

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 49–51 credit hours of specified courses with a grade of C- or better (none may be taken pass/fail).

Introductory Courses (10 credit hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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		10

In addition to introductory courses, complete the requirements listed below for:

- Functional area
- Geographic concentration
- Economics/methods
- Off-campus experience
- Foreign language
- 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 are required to complete one upper division class in each of the four functional areas and complete two additional upper division 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	International Development: Economics, Power, and Place	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 4283	International Migration and Policy	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	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 US 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
PSCI 4243	Modern Warfare: Terrorism, Ideology, Identity	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 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 3183	International Law	3
PSCI 4173	International Organizations	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 4010/ SOCY 4000	Gender, Genocide and Mass Trauma	3

WGST 4500/ PSCI 4391	Gender Politics and Global Activism	3
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Geographic Concentration (9 credit hours)

Students are required to complete three upper-division 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).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Africa/Middle East Geographic Concentration		
ANTH 3100	Africa: Peoples and Societies in Change (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
ANTH 4630	Nomadic Peoples of East Africa	3
ARAB/WGST 3410	Gender, Sexuality and Culture in the Modern Middle East	3
ARAB 3340	Representing Islam	3
FREN 3800	France and the Muslim World	3
GEOG 4762	Geographies of Political Islam	3
GEOG 3862	Global Africa: Environment, Development, and Culture	3
HIST 4218	Lost Kingdoms & Caliphates: West Africa to 1900 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4238	History of Southern Africa (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4258	Africa under European Colonial Rule (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4328	The Modern Middle East, 1600 to the Present (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4329	Islam in the Modern World: Revivalism, Modernism, and Fundamentalism, 1800-2001 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4339	Borderlands of the British Empire (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4349	Decolonization of the British Empire (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4359	The Global History of Modern Arabia (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
IAFS 3010	Islam, Geopolitics and Society: Gender, Identity and Place	3
IAFS 3520/ JWST 4302	Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel	6
IAFS/RLST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul	3
IAFS/JWST 3650	History of Arab-Israeli Conflict (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
PHIL 3040	African Philosophy: Personhood and Morality	3

PSCI 3082	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	PSCI 4052	Chinese Politics (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
PSCI 4242	Middle Eastern Politics	3	RLST 3060	Fundamentalism and Islam	3
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RLST 3100	Judaism	3	RLST 3300	Foundations of Buddhism	3
WGST 3520	Gender and Sexuality in Africa	3	RLST 3800	Chinese Religions	3
<i>Africa/Middle East Regional Literature and Arts</i>			WGST/HIST 4619	Women in East Asian History (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
ARAB 3231	In the Footsteps of Travelers: Travel Writing in Arabic Lit	3	<i>Asia Regional Literature and Arts</i>		
ARAB 3330	The Arabic Novel	3	CHIN 4110	Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese 1	3
FREN 4170	Francophone Literature	3	CHIN 4120	Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese 2	3
Asia Geographic Concentration			JPNS 3881	Environment, Nature and Disaster in Japanese Literature and Culture	3
ANTH 3160	Peoples of the South Pacific (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	JPNS 4110	Advanced Readings in Modern Japanese 1	3
ANTH 4750	Culture and Society in South Asia	3	JPNS 4120	Advanced Readings in Modern Japanese 2	3
ANTH 4760	Ethnography of Southeast Asia and Indonesia	3	Europe/Eurasia Geographic Concentration		
GEOG 3822	China's Diverse Geographies: Environment, Society, Politics	3	ECON 4514	Economic History of Europe (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4109	World War II in Asia and the Pacific (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	FREN 3500	French Current Events: Conversation and Composition	3
HIST 4339	Borderlands of the British Empire (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	FREN 3800	France and the Muslim World	3
HIST 4349	Decolonization of the British Empire (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	GEOG 3882	Geography of the Former Soviet Union	3
HIST 4528	Islam in South and Southeast Asia (1000 to the Present) (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	GRMN 3150	Issues in German Politics, Literature and Media	3
HIST 4538	History of Modern India (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	GRMN/WGST 4301	Gender, Race and Immigration in Germany and Europe	3
HIST 4548	Women in Modern India (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4053	Britain and the Empire, 1688-1964 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4558	Buddha to Gandhi: A History of Indian Nonviolence (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4233	History of France since 1815 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4628	Modern China: Collapse of Imperial Brilliance, 1644-1949 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4412	Europe, 1890-1945 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4638	Contemporary China: Radicalism and Reform, 1949 to Present (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4422	World War I in Europe (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4648	Inventing Chinese Modernity, 1800 to Present (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4423	German History 1848-1989: Weimar Republic, Nazism, State Socialism (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4658	China and Islam from the 7th Century to the 20th Century (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4424	Modern European Thought and Culture, 1870-Present (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4728	Japan's Empire: Birth and Death (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4433	Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
HIST 4758	Japan after World War II (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4442	Europe since 1945 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
PSCI 3072	Government and Politics in Southeast Asia (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4623	History of Eastern Europe Since 1914 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
PSCI 3102	South Asian Politics	3	HIST 4723	Imperial Russia (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
PSCI 4022	Chinese Foreign Policy (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	HIST 4733	The Russian Revolution and the Soviet Regime (fulfills Contemporary History)	3

