

International Relations

The objective of the International Relations concentration is to foster creative thinking about pressing global problems and to equip students with the analytic tools, language expertise, and cross-cultural understanding to guide them in that process. To this end, the concentration draws on numerous departments including political science, history, economics, anthropology, sociology, psychology, religious studies, and area studies. The IR concentration is organized around a multidisciplinary core and two sub-themes: security and society, and political economy and society. It has a three-year language requirement that must be linked to the student's selected region of the world. All concentrators are required to undertake a capstone project using research in a second language. **The International Relations concentration will only accept new declarations through the class of 2023. Students in any class year can learn more about the new concentration (<https://watson.brown.edu/iapa/about/faqs/>) in International and Public Affairs.**

Requirements

The IR concentration will be available to students graduating through the class of 2023.

The IR concentration requires 14 courses and the equivalent of 3 years study of a second language. Regardless of track, all IR concentrators must take all five core courses, research methods, regional focus, and capstone courses.

Security and Society track

Core Courses

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Students must take 5 core courses, preferably during freshman or sophomore year. AP credit does not count toward the concentration.

ANTH 0110	Anthropology and Global Social Problems: Environment, Development, and Governance
ECON 0110	Principles of Economics
POLS 0400	Introduction to International Politics
or POLS 0200	Introduction to Comparative Politics
SOC 1620	Globalization and Social Conflict
Plus 1 History course from the following:	
HIST 0150A	History of Capitalism
HIST 0203	Modern Africa: From Empire to Nation-State
HIST 0218	The Making of Modern East Asia
HIST 0244	Understanding the Middle East: 1800s to the Present
HIST 0270B	From the Columbian Exchange to Climate Change: Modern Global Environmental History
HIST 1121	The Modern Chinese Nation: An Idea and Its Limits

Track Requirements (five courses distributed between the sub-themes):

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Governance and Diplomacy (two or three courses):

COLT 1812V	War, Anti-War, Postwar: Culture and Contestation in the Americas
CSCI 1800	Cybersecurity and International Relations
ENVS 0160	Migration and Borders in a Time of Climate Crisis
ENVS 1575	Engaged Climate Policy at the UN Climate Change Talks
FREN 1900H	La France en guerre
GNSS 1960M	Sense and Scientific Sensibility: Beyond Vision, From the Scientific Revolution to Now

HIST 0150C	Locked Up: A Global History of Prison and Captivity
HIST 0276	A Global History of the Atomic Age
HIST 0523B	State Surveillance in History
HIST 0559A	Culture and U.S. Empire
HIST 1972H	U.S. Human Rights in a Global Age
HMAN 1971T	Law, Nationalism, and Colonialism
IAPA 1203	History of American Intervention
IAPA 1205	International Law
IAPA 1807A	International Journalism: Foreign Reporting in Practice
IAPA 1801A	History of American Intervention
IAPA 1802A	Bilateral and Multilateral Policy and Diplomacy
IAPA 1804A	Iran and the Islamic Revolution
IAPA 1814A	Roots of Crisis in Central America
IAPA 1815A	Computers, Freedom and Privacy: Current Topics in Law and Policy
ITAL 0751	When Leaders Lie: Machiavelli in International Context
POBS 1601C	From Dictatorship to Democracy in the Iberian Peninsula: Transformations and Current Challenges
POLS 1020	Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
POLS 1220	Politics in Russia and Eastern Europe
POLS 1260	Maps and Politics
POLS 1360	U.S. Gender Politics
POLS 1380	Ethnic Politics and Conflict
POLS 1390	Global Governance
POLS 1410	International Security in a Changing World
POLS 1430	Roots of Radical Islam
POLS 1440	Security, Governance and Development in Africa
POLS 1475	War and Peace
POLS 1480	Theory of International Relations
POLS 1485	Global Justice
POLS 1500	The International Law and Politics of Human Rights
POLS 1550	War and Politics
POLS 1560	American Foreign Policy
POLS 1820H	Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
POLS 1820N	International Relations in Europe
POLS 1821M	War in Film and Literature
POLS 1821P	Political Psychology of International Relations
POLS 1822A	Nuclear Weapons and International Politics
POLS 1822I	Geopolitics of Oil and Energy
POLS 1822J	Ethics of War and Peace
POLS 1822K	Laws of Violence
POLS 1822L	Comparative Constitutional Law
POLS 1822R	The Politics of Food Security
POLS 1822U	War and Human Rights
POLS 1822X	Technology and International Politics
POLS 1823D	War and Peace in International Society
POLS 1823E	Market Democracy in Chile
POLS 1823F	Between Colonialism and Self-Determination: A History of the International Order
POLS 1823Q	Democratic Theory and Globalization

