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/](https://watson.brown.edu/iapa/about/faqs/)) in International and Public Affairs.

**Requirements**

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**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.

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- SOC 1620 Globalization and Social Conflict
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  - 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):

- 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
- HMAN 1971T Law, Nationalism, and Colonialism
- IAPA 1203 History of American Intervention
- IAPA 120S 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 1823Y Global Governance
POLS 1824Q The International Politics of Climate Change
POLS 1824T US-China Relations
SOC 0300G Populations in Danger
SOC 1872L 20th Century World – A Sociology of States and Empires

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 Global 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 1969B Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples II
HIST 1969A Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples I
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 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
POBS 1601A The Birth of the Modern World: A Global History of Empires
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 0090E 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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FREN 1900H La France en guerre
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IAPA 1809A The International Politics of Organized Crime
IAPA 1811A Humanitarianism in Uniform
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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**

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

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

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

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