

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

With the increasing importance of world issues to the United States, employment opportunities in government, international organizations and business continue to expand. Today there is an urgent need for college graduates with a strong background in international affairs. To meet this need, the University of Colorado offers a comprehensive and flexible interdisciplinary program in international affairs leading to the BA degree.

Requirements

Required Courses and Credits

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and a minimum of 51 credit hours of specified courses with a grade of C- or better (none may be taken pass/fail).

Lower-Division

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ECON 2010	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 2020	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
IAFS 1000	Global Issues and International Affairs	4
PSCI 2012	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PSCI 2223	Introduction to International Relations	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Upper-Division

Complete the requirements listed below for **functional area, geographic concentration, off-campus experience, foreign language and senior seminar**. IAFS 3000 Special Topics in International Affairs can be repeated up to 9 credit hours for different topics.

Functional Area (18 credit hours)

Students must complete one class in each of the four functional areas and complete two additional classes in any functional area. Students cannot apply more than four functional area classes from any one department.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Development and Culture (Functional Area I)		
ANTH 4020	Explorations in Anthropology (approved topics only)	3-6
ANTH 4500	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Socioeconomic Development	3
COMM 3410	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON 3784	Economic Development and Policy	3
ECON/GEOG 4292	Migration, Immigrant Adaptation, and Development	3
ECON 4774	Topics in Economic Development, History and Political Economy	3
ECON 4784	Economic Development	3
ECON 4794	Economic Growth	3
GEOG/WGST 3672	Who Runs the World? Sex, Power, and Gender in Geography	3
GEOG 3682	Geography of International Development	3

GEOG 3692	Introduction to Global Public Health	4
GEOG 4632	Development Geography	3
GEOG 4852	Health and Medical Geography	3
IAFS/JWST 3600	Contemporary Jewish Societies	3
IAFS/SCAN 3631	Arctic Society and Culture	3
IAFS/ENVS 3640	Data Analysis for Global Environmental Affairs	3
IAFS 3670/ GEOG 3622	Cities of the Global South	3
LING 3545	World Language Policies	3
MDST 3201	Media, Culture and Globalization (International Media Certificate students only)	3
MUEL 3862	Music and Global Health	3
PACS 3860	Environmental Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3
PSCI 4012	Global Development	3
PSCI 4732	Critical Thinking in Development	3
SOCY 3002	Population and Society	3
SOCY/WGST 3012	Gender and Development	3
SOCY 4007	Global Human Ecology	3
SOCY 4052	Social Inequalities in Health	3
WGST 3500	Global Gender Issues	3
WGST 4300	Sex, Power, Politics: International Perspectives	3

International Economics, Business, Political Economy (Functional Area II)

ECON 3403	International Economics and Policy	3
ECON 3545	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 4413	International Trade	3
ECON 4423	International Finance	3
ECON 4504	The New Institutional Economics: Institutions, Contracts and Economic Outcomes	3
ECON 4545	Environmental Economics	3
FNCE 4060	Special Topics in Finance	1-6
INBU 3300	International Business and Management	3
INBU 3450	International Business and Marketing	3
INBU 4200	International Financial Management	3
PSCI 3092	Comparative Political Economy	3
PSCI 3213	International Political Economy	3

Political Geography, International Security, Foreign Policy (Functional Area III)

ANTH/JWST 4580	The Holocaust: An Anthropological Perspective	3
GEOG 3742	Place, Power, and Contemporary Culture	3
GEOG 4712	Political Geography	3
GEOG 4742	Topics in Environment and Society (approved topics only)	3
GEOG 4762	Geographies of Political Islam: Empire, Terror and Revolution	3
HIST 4050	A Global History of World War II	3
HIST 4126	History of U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1941	3

