INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MAJOR (B.A.)

https://cola.unh.edu/political-science-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.

International Affairs majors may use two major-required courses to satisfy two Discovery Program category requirements.

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Select one introductory course from the following:

ANTH 411 Global Perspectives on the Human Condition: An Introduction to Anthropology
EDUC 402 Introduction to Educational Studies: Social Change and Education in Local and Global Contexts
GEOG 401 World Regions: Europe and the Americas
GEOG 402 World Regions: Asia and Africa
HIST 421 World History to the 16th Century
HIST 422 World History in the Modern Era
POLT 403 United States in World Affairs

Select one of the following options:

Option A:
Two courses in a world language

Option B:
One course in Quantitative Reasoning and one course in Economics from below

Quantitative Reasoning courses
EREC 525 Statistical Methods and Applications
MATH 439 Statistical Discovery for Everyone
POLT 595 Smart Politics
PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology
SOC 402 Statistics

Economics courses
ECON 401 Principles of Economics (Macro)
ECON 402 Principles of Economics (Micro)
EREC 411 Environmental and Resource Economics Perspectives

Electives
Select 3 courses in a specific regional or thematic track from the below elective course list. 12

Capstone
Select one of the following:

Study Abroad
Internship with International Dimension
600/700 level course from one of the thematic tracks

Elective Course List - Thematic Tracks

Select three electives in one of the following thematic tracks below:

Regional and Transnational Studies Track
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 Track

- CMN 670 From Silicon Valley to Foxconn: Global Digital Capitalism
- 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
- HIST 609 Special Topics in American Legal History
- HIST 690 Seminar: Historical Expl.
- HIST 797 Colloquium
- POLT #546 Wealth and Politics in Asia
- POLT 549 The Politics of Markets
- POLT 560 Comparative Government and Society
- POLT 566 Politics in China
- POLT #750 Politics of Poverty
- POLT #751 Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
- POLT 762 International Political Economy
- SOC 693 Global Change and Social Sustainability

Global Ethnic, Race, and Diversity Studies Track

- ANTH 500 Peoples and Cultures of the World
- ANTH 513 Ethnographic Methods
- CLAS 558B 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 483 History of World Religions
- HIST 588 History of Modern Africa: 1870 to the Present
- HUMA #730 Special Studies
- POLT 480A Honors/Global Justice
- POLT 561 Ethnicity, Violence, Democracy
- SOC 745 Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality

International Security Track

- CMN 598 From Silicon Valley to Foxconn: Global Digital Capitalism
- EDUC 520 Education, Poverty, and Development
- ENGL 736 Environmental Theory
- GEOG 550 Sub-Saharan Africa: Environmental Politics and Development
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### Global Health and Education Track

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### International Affairs Language Requirement

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.