INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MAJOR (B.A.)

https://cola.unh.edu/international-affairs/program/ba/international-affairs-major

Description

International affairs is the focused study of global issues drawing on approaches from political science, history, economics, anthropology, and related fields. Students acquire the substantive knowledge, practical skills, and real-world experience to address critical issues in international affairs, such as war and diplomacy, climate change and biodiversity, human rights and women's rights, refugees and migration, and inequality and poverty.

Students can focus their studies in one of the following thematic tracks: global development and environment; international security; global ethnic, race, and diversity studies; global health and education; regional or transnational studies in the Middle East, Latin America, Africa, or Asia. The major in IA thus provides students theoretical approaches grounded in the empirical study of places and peoples.

Requirements

Degree Requirements
Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: Yes

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.
*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

All majors must complete 40 hours of IA core courses and departmentally approved IA electives, with a grade of C or better and a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

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<td>Global Issues in International Affairs</td>
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<td>IA 701</td>
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<td>Introduction to Educational Studies: Social Change and Education in Local and Global Contexts</td>
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<td>One course in Quantitative Reasoning and one course in Economics</td>
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Select one of the following Quantitative Reasoning Courses:
- EREC 525  Statistical Methods and Applications
- MATH 439  Statistical Discovery for Everyone
- POIT 405  Smart Politics
- PSYC 402  Statistics in Psychology
- SOC 402  Statistics

Select one of the following Economics Courses:
- ECON 401  Principles of Economics (Macro)
- ECON 402  Principles of Economics (Micro)
- EREC 411  Environmental and Resource Economics Perspectives

Choose 3 electives in a specific regional or thematic track (see list below).

Capstone Requirement (choose one of the following): variable
- Study Abroad
- Internship with International Dimension
- 600/700 level course from one of the thematic tracks

ELECTIVES

Select three electives in one of the following thematic tracks: Regional and Transnational Studies, Global Development and Environment, Global Ethnic, Race, and Diversity Studies, International Security, or Global Health and Education.

Regional and Transnational Studies

Complete three courses in a COLA interdisciplinary area studies minor. These include:
- African Studies
- Asian Studies
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies

Global Development and Environment

CMN 670  From Silicon Valley to Foxconn: Global Digital Capitalism
ECON 668  Economic Development
EDUC 520  Education, Poverty, and Development
ENGL 736  Environmental Theory
GEOG 550  Sub-Saharan Africa: Environmental Politics and Development
GEOG 560  Natural Hazards and Human Disasters
GEOG 584  Political Geography
GEOG 685  Population and Development
HIST 700  Special Topics in American Legal History
HIST 717  Seminar: Historical Expl
HIST 797  Colloquium
POIT 546  Wealth and Politics in Asia
POIT 549  The Politics of Markets
POIT 550  Comparative Government and Society
POIT 555  Politics in China
POCT 656  Politics of Poverty
POCT 761  Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
POCT 762  International Political Economy
SOC 659  Global Social Change

Global Ethnic, Race, and Diversity Studies

ANTH #450  Introduction to Race, Culture, and Power
ANTH 500  Peoples and Cultures of the World
ANTH 513  Ethnographic Methods
CLAS #550  Identities and Difference in the Ancient World: Slaves and Masters
CMN 620W  Global Media, Culture, and Power
CMN 596  Special Topics in Media Studies
CMN 772  Seminar in Media Theory
EDUC 550  Language and Linguistic Diversity in Schools
EDUC 525  Teaching Race
EDUC 797  Special Topics in Education
ENGL 581  Reading the Postcolonial Experience
HIST 444D  Slavery and Society in Pre-Colonial Africa
HIST 488  History of World Religions
HIST 588  History of Modern Africa: 1870 to the Present
HUMA 730  Special Studies
POIT 440A  Honors/GLOBAL Justice
POIT 561  Ethnicity, Violence, Democracy
SOCI 745  Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality

International Security

HIST 498  Explorations of Historical Perspectives
HIST 537  Espionage and History
HIST 609  Special Topics in American Legal History

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IA majors must demonstrate functional reading, writing, and speaking ability equivalent to an intermediate II level (504). Students may take placement tests to establish proficiency. Native second language speakers are exempt from this requirement - speak to an IA advisor. Language study may be pursued at UNH; through study abroad in the summer, J-term, or academic year; or through transfer credits from other institutions with the permission of an IA advisor.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Apply different disciplinary approaches to the study of international affairs, including key themes and theoretical frameworks employed in these disciplines;
- Use critical thinking skills to analyze and discuss important global issues;
- Engage with cultural diversity and complexity through the international experience;
- Demonstrate familiarity with different types of data and sources and their appropriate use in analyzing selected topics in international affairs;
- Demonstrate competence in research design. Students will develop inquiry-based research questions, conduct a literature review, employ appropriate methods and data collection, and interpret their findings accurately.