POLS 1824B	Post Conflict Politics	POLS 1530	Gender, Slavery, and Freedom
POLS 1823Y	Global Governance	POLS 1820X	Democratic Erosion
POLS 1824Q	The International Politics of Climate Change	POLS 1821L	International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia
POLS 1824T	Foreign Policy in the People's Republic of China	POLS 1822F	Social Movements and Struggles for Justice
SOC 0300G	Populations in Danger	POLS 1823G	Women and War
SOC 1872L	20th Century World – A Sociology of States and Empires	POLS 1823N	Nationalism: Problems, Paradoxes and Power
Society (two or three courses):			
AMST 1600C	The Anti-Trafficking Savior Complex: Saints, Sinners, and Modern-Day Slavery	POLS 1823V	Politics of Ethnic Conflict
ANTH 0302	Anthropology of Gender and Globalization	POLS 1824W	Political Violence
ANTH 1224	Human Trafficking, Transnationalism, and the Law	RELS 0068	Religion and Torture
ANTH 1229	Democracy and Difference: Political Anthropology, Citizenship and Multiculturalism	RELS 0090E	Faith and Violence
ANTH 1230	Political Anthropology	RELS 0600C	Radical Islam (?)
ANTH 1232	War and Society	RELS 0841	Far-Right Religious Terrorism
ANTH 1233	Ethnographies of Global Connection: Politics, Culture and International Relations	RELS 1380C	Law and Religion
ANTH 1244	Religion and Secularism: Affinities and Antagonisms	RELS 1610	Sacred Sites: Law, Politics, Religion
ANTH 1251	Violence and the Media	Research Methods 1	
ANTH 1310	International Health: Anthropological Perspectives	Prior to 7th semester. Quantitative or qualitative course from the following approved list.	
ANTH 1411	Nations within States	ANTH 1151	Ethnographies of the Muslim Middle East
ANTH 1412	Anthropology of State Power and Powerlessness	ANTH 1940	Ethnographic Research Methods
ANTH 1910E	Media and the Middle East	APMA 0650	Essential Statistics
ANTH 1910G	Senior Seminar: Politics and Symbols	APMA 1650	Statistical Inference I
COLT 1440F	1948 Photo Album: From Palestine To Israel	CLPS 0900	Statistical Methods
COLT 1812I	Collective Struggles and Cultural Politics in the Global South	ECON 1620	Introduction to Econometrics
ENGL 0200F	How We Became Machines	ECON 1630	Mathematical Econometrics I
ENGL 0500G	Literature and Revolutions, 1640-1840	EDUC 1100	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
FREN 1900H	La France en guerre	EDUC 1110	Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis
HIST 0150D	Refugees: A Twentieth-Century History	POLS 0500	Foundations of Political Analysis
HIST 1080	Humanitarianism and Conflict in Africa	POLS 1600	Political Research Methods
HIST 1969B	Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II	SOC 1020	Methods of Social Research
HIST 1969A	Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples I	SOC 1050	Methods of Research in Organizations
HIST 1974J	Decolonizing Minds: A People's History of the World	SOC 1100	Introductory Statistics for Social Research
HMAN 1970K	Law and Religion	Regional Focus 2	
IAPA 0100	Global Health, Humanitarianism, and Inequality	Both courses must be on the same area. Students are required to link these to language study.	
IAPA 1803A	Rwanda Past and Present	Language	
IAPA 1809C	Senior Thesis Preparation	Three years university study or equivalent. Must correspond to region.	
IAPA 1811A	Humanitarianism in Uniform	Capstone Course, from the following options: 1	
IAPA 1813A	Revolutions that Changed the World	Must be taken senior year. Must incorporate language skills. Students may choose from the following:	
JUDS 0902	History of the Holocaust	ANTH 1910G	Senior Seminar: Politics and Symbols
MCM 1202J	Faking Globalization: Media, Piracy and Urbanism	FREN 1900H	La France en guerre
MCM 1502P	Nation and Identity in Cinema	HIST 1969B	Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II
POBS 1600I	The End of Empires? A Global History of Decolonization	HIST 1974J	Decolonizing Minds: A People's History of the World
POBS 1601A	The Birth of the Modern World: A Global History of Empires	HMAN 1970K	Law and Religion
POLS 1380	Ethnic Politics and Conflict	IAPA 1804A	Iran and the Islamic Revolution
		IAPA 1806A	Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
		IAPA 1810A	Perspectives in Human Capital: Investing in Women as a Strategy for Global Growth
		IAPA 1808A	Risk, Regulation and the Comparative Politics of Finance
		IAPA 1809A	The International Politics of Organized Crime
		IAPA 1811A	Humanitarianism in Uniform