IAFS 3500/ HIST 4190	French Connections: Contemporary France and America in Historical Context (fulfills Contemporary History, Global Seminar)	3	PSCI 3052/ WGST 3650	Gender and Politics in Latin America (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
IAFS 3621/ REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present	3	PSCI 4012	Global Development	3
IAFS 3622/ REES 4871	Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict	3	PSCI 4792	Issues in Latin American Politics (fulfills Contemporary History)	3
IAFS 3630/ SCAN 3301	Radical Nationalism in Contemporary Northern Europe	3	SOCY 3161	Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity	3
IAFS/SCAN 3631	Arctic Society and Culture	3	SPAN/PORT 3220	Latin American Culture: Spanish America and Brazil	3
IAFS/GRMN 3681	Refugees in German Culture	3	<i>Latin America Regional Literature and Arts</i>		
ITAL 4250/HIST 4313	History of Modern Italy (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	ANTH 4730	Latin American Politics and Culture through Film and Text	3
ITAL 4730	Italian Feminisms: Culture, Theory, and Narratives of Difference	3	SPAN 3340	20th Century Spanish American Literature	3
PSCI 3022	Russian Politics (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	SPAN 4180	Major Works and Trends in Literature and Culture in Latin America: 1900-Present	3
PSCI 3172	Democracy and Its Citizens in the US and EU	3	Economics/Methods (6–8 credit hours)		
PSCI 4002	Western European Politics (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	Students are required to complete 6–8 credit hours in economics/methods. Choose two courses from the following list. Some of the courses listed may have required or recommended prerequisites.		
PSCI 4062	East European Politics (fulfills Contemporary History)	3	Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSCI 4213	Europe and the International System	3	ANTH 4000	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
PSCI 4302	European Union Politics	3	ECON 2010	Principles of Microeconomics	4
REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present (Global Seminar)	3	ECON 2020	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
REES 4221	Stalinism: Culture and Society	3	GEOG 3023	Statistics and Geographic Data	4
REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations	3	GEOG 4023	Advanced Quantitative Methods for Spatial Data	4
REES/WGST 4471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures	3	IAFS/ENVS 3640	Data Analysis for Global Environmental Affairs	3
SPAN 3200	Spanish Culture	3	PSCI 2075	Quantitative Research Methods	3
<i>Europe/Eurasia Regional Literature and Arts</i>			PSCI 3035	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods	3
FREN 3120	Main Currents of French Literature 2	3	PSCI 3075	Applied Political Science Research	3
FREN 4480	20th Century French Novel	3	SOCY 2061	Introduction to Social Statistics	3
ITAL 3140	Main Current of Italian Culture and Literature 3	3	WGST 3020	Feminist Methods of Inquiry and Praxis	3
GRMN 3110		3	Off-Campus Experience (3 credit hours)		
REES 4210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture	3	Complete 3 upper-division credit hours to fulfill the off-campus experience requirement from one of the following: 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 requirement 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.		
RUSS 4230	Russian Cultural Idioms	3	Language Requirement		
SPAN 3310	20th Century Spanish Literature	3	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		
Latin America Geographic Concentration					
ANTH 3110	Ethnography of Mexico and Central America (fulfills Contemporary History)	3			
GEOG 3812	Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean (fulfills Contemporary History)	3			
GEOG 4812	Political Ecology & Latin America	3			
HIST 4118	History of Mexico to 1821 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3			
HIST 4128	The History of Modern Mexico Since 1821 (fulfills Contemporary History)	3			
PSCI 3032	Democracy, Inequality and Violence in Latin America (fulfills Contemporary History)	3			

for advancement through the sequence. See the International Affairs Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/iafs/>) website for more information.

Senior Seminar (3 credit hours)

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: Research in Conflict Contexts (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 introductory requirements and any lower-division economics/methods requirements by the end of the sophomore year
- Begin geographic concentration and any upper-division economic/methods courses by the first semester of the junior year
- Begin upper-division general international affairs requirements by 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. The off-campus experience should be completed in the third or fourth year through an Education Abroad program, IAFS 4930 with an approved internship, or other off-campus experience course approved by IAFS.

Year One

Fall Semester		Credit Hours
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		Credit Hours
Lower-division Economics/Methods course (if needed; see IAFS website for options)		3-4
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		14-16

Year Two**Fall Semester**

Lower-division Economics/Methods course (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-4
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	3

Credit Hours	15-18
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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	3

Credit Hours	15-17
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Year Three**Fall Semester**

Upper-Division Foreign Language (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-5
Upper-Division Economics/Methods course (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-4
IAFS Functional Area 1 - Development & Culture, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)	3
IAFS Geographic Concentration - Contemporary History (see IAFS website for options)	3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)	3

Credit Hours	15-18
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Spring Semester

Upper-Division Foreign Language (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-5
Upper-Division Economics/Methods course (if needed; see IAFS website for options)	3-4
IAFS Functional Area 2 - International Economics, e.g. (see IAFS website for options)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Arts & Humanities/Global Perspective)	3
IAFS Geographic Concentration - Africa/Middle East, Asia, Europe/Eurasia, or Latin America (see IAFS website for options)	3

Credit Hours	15-18
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Year Four**Fall Semester**

IAFS 4500 or IAFS 4800 Senior Seminar	3
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
IAFS Geographic Concentration - 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
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Credit Hours	18
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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 (1 of 2 required; see IAFS website for options)	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	0-3

Credit Hours	15-18
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Total Credit Hours	121-138
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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.