

## International Relations

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The curriculum of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences provides for an interdisciplinary major in International Relations (INRL), the study of economic, historic, and political relations among states. The International Relations concentration also addresses the interactions among states, markets, and non-state actors (such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and multi-national corporations). The curriculum has been designed to ensure that students address the major issues in the international arena from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The major in International Relations is distinct from William and Mary's Global Studies program, which focuses on the culture, history, languages, literature, politics and religions of major world regions. If you are interested in such a course of study, you should see the Global Studies entry in this catalog.

In general, a major in International Relations includes courses from at least three departments. A detailed description of the degree program is provided below. Additional information about courses, prospective faculty advisors, and requirements is available on the International Relations website ([www.wm.edu/as/international-relations](http://www.wm.edu/as/international-relations)).

**Language Requirement.** Degrees in International Relations include a modern foreign language component which exceeds the College's proficiency requirement. Students in International Relations must either (1) complete three courses beyond the 202-level in one modern language OR (2) achieve 202-level proficiency in two modern languages and complete one course beyond the 202-level in one of those languages. Some freshman seminars may fulfill the IR language requirement. To count toward the language requirement, courses must be taught entirely in the target language.

**Major Writing Requirement (MWR).** The major writing requirement will be satisfied upon completion of the capstone seminar, internship, independent study or honors project.

**Major Computer Proficiency Requirement (CPR).** International Relations majors will satisfy the computer proficiency by successfully completing the concentration methods course requirement.

**Study Abroad.** Students are strongly encouraged to seek overseas opportunities which complement their International Relations major. With prior approval, many courses taken abroad may be applied to major or other requirements. Contact the Global Education office at the Reves Center for more information.

**Major Declaration.** A prospective major in International Relations should discuss their plans with a faculty advisor as soon as possible. See the IR website for details of declaring a concentration.

### Description of Courses

With the exception of Independent Study, special topics courses, internships and Senior Honors (see below), courses for an International Relations major are selected from those available in the curricula of the various departments and schools. Course descriptions appear elsewhere in the catalog.

### International Relations (INRL)

#### 300/300D. International Relations in Disciplinary Perspectives.

*Fall and Spring (4) Staff. Prerequisites: GOVT 204; ECON 101 & 102; HIST 192.*

INRL 300 is a course that addresses contemporary issues in international relations from three distinct disciplinary perspectives. It examines what these disciplines can tell us about issues driving the choices of states, firms, NGOs, social groups, consumers, and citizens.

#### 390. Topics in International Relations.

*Fall or Spring (1-4) Staff.*

Selected topics in International Relations are offered occasionally. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester. These courses may be repeated for credit.

#### 391. Short Course in International Relations.

*Fall or Spring (1) Staff.*

Selected topics in International Relations are offered occasionally. The topic to be considered will be announced prior to the beginning of the semester. These courses may be repeated for credit.

#### 480. Independent Study in International Relations.

*Fall and Spring (3,3) Staff.*

Independent Study is an option for majors who have completed most of their major requirements and who have secured approval from a supervising instructor. An IR major can include no more than six hours of independent study. Forms for this purpose are available from the IR program or may be downloaded from the Program's web site.

#### 495-496. Senior Honors in International Relations.

*Fall, Spring (3,3) Staff.*

Students who wish to conduct an honors project must apply for admission to the Senior Honors program. As part of the application, students must submit a prospectus to the Charles Center by the end of classes in the academic semester before the project is to begin. A prospectus includes: (1) a clear statement of the problem to be researched; (2) a brief, critical review of scholarly literature on the research topic; (3) a description of the methodology to be employed; (4) and an approximate schedule of work. Eligible applicants must carry a 3.4 grade point average in International Relations and must also meet the College eligibility standard of 3.0 overall or in their junior year. For further information and an application, contact the Charles Center.

Students admitted into the Senior Honors program in International Relations will enroll in these courses during both semesters of their senior year. Honors candidates are responsible for (1) formulating and completing a program of study in consultation with a faculty advisor; (2) meeting with the committee prior to the end of the first semester to present preliminary work, (3) preparation and presentation, by two weeks before the last day of classes in the spring semester, of an honors essay; and (4) satisfactory performance in a comprehensive oral examination which focuses on the subject matter of the honors essay. For College provisions governing admission to the Senior Honors program, see the discussion of major honors elsewhere in this catalog and the Charles Center web site.

#### 498. Internship.

*Fall and Spring (credits to be arranged) Staff.*

An internship offers work experience while providing opportunities to apply and develop ideas, languages and research techniques outside the classroom. Internships must be developed in cooperation with an on-site internship supervisor and a sponsoring William and Mary faculty member and must be approved in advance.

### Description of Major

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (INRL)

The International Relations major requires a minimum of thirty seven credits selected from the options listed under Parts A, B, C, D, and E below. In choosing courses, students are encouraged to work with their advisors to achieve an appropriate degree of substantive coherence across disciplines and analytical approaches. For example, a student might combine History 182 (African History) in Part E with Anthropology 335 (Peoples and Cultures of Africa) under Part C. Such choices should also be taken into consideration by the student in selecting the language(s) used to fulfill the language co-requisite.

**Part A: Core Curriculum (7 courses)**

Part A represents the core of the IR major, and includes basic requirements in Government, Economics, and History. All courses must be taken, and no substitutions are allowed. Prerequisites in (parentheses).

