INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR (B.A.)

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

Select one of the following 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

Select one of the following Economics Courses:
- ECON 401 Principles of Economics (Macros)
- 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 4668 Economic Development
- EDUX 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 609 Special Topics in American Legal History
- HIST 690 Seminar: Historical Exp
- HIST 797 Colloquium
- POLT 546 Wealth and Politics in Asia
- POLT 549 The Politics of Markets
- POLT 550 Comparative Government and Society
- POLT 556 Politics in China
- POLT 760 Politics of Poverty
- POLT 761 Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
- POLT 762 International Political Economy
- SOC 693 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 #508 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 440A Honors/GLOBAL Justice
- POLT 561 Ethnicity, Violence, Democracy
- SOC 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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HIST 620  Foreign Relations of the United States
HUMA 525  Humanities and the Law
POLT 546  People and Politics in Asia
POLT 559  Comparative Politics of the Middle East
POLT 560  World Politics
POLT 562  Strategy and National Security Policy
POLT 565  United States Policy in Latin America
POLT 566  Asian Challenge to Global Order
POLT 568  International Security
POLT 569  The Rise of China
POLT 592  Selected Topics in International Politics
POLT 740  States and Societies in the Middle East
POLT 742  Politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India
POLT 760  Theories of International Relations
POLT 778  International Organization
POLT 797E  Seminar in International Politics
SOC 565  Terrorism

Global Health and Education
ANTH 445  Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa
ANTH 545  Globalization and Global Population Health
EDUC 444B  Public Issues, Democratic Schooling & Active Citizenship in a Global Context
EDUC 520  Education, Poverty, and Development
EDUC 525  Teaching Race
EDUC 550  Language and Linguistic Diversity in Schools
EDUC 605  Educational Perspectives in Critical Times
GEOG 485  Population and Development
HIST 437H  Honors/The Mad Among Us: A Global History of Mental Disorder
HIST 440E  Honors/Drugs and Addiction in World History
HIST 498  Explorations of Historical Perspectives
POLT 548  Drug Wars

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.