Asia, India, with Europe, the U.S., and Russia as factors.

IR 750 Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720; or consent of instructor.

Seminar designed to introduce international relations graduate students to the range of methods of analysis in the field and to require students to select their thesis topics. Required of all students in their second semester of study. (AB/NC grading only)

IR 751 Alternative Research Methods in International Relations (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: I R 720.

Examines a variety of research methods that will enable students to test hypotheses. Students will learn how to acquire and organize data in various formats to contribute to scholarship. The course will include quantitative methods.

IR 892 Sponsored Graduate Internship in International Relations (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Graduate standing; I R 720; consent of instructor; and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies.

On- or off-campus internship. Requires approved proposal, daily log, and major paper connecting experience to international relations theory. (CR/NC/RP grading only)

IR 898 Master’s Thesis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies.

Student conducts, under committee supervision, research and writing of thesis from topic within field of international relations. Defense of thesis by committee examination is required. Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration. (CR/NC grading only)

IR 899 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of graduate major adviser, supervising faculty member, and department chair. Enrollment by petition.

Study is planned, developed, and completed under the direction of a member of the departmental faculty. Open only to graduate students who have demonstrated ability to do independent work.