HIST 4146	U.S. Military History since 1898	3
HIST 4166	The Vietnam War in Politics and Culture	3
IAFS 3010	Islam, Geopolitics and Society: Gender, Identity and Place	3
IAFS 3500/ HIST 4190	French Connections: Contemporary France and America in Historical Context (Global Seminar)	3
IAFS/JWST 3650	History of Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
PACS 3800	Security Studies	3
PHIL 3190	War and Morality	3
PSCI 3123	War, Peace, and Strategic Defense	3
PSCI 3143	Current Affairs in International Relations	3
PSCI 3163	American Foreign Policy	3
PSCI 3193	International Behavior	3
International Institutions, Rights and Norms (Functional Area IV)		
ANTH 4525	Global Islams	3
HIST 4820	Human Rights: Historical Perspectives	3
IAFS 3630/ SCAN 3301	Radical Nationalism in Contemporary Northern Europe	3
INVS 4402	Nonviolent Social Movements	3
JRNL 4411	International Media and Global Crises (International Media Certificate students only)	3
MUEL 3882	Music and Violence	3
PACS 3540	Migration, Human Rights, and Conflict in the Mediterranean	3
PACS 3850	International Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding	3
PACS 3870	Nonviolent Civil Resistance: Movements and Strategies	3
PHIL 3260	Philosophy and the International Order	3
PRLC 3810	Global Issues in Leadership	3
PSCI 3062	Revolution and Political Violence	3
PSCI 4173	International Cooperation and Global Anarchy	3
PSCI 3183	International Law	3
PSCI 4252	Politics of Ethnicity and Nationalism	3
PSCI 4783	Global Issues	3
SOCY/ENVS 4027	Inequality, Democracy, and the Environment	3
SOCY 4121	Sociology of Religion	3
WGST 3220	Women in Islam	3
WGST 3712	Topics in Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (SS)	3
WGST 4000	Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies	3
WGST 4010/ SOCY 4000	Gender, Genocide and Mass Trauma	3
WGST 4500/ PSCI 4391	Gender Politics and Global Activism	3

Geographic Concentration (9 credit hours)

Students are required to complete three classes concentrating on one of the four following global regions: Africa/Middle East,

Asia, Europe/Eurasia or Latin America. Students should choose a geographic concentration and a language appropriate to that geographic concentration no later than the beginning of their junior year.

Geographic concentration coursework should be mainly in the social sciences, must include one course in contemporary history and can include a maximum of three credit hours of regional literature and arts (taught in the foreign language whenever possible). See the International Affairs Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/iafs/>) website for geographic concentration courses.

Off-Campus Experience (3 credit hours)

Complete 3 upper-division credit hours to fulfill the Off-Campus Experience from one of: IAFS 4930 Internship in International Affairs; a CU Boulder study abroad course; a CU in DC course; or other credit-bearing off-campus experience approved by the program. The 3 credits that fulfill the Off-Campus Experience requirement cannot be applied to any other International Affairs major requirement. Fulfillment of the Off-Campus Experience through study abroad is subject to the student's final transcript from the Office of Education Abroad. Students should contact their advisor (<https://www.colorado.edu/iafs/student-resources/advising/>) with questions.

Language Requirement

A third-year, university-level proficiency in a foreign language appropriate to the geographic concentration is required. This requirement may be met by completion of one or two semester-long, third year, university-level grammar courses (depending on the language) with a grade of C- or better, while also satisfying language department requirements for advancement through the sequence. See the International Affairs Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/iafs/>) website for more information.

Senior Seminar

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose one of the following:		
IAFS 4500	The Post-Cold War World	3
IAFS 4800	Honors Seminar in International Affairs	
PACS 4500	Senior Seminar in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies (for IAFS majors in PACS only)	

Total Credit Hours 3

Recommendations

- All international affairs majors should have a good command of the English language.
- Students should choose electives with a view to their relevance to this program or usefulness as prerequisites for upper-division work.
- Students in international affairs are encouraged to consider the possibility of participating in one of the Study Abroad programs affiliated with the University of Colorado. Students wishing to participate in such a program should contact their advisor to work out an appropriate program.
- Internships are a useful experience for students seeking a career in international affairs. The Internship in International Affairs (IAFS 4930) provides the opportunity to earn academic credit for appropriate internships in the field. This course is generally offered during the spring and fall semesters and during summer sessions. Interested sophomores, juniors or seniors should consult with the director of the Internship Program. An application is required for admission to the Internship Program; see the International Affairs

Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/iafs/>) website for more details. IAFS 4930 could count for the Off-Campus Experience with approval from the internship director.

