

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (B.A.)

Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS

Major Code: INR

Political Science, Public Administration and Planning

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International relations (IR) focuses on understanding the interactions and interconnectedness of nation-states and other non-state participants in international affairs. IR practitioners investigate the crucial global issues and agendas of our times such as international and intrastate conflicts, sustainable development, terrorism, foreign policy, international trade and economic integration, international development, and the protection of human dignity. IR is one of the fastest growing disciplines within political science, and is the second largest IR discipline next to American politics.

The IR program challenges students to think with diverse world views and intense study of current global events. The program equips students for future careers in foreign service, nonprofit work, international business, and global governance. It also offers training in foreign language skills, analytic empirical analysis skills, and international field experience either through an internship or a study-abroad program.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)		
33 credit hours		33
International Relations Major Requirements (48 credit hours)		
<i>Required Courses (24 credit hours)</i>		
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 104	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	3
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PSC 330	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	3
PSC 352	HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT II	3
PSC 399	RESEARCH SKILLS	3
PSC 470	SENIOR SEMINAR	3

or PSC 488 INTERNSHIP		
<i>Area Studies Electives (6 credit hours)</i>		
Select two from the following:		6
PSC 240	EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS	
or PSC 340 GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION		
PSC 333	AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSC 335	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
or PSC 340 POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST		
PSC 340	POLITICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	
GEG 360	GEOGRAPHY OF ASIA	
<i>Concentrations (12 credit hours)</i>		
Students are required to complete one of the following concentrations:		12
Peace and Conflict (p. 1)		
Sustainable Development (p. 2)		
<i>Electives (0-6 credit hours)</i>		
Students who receive foreign language exemptions should take additional International Relations or Comparative courses.		0-6
Note: Courses not used to fulfill Area Studies Electives and Concentrations may also be used as general electives in International Relations.		
PSC 495	SPECIAL PROJECT	
PSC 497	WASHINGTON SEMESTER	
PSC 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
All College Electives		
44-50 credit hours		44-50
Total Credit Hours		120

Peace and Conflict Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select four from the following:		12
PSC 210	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	
PSC 302	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION	
PSC 308	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSC 309	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	

PSC 337	POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION
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Total Credit Hours	12
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Sustainable Development Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Select four from the following:	12
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GEG 101	WORLD NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS	
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GEG 300	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	
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GEG 307	CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	3
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GEG 478	GLOBAL CHANGE	
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PSC 305	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
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Total Credit Hours	15
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Students will:

1. be able to select and critically evaluate existing literature in a given topic area of International Relations.
2. demonstrate mastery of research report writing.
3. demonstrate the ability to generate a scientific hypothesis in a given area of International Relations.
4. be able to apply appropriate statistical techniques for a given research design.
5. demonstrate the rudimentary skills to design and implement research to test scientific hypotheses.
6. demonstrate the ability to apply valid conclusions based on topic area, hypothesis, review of literature, and study outcomes.
7. demonstrate an understanding of the major historical schools of thought and approaches in International Relations.
8. demonstrate global awareness and engagement skills.