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. Prospective concentrators should visit the IR site (http://watson.brown.edu/ir/advising) for next steps.

Requirements

The IR concentration requires 14 courses and the equivalent of 3 years of study in 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 all 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
HIST 0244 Understanding the Middle East: 1800s to the Present
HIST 1121 The Modern Chinese Nation: An Idea and Its Limits
POLS 0400 Introduction to International Politics

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

Governance and Diplomacy (two or three courses):

CSCI 1800 Cybersecurity and International Relations
FREN 1900H La France en guerre
HMAN 1971T Law, Nationalism, and Colonialism
INTL 1443 History of American Intervention
INTL 1700 International Law
INTL 1802Q Iran and the Islamic Revolution
INTL 1802V Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
INTL 1804B Computers, Freedom and Privacy: Current Topics in Law and Policy
POLS 1020 Politics of the Illicit Global Economy
POLS 1220 Russia and Post-Soviet States
POLS 1380 Ethnic Politics and Conflict
POLS 1500 The International Law and Politics of Human Rights
POLS 1820H Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
POLS 1821M War in Film and Literature
POLS 1822I Geopolitics of Oil and Energy
POLS 1822U War and Human Rights
POLS 1822X Technology and International Politics
POLS 1823E Global Justice
POLS 1823Q Democratic Theory and Globalization
POLS 1824B Post Conflict Politics

Society (two or three courses):

AMST 1904V Decolonizing Minds: A People's History of the World
ANTH 1224 Human Trafficking, Transnationalism, and the Law
ANTH 1251 Violence and the Media
ANTH 1910G Senior Seminar: Politics and Symbols
FREN 1900H La France en guerre
HIST 0150D Refugees: A Twentieth-Century History
HIST 1969B Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II
HIST 1974J Decolonizing Minds: A People's History of the World
HMAN 1970K Law and Religion
INTL 1802W International Journalism: Foreign Reporting in Practice
INTL 1803K Media Wars: The Middle East
INTL 1803L Humanitarianism in Uniform
INTL 1803M Reassessing Contentious Politics, and Social Movements
POLS 1380 Ethnic Politics and Conflict
POLS 1821L International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia

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
EDUC 1100 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods
EDUC 1110 Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis
POLS 1600 Political Research Methods
SOC 1020 Methods of Social Research
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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INTL 1802V Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
INTL 1802W International Journalism: Foreign Reporting in Practice
INTL 1802Y India in the World
INTL 1803G Global Women’s Issues: Investing in women as strategy for sustainable growth and global development
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INTL 1803L Humanitarianism in Uniform
INTL 1803M Reassessing Contentious Politics, and Social Movements
INTL 1803N The Politics of Food Security
POLS 1821L International Relations of Russia, Europe and Asia
INTL 1910 Senior Honors Seminar
POLS 1820H Contraband Capitalism: States and Illegal Global Markets
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POLS 1823Q Democratic Theory and Globalization
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**Political Economy and Society Track**

**Core Courses**

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- ECON 0110 Principles of Economics
- HIST 0244 Understanding the Middle East: 1800s to the Present
- HIST 1121 The Modern Chinese Nation: An Idea and Its Limits
- POLS 0400 Introduction to International Politics

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

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 1500 Current Global Macroeconomic Challenges
- ECON 1510 Economic Global Development
- ECON 1540 International Trade
- ECON 1550 International Finance
- ECON 1590 The Economy of China since 1949
- ECON 1760 Financial Institutions
- ECON 1765 Finance, Regulation, and the Economy: Research

Political Economy (two or three courses):
- ANTH 1320 Anthropology and International Development: Ethnographic Perspectives on Poverty and Progress
- ENV 1350 Environmental Economics and Policy
- INTL 1802V Diplomacy, Economics & Influence
- INTL 1803G Global Women’s Issues: Investing in women as strategy for sustainable growth and global development

**Research Methods**

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- EDUC 1110 Introductory Statistics for Education Research and Policy Analysis
- POLS 1600 Political Research Methods
- SOC 1020 Methods of Social Research
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The program has a director, an associate director/concentration advisor, and two faculty advisors for each track to assist students in planning their academic programs.
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