POLS 1821L	International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia
POLS 1823G	Women and War
IAPA 1816A	Senior Honors Seminar
POLS 1820H	Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
POLS 1822I	Geopolitics of Oil and Energy
POLS 1822U	War and Human Rights
POLS 1822X	Technology and International Politics
POLS 1823I	Urban Politics and Policy
POLS 1823Q	Democratic Theory and Globalization
POLS 1824B	Post Conflict Politics
Total Credits	

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Political Economy and Society Track

Core Courses

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HIST 1121	The Modern Chinese Nation: An Idea and Its Limits

Track Requirements (five courses from distributed between the sub-themes):

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Economics (two or three courses): All students MUST take Micro and Macro

ECON 1110	Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 1210	Intermediate Macroeconomics
Plus an International Economics course:	
ECON 0510	Development and the International Economy
ECON 0520	The Economics of Gender Equality and Development
ECON 1450	Economic Organizations and Economic Systems
ECON 1500	Current Global Macroeconomic Challenges
ECON 1510	Economic Development
ECON 1530	Health, Hunger and the Household in Developing Countries
ECON 1540	International Trade
ECON 1550	International Finance
ECON 1560	Economic Growth
ECON 1570	The Economics of Latin Americans
ECON 1590	The Economy of China since 1949
ECON 1760	Financial Institutions

