

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Degree: B.A., International Affairs

Department of Political Science and International Affairs (<https://cas.umw.edu/polisci/>)

The interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of contemporary international politics as well as with specific expertise in a given geographic area and/or sub-field focus. To this end, the major combines required courses that examine international affairs from a variety of disciplinary perspectives (i.e., economics, geography, history, and political science) with related field courses that permit students to pursue in depth their particular geographical and/or disciplinary interests. Students majoring in International Affairs have ample opportunities to pursue internships with the numerous governmental and non-governmental agencies as well as organized interests located in Washington, D.C., which focus on different aspects of contemporary international economic, political, and social issues.

Career opportunities for the major in International Affairs range from such traditional areas as work with government or private agencies engaged in research on foreign policy or intelligence issues to private sector work in consulting or international banking institutions.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
PSCI 101A	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSCI 102A	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 321A	Theories of International Relations	3
PSCI 350B or PSCI 351	Politics of Developing Countries International Political Economy	3
PSCI 356	American Foreign Policy	3
ECON 382 or ECON 384 or ECON 386	International Trade Economic Development International Finance	3
GEOG 338 or GEOG 339A	Geopolitics Development Studies	3
Additional 15 credits ¹		15
Students must take at least one (3 credit) elective in HIST		
Completion of one language through the intermediate level ²		
Total Credits		36

¹ Chosen by student and advisor from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: Economics, French, Geography, German, History, Italian, Political Science, Spanish.

² Except Latin or Greek

Effective for students matriculating Fall 2020 and beyond, completion of one Writing Intensive (WI) course and one Speaking Intensive (SI) course must be taken within the major.

General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply

to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of BLS general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the BLS degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

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