

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, BACHELOR OF ARTS (702)

Program Coordinator

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The International Affairs major is designed to prepare students for success in a global society. It integrates the information, techniques and skills of several disciplines including political science, economics, history, geography, religion, and modern languages to study and understand the complexity of the international environment. Students graduating in international affairs pursue careers in international and public affairs, international business, diplomacy, public service, journalism and international humanitarian work.

Program Requirements (42 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
IA 250	International Politics	3
IA 260	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
IA 357	U S Foreign Policy	3
IA 497	Senior Seminar in International Affairs ¹	3
HIST 102	World History II	3
ECON 202 or ECON 203	Principles of Economics (Micro) Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography	3
Additional Courses		
Select 12 additional hours from the following:		12
Any IA prefix		
PS 301	Using Statistics in Political Science	
PS 302	Research Design in Political Science	
Electives		
Select 9 hours from the following, with no more than 6 hours from one academic discipline:		9
AFAM 343	Communities of Struggle	
AFAM 350	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	
ANTH 120	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 340	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America	
ANTH 342	Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean	
ANTH 350	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	

ANTH 360	Applied Anthropology – Understanding and Addressing Contemporary Human Problems
ARBC 202	Intermediate Arabic II
ARBC 306	Experiencing Arabic Abroad
ARBC 324	Arabic Civilization II
ARBC 437	Advanced Media Arabic
ARBC 438	Topics in Arabic Media
CHIN 202	Intermediate Chinese II
CHIN 306	Experiencing Chinese Abroad
CHIN 333	Chinese Culture and Civilization
CHNF 202	Intensive Intermediate Chinese II
CHNF 420	Media Chinese
CHNF 430	Chinese Culture
COMM 365	Intercultural Communication
ECON 380	International Economics
ECON 385	Economic Development
ECON 496	International Monetary Economics
FIN 433	Financial Markets and Institutions
FIN 436	International Financial Management
FLK 310	Community Traditions & Global Corporate Culture
FLK 340	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
FLK 342	Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean
FLK 350	Peoples and Cultures of Africa
FREN 202	Intermediate French II
FREN 306	Experiencing French Abroad
FREN 323	French Civilization and Culture
FREN 427	Francophone Culture
GERM 202	Intermediate German II
GERM 306	Experiencing German Abroad
GERM 335	Contemporary Culture and Civilization
GEOG 330	Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEOG 350	Sustainable Economic Development
GEOG 364	Geography of Europe
GEOG 385	Climate, Resources, & Society
GEOG 425	Political Geography
GEOG 455	Global Climate Change
GEOG 465	Geography of East Asia
HIST 200	Latin American Society: Past and Present
HIST 300	Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture
HIST 324	Modern Britain Since 1688
HIST 331	History of Africa Since 1500
HIST 333	History of Genocide
HIST 335	Twentieth Century Europe
HIST 365	Modern Latin America, 1800-Present
HIST 370	Modern South Asia: from Empires to Nations

HIST 380	Human Rights in History
HIST 423	A Global History of the First World War
HIST 461	Modern East Asia
HIST 426	Hitler and Nazi Germany
HIST 449	Korea and Vietnam
HIST 462	History of the Middle East
HIST 464	Latin America and the United States
HIST 465	The Mexican Republic
HIST 466	The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Local and Global Influences
HIST 471	Modern China
HIST 472	Modern Japan
HIST 494	U S Military History
MGT 303	International Business
MGT 316	International Management
MKT 324	International Marketing
PLS 375	Comparative Legal Systems
RELS 302	Buddhism
RELS 303	Hinduism
RELS 304	Judaism
RELS 305	Christianity
RELS 306	Islam
RELS 309	Global Christianity
RELS 319	Religions of Asia
RELS 322	Pilgrimage, Islam and Modernity
RELS 335	Islam, Sexuality, and Gender
SOCL 240	Global Social Problems
SOCL 355	Sociology of Gender
SOCL 363	Population, Society, and Development
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN 306	Experiencing Spanish Abroad
SPAN 372	Latin American Civilization and Culture
SPAN 373	Spanish Civilization and Culture

Total Hours 42

¹ Students are advised to take all core courses before enrolling in IA 497.

Additional baccalaureate degree requirements for students pursuing a major in International Affairs:

- A second major or minor is required.

Students pursuing a degree in international affairs are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program or an international internship experience.

Finish in Four Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
IA 250 or IA 260		3 IA 250 or IA 260	3
ENG 100		3 COMM 145	3
HIST 102		3 MATH 109 (or higher)	3

GEOG 110	3	World Language 101	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities	3	2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
		15	15
Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Approved PS Elective for IA		3 Approved PS Elective for IA	3
ECON 202 or ECON 203		3 Approved Non-PS Elective for IA	3
ENG 200 (or other approved Literary Studies course)		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences ¹	3
World Language 102		3 World Language 201	3
2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
		15	15
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Approved PS Elective for IA		3 IA 357	3
Approved Non-PS Elective for IA		3 Approved PS Elective for IA	3
ENG 300		3 Approved Non-PS Elective for IA ²	3
World Language 202		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences ³	3
2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
IA 497		3 Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3
Approved Non-PS Elective for IA		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course		3 2nd Major/Minor/ Elective Course	3
		15	15
Total Hours 120			