- The IAFS Honors Program offers the opportunity to learn and apply research skills for a select number of IAFS majors. Entry into the IAFS Honors Program is limited to seniors with a 3.40 major GPA and a 3.30 overall GPA. The Honors Seminar in International Affairs (IAFS 4800—offered each fall semester) provides instruction in research methods and facilitates the development of a sound research project. Research continues into the spring semester under the guidance of individual faculty members and through the continuation course, Honors in International Affairs (IAFS 4810). Interested and eligible students should consult with their academic advisor and the director of the Honors Program before spring break of their junior year. An application is required for admission to the Honors Program; see the International Affairs Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/iafs/>) website for more details. IAFS 4810 could count for either an upper-division functional area and/or a geographic concentration class with approval from the honors director.
- Students interested in international affairs may want to consider the Global Studies Residential Academic Program offered through the residence halls. See Residential Academic Programs for information.
- International affairs majors who wish to minor in political science must apply the following additional rules:
 - No more than 9 credit hours toward the PSCI minor can come from courses that count toward another major
 - International affairs majors must take at least one upper-division course in American politics and one course (lower- or upper-division) in political theory, in addition to the regular minor requirements.

The specific courses that may be counted to meet the requirements in this program are determined by the committee on international affairs and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Graduating in Four Years

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in international affairs, students should meet the following requirements:

- Declare the major by the beginning of the second semester
- Begin language study by the third semester
- Complete the lower-division requirements by the end of the sophomore year
- Begin geographic concentration courses in first semester of the junior year
- Begin upper-division general international affairs requirements in the first semester of the junior year
- Successfully complete any remaining major requirements by the end of the eighth semester
- See your IAFS advisor by the end of sophomore year to plan study abroad, the Off-Campus Experience, and language requirements

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

Through the required coursework for the major, students will fulfill all 12 credits of the Social Sciences area of the Gen Ed Distribution

Requirement. Depending on the courses selected within the major, students can also potentially complete some or all credits toward the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement and both categories in the Gen Ed Diversity Requirement.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Year One		
Fall Semester		
IAFS 1000	Global Issues and International Affairs	4
PSCI 2223	Introduction to International Relations	3
Beginning Foreign Language 1 (if needed, does not fulfill IAFS major course requirements)		4-5
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)		3
Credit Hours		14-15
Spring Semester		
ECON 2010	Principles of Microeconomics	4
Beginning Foreign Language 2 (if needed, does not fulfill IAFS major course requirements)		4-5
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)		4
Credit Hours		15-16
Year Two		
Fall Semester		
ECON 2020	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
Intermediate Foreign Language 1 (If needed; does not fulfill IAFS major course requirements)		3-5
Gen. Ed Distribution/Diversity course (example: Arts & Humanities/US Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective or MAPS		3
Credit Hours		16-18
Spring Semester		
PSCI 2012	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Intermediate Foreign Language 2 (If needed; does not fulfill IAFS major course requirements)		3-5
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Arts & Humanities)		3
Elective or MAPS if needed		3
Credit Hours		15-17
Year Three		
Fall Semester		
Upper-Division Foreign Language (if needed; see IAFS website for options)		3-5
IAFS Functional Area 1 - Development & Culture, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)		3
IAFS Functional Area 2 - International Economics, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)		3
IAFS Concentration requirement - Contemporary History (see IAFS website for options)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)		3
Credit Hours		15-17

Spring Semester

Upper-Division Foreign Language (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-5
IAFS Functional Area 3 - Political Geography, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)	3
IAFS Functional Area 4 - International Institutions, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Arts & Humanities/Global Perspective)	3
IAFS Concentration requirement - Africa/Middle East, Asia, Europe/Eurasia, or Latin America (see IAFS website for options)	3
Credit Hours	15-17

Year Four**Fall Semester**

IAFS 4500 or IAFS 4800 Senior Seminar	3
IAFS Additional Functional Area (1 of 2 required; see IAFS website for options)	3
IAFS Concentration requirement - Africa/Middle East, Asia, Europe/Eurasia, or Latin America (see IAFS website for options)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)	3
Credit Hours	15

Spring Semester

IAFS 4930	Internship in International Affairs (or other approved course to fulfill Off-Campus Experience if not studying abroad)	3
IAFS Additional Functional Area (2 of 2 required; see IAFS website for options)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Arts & Humanities) - Upper-division (if needed)		3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)		3
Elective if needed to reach 120 total credits		3-0
Credit Hours		15-12
Total Credit Hours		120-127

Learning Outcomes

The undergraduate degree in international affairs gives students the knowledge and skills to:

- Understand and examine fundamental issues, interdisciplinary theories, and approaches to the study of international affairs.
- Analyze international challenges from a political, economic, historical and cultural perspective.
- Consider issues related to a specific geographic region of the world, including historical factors that give rise to regional institutions and processes.
- Communicate, orally and in writing, about international affairs to scholars in the field and to a broader audience, including in other cultural contexts.
- Develop grammar-based proficiency in a foreign language.