GOVT 204:	Introduction to International Politics
GOVT 328:	International Political Economy (GOVT 204)
GOVT 329: I	International Security (GOVT 204)
ECON 475:	International Trade Theory and Policy (ECON 101, 102, 303)
ECON 476:	International Finance Open Econ Macro (ECON 101, 102, 304)
HIST 192:	Global History since 1500
INRL 300/300D:	IR in Disciplinary Perspective (GOVT 204, HIST 192, ECON 101/102)

**Part B: Methods (1 course)**

Part B includes courses designed to familiarize students with the basic methodological tools of disciplines contributing to the IR major. Students who intend to write an Honors thesis in IR should select the methods course that provides the necessary tools to complete the thesis. It may be fulfilled with any of the following courses:

BUAD 231:	Statistics
GOVT 301:	Research Methods
GOVT 307:	Political Polling and Survey Analysis
ECON 307:	Principles and Methods of Statistics
PSYC 302:	Experimental Methods (201, 202, 301 prerequisites, 302L co-req.)
SOCL 352:	Methods of Social Research (Soc 250)
SOCL 353:	Social Statistics (Soc 250 or consent)

**Part C: Social and Cultural Contexts (1 course)**

Part C emphasizes the role that social and cultural contexts play in international relations, and exposes students to relevant disciplinary approaches. Students may fulfill part C with any of the following courses:

ANTH 330:	Caribbean Cultures (ANTH 202)
ANTH 335:	Peoples and Cultures of Africa
ANTH 338:	Native Cultures of Latin America
GOVT 312:	Politics of Developing Countries (GOVT 203)
GOVT 334:	Russian and Post-Soviet Politics
GOVT 335:	Politics of Eastern Europe
GOVT 336:	Governments and Politics of China and Japan
GOVT 337:	Politics in Africa
GOVT 338:	Latin American Politics and Government
GOVT 339:	Middle Eastern Political Systems
HIST 280:	West Africa
HIST 300:	The Caribbean
HIST 304:	Brazil
HIST 305:	History of Mexico
HIST 325:	Race, Culture, and Modernization in South Africa
HIST 328:	Modern Japanese History
HIST 329:	Modern Chinese History
HIST 330:	America and China: US-China Relations since 1784
HIST 332:	Modern Korean History
HIST 340:	Maroon Societies
HIST 370:	History of Britain since late 18th century

HIST 373:	East Central Europe
HIST 378:	The History of Russia since 1800
HIST 384:	The History of Germany since 1914
SOCL 312:	Comparative Sociology
SOCL 313:	Globalization and International Development

If students take more than one course from the Part C list, those courses may be used as electives to fulfill Part E.

**Part D: Capstone (1 course)**

To fulfill part D, each student must successfully complete one of the following:

INRL 495-496:	Senior Honors in International Relations
INRL 480:	Independent Study in International Relations (3 credits)
ECON 4XX, GOVT 4XX, HIST 4XX	(400-level seminar in contributing department; approved IR topics only)
INRL 498	Three credit directed internship in contributing department (approved IR topic only, and must not be Pass/Fail).

**Part E: Electives (2 courses)**

IR majors may choose any two courses from the list below, provided that no more than nine of the twelve total courses required for the concentration come from the economics and/or government department. All the courses in Part C listed above can also count as Part E courses.

ANTH 475:	Globalization, Democratization and Neoliberalisms
ANTH 476:	National Formations and Postcolonial Identities
BUAD 417:	International Banking and Trade Financing (BUAD 203, Econ 101, 102)
ECON 300:	Topics in Economics (approved IR topics only)
ECON 342:	Global Economic History (Econ 101, 102)
ECON 382:	Comparative Economics (Econ 101, 102)
ECON 400:	Topics in Economics (approved IR topics only)
ECON 474:	Seminar in International Economic Integration (ECON 303 304, and 475)
ECON 483:	Development Economics (ECON 303, 304)
GOVT 322:	Global Environmental Governance (GOVT 204)
GOVT 324:	U. S. Foreign Policy
GOVT 325:	International Organization (GOVT 204)
GOVT 326:	International Law (GOVT 204)
GOVT 327:	Intermediate International Relations Theory (GOVT 204)
GOVT 330:	Politics of European Cooperation (GOVT 204)
GOVT 391:	Topics in Government (International Relations topics only)
GOVT 433:	Theories of the International System
GOVT 482:	Geostrategic Thought
HIST 131:	Survey of Latin American History to 1824
HIST 132:	Survey of Latin American History, 1824 to present
HIST 142:	Survey of East Asian Civilization, 1600 to present
HIST 161:	History of South Asia
HIST 172:	The Modern Middle East II (1798-present)
HIST 181:	African History to 1800
HIST 182:	African History 1800 to the present
HIST 211/212:	Topics in History (only approved IR topics)

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HIST 223:	Pacific War
HIST 230:	History of Modern South Africa
HIST 231:	The Global Color Line
HIST 241:	European History, 1815-1914
HIST 242:	European History, 1914-1945
HIST 243:	Europe Since 1945
HIST 311/312:	Topics in History (only approved IR topics)
HIST 319:	The Nuclear World
HIST 325:	The Rise and Fall of Apartheid
HIST 431:	United States Immigration History
HIST 433:	U.S. Foreign Relations, 1763-1900
HIST 434:	U.S. Foreign Relations, 1900-present
HIST 435:	America and Vietnam
HIST 490/491:	Topics in History (International Relations topics only)
HIST 490C/491C:	Senior Colloquia in History (International Relations topics only)
INRL 390:	Topics in International Relations
INRL 480:	Independent Study
PSYC 470:	Topics in Psychology: Psychology of Peace Keeping (instructor permission required)
RELG 323:	Warfare and Ethics
SOCL 408:	Migration in Global Context
SOCL 427:	Globalization and the Environment
SOCL 430:	Comparative Studies in Gender and Work