ECON 1850	Theory of Economic Growth
Political Economy (two or three courses):	
ANTH 0450	Inequality, Sustainability, and Mobility in a Car-Clogged World
ANTH 1020	AIDS in Global Perspective
ANTH 1320	Anthropology and International Development: Ethnographic Perspectives on Poverty and Progress
ANTH 1324	Money, Work, and Power: Culture and Economics
ECON 1350	Environmental Economics and Policy
ECON 1486	The Economic Analysis of Political Behavior
ENVS 0510	International Environmental Law and Policy
ENVS 1350	Environmental Economics and Policy
ENVS 1355	Environmental Issues in Development Economics (ECON 1355)
ENVS 1720	Environmental Justice: The Science and Political Economy of Environmental Health and Social Justice
ENVS 1755	Globalization and the Environment
ENVS 1925	Energy Policy and Politics
ETHN 1890C	Business, Culture, and Globalization: An Ethnographic Perspective
HIST 0150A	History of Capitalism
HMAN 1970G	International Perspectives on NGOs, Public Health, and Health Care Inequalities
IAPA 1401	Economic Development in Latin America
IAPA 1806A	Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
IAPA 1204	The Political Economy of Strategy: From the Financial Revolution to the Revolution in Military Affa
IAPA 1805A	Politics of International Finance
IAPA 1808A	Risk, Regulation and the Comparative Politics of Finance
IAPA 1810A	Perspectives in Human Capital: Investing in Women as a Strategy for Global Growth
POLS 1020	Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
POLS 1150	Prosperity: The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation
POLS 1200	Reimagining Capitalism
POLS 1210	Latin American Politics
POLS 1240	Politics, Markets and States in Developing Countries
POLS 1280	Politics, Economy and Society in India
POLS 1415	Classics of Political Economy
POLS 1420	Money and Power in the International Political Economy
POLS 1450	Development in Theory and Practice
POLS 1460	International Political Economy
POLS 1465	Introduction to Political Economy
POLS 1490	Building a Better World: Film and Social Change
POLS 1540	Politics of Nuclear Weapons
POLS 1730	Politics of Globalization
POLS 1820H	Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
POLS 1821O	Politics of Economic Development in Asia
POLS 1821X	The Politics of Social Welfare in the Middle East

POLS 1822F	Social Movements and Struggles for Justice	IAPA 1816A	Senior Honors Seminar
POLS 1822H	Corruption and Governance Across Democracies	POLS 1820H	Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
POLS 1822I	Geopolitics of Oil and Energy	POLS 1821L	International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia
POLS 1822M	Capitalism: For and Against	POLS 1822I	Geopolitics of Oil and Energy
POLS 1822T	Politics of Health in the Global South	POLS 1822U	War and Human Rights
POLS 1823O	The Political Economy of Renewable Energy	POLS 1822X	Technology and International Politics
POLS 1824J	Culture, Identity and Development	POLS 1823E	Market Democracy in Chile
SOC 1600	Comparative Development	POLS 1823G	Women and War
SOC 1650	Unequal Societies	POLS 1823Q	Democratic Theory and Globalization
SOC 1870K	Demographics and Development	POLS 1824B	Post Conflict Politics
SOC 1870L	The Economic Foundations of Everyday Life	POLS 1824J	Culture, Identity and Development
SOC 1871R	Knowledge Networks and Global Transformation		
SOC 1872B	Sociology of Money		
Research Methods		Total Credits	
		14	

Research Methods 1

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ANTH 1940	Ethnographic Research Methods
APMA 0650	Essential Statistics
APMA 1650	Statistical Inference I
CLPS 0900	Statistical Methods
ECON 1620	Introduction to Econometrics
ECON 1630	Mathematical Econometrics I
EDUC 1100	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
EDUC 1110	Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis
POLS 0500	Foundations of Political Analysis
POLS 1600	Political Research Methods
SOC 1020	Methods of Social Research
SOC 1050	Methods of Research in Organizations
SOC 1100	Introductory Statistics for Social Research

Regional Focus 2

Both courses must be on the same area. Students are required to link these to language study.

Language

Three years university study or equivalent. Must correspond to region.

Capstone Course, from the following options: 1

Must be taken senior year. Must incorporate language skills.

Students may choose from the following:

ANTH 1910G	Senior Seminar: Politics and Symbols
FREN 1900H	La France en guerre
HIST 1969B	Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II
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IAPA 1809A	The International Politics of Organized Crime
IAPA 1810A	Perspectives in Human Capital: Investing in Women as a Strategy for Global Growth
IAPA 1811A	Humanitarianism in Uniform

Font Notice

This document should contain certain fonts with restrictive licenses. For this draft, substitutions were made using less legally restrictive fonts. Specifically:

Helvetica was used instead of Arial.

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