

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (B.A.)

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**Political Science Department  
Bachelor of Arts (HEGIS 2207)**

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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
Intellectual Foundations Requirements ( <a href="http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses">http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses</a> )		
33-39 credit hours		33-39
<b>International Relations Major Requirements (48 credit hours)</b>		
<i>Required Courses (24 credit hours)</i>		
PSC 101	INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	3
PSC 203	POLITICAL ANALYSIS	3
PSC 204	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PSC 230	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	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
GEG 364	GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE	
PSC 240	EUROPEAN POLITICAL SYSTEMS	
or PSC 34	GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	
PSC 333	AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSC 335	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
or PSC 34	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
PSC 336	LATIN AMERICA IN WORLD POLITICS	
PSC 340	POLITICS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	
PSC 342	RUSSIAN POLITICS	
GEG 360	GEOGRAPHY OF ASIA	

*Concentrations (12 credit hours)*

Students are required to complete one of the following concentrations: 12

Peace and Conflict (p. 1)

Sustainable Development (p. 2)

*Electives (0-6 credit hours)*

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.

INE 390	STUDY ABROAD (INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION)	
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	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Sustainable Development Concentration

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Select four from the following:		12
GEG 101	WORLD NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS	
GEG 300	WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY	
GEG 303 or GEG 304	GLOBAL CLIMATOLOGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	
GEG 478	GLOBAL CHANGE	
PSC 305	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>