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 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

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
- ECONS 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 five sub-themes):

- HIST 0150C Locked Up: A Global History of Prison and Captivity
- HIST 0276 A Global History of the Atomic Age
- HIST 0532B State Surveillance in History
- HIST 0535A Culture and U.S. Empire
- 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 Sociology 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
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Society (two or three courses):

- AMST 1600C: The Anti-Trafficking Savior Complex: Saints, Sinners, and Modern-Day Slavery
- ANTH 0302: Anthropology of Gender and Globalization
- ANTH 1224: Human Trafficking, Transnationalism, and the Law
- ANTH 1229: Democracy and Difference: Political Anthropology, Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- ANTH 1230: Political Anthropology
- ANTH 1232: War and Society
- ANTH 1233: Ethnographies of Global Connection: Politics, Culture and International Relations
- ANTH 1244: Religion and Secularism: Affinities and Antagonisms
- ANTH 1251: Violence and the Media
- ANTH 1310: International Health: Anthropological Perspectives
- ANTH 1411: Nations within States
- ANTH 1412: Anthropology of State Power and Powerlessness
- ANTH 1910E: Media and the Middle East
- ANTH 1910G: Senior Seminar: Politics and Symbols
- COLT 1440F: 1948 Photo Album: From Palestine To Israel
- COLT 1812I: Collective Struggles and Cultural Politics in the Global South
- ENGL 0500G: Literature and Revolutions, 1640-1840
- FREN 1900H: La France en guerre
- HIST 0150D: Refugees: A Twentieth-Century History
- HIST 1080: Humanitarianism and Conflict in Africa
- HIST 1969A: Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples I
- HIST 1969B: Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II
- HIST 1974J: Decolonizing Minds: A People's History of the World
- HMAN 1970K: Law and Religion
- IAPA 0100: Global Health, Humanitarianism, and Inequality
- IAPA 1803A: Rwanda Past and Present
- IAPA 1809C: Senior Thesis Preparation
- IAPA 1811A: Humanitarianism in Uniform
- IAPA 1813A: Revolutions that Changed the World
- JUDS 0902: History of the Holocaust
- MCM 1202J: Faking Globalization: Media, Piracy and Urbanism
- MCM 1502P: Nation and Identity in Cinema
- POLS 1380: Ethnic Politics and Conflict
- POLS 1530: Gender, Slavery, and Freedom
- POLS 1820X: Democratic Erosion
- POLS 1821L: International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia
- POLS 1822F: Social Movements and Struggles for Justice
- POLS 1823G: Women and War
- POLS 1823N: Nationalism: Problems, Paradoxes and Power
- POLS 1823V: Politics of Ethnic Conflict
- POLS 1824W: Political Violence
- RELS 0068: Religion and Torture
- RELS 0093: Faith and Violence
- RELS 0600C: Radical Islam (?)
- RELS 0841: Far-Right Religious Terrorism
- RELS 1380C: Law and Religion
- RELS 1610: Sacred Sites: Law, Politics, Religion

### Research Methods

Prior to 7th semester. Quantitative or qualitative course from the following approved list.

- ANTH 1151: Ethnographies of the Muslim Middle East
- 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
- 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

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:

Must be taken senior year. Must incorporate language skills. Students may choose from the following:

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- 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
### Political Economy and Society Track

**Core Courses**

- 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:
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**Political Economy (two or three courses):**

- ANTH 1324: Money, Work, and Power: Culture and Economics
- ECON 1350: Environmental Economics and Policy
- 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
- IAPA 1401: Economic Development in Latin America
- IAPA 1806A: Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
- IAPA 1805A: Politics of International Finance
- IAPA 1808A: Risk, Regulation and the Comparative Politics of Finance
- PLOS 1020: Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
- PLOS 1150: Prosperity: The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation
- PLOS 1200: Reimagining Capitalism
- PLOS 1210: Latin American Politics
- PLOS 1240: Politics, Markets and States in Developing Countries
- PLOS 1280: Politics, Economy and Society in India
- PLOS 1415: Classics of Political Economy
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- PLOS 1821O: Politics of Economic Development in Asia
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