

# BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Units required for Major: 42

Total units required for BA: 120

## Program Description

The International Relations major complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of government and politics with a focus on global politics. The International Relations major is structured to provide students with a background in the basic fields of political science with an emphasis on the fields of Comparative Politics and International Politics, as well as to permit them to take supporting courses in a range of other disciplines with foci on politics and cultures in regions outside the United States and in the international system.

## Minimum GPA Requirement

Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Lower Division Courses (3 Units)</b>		
POLS 1	Essentials Of Government <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Required Upper Division Courses (15 Units)</b>		
POLS 100	Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLS 111	Political Thought II	3
or POLS 110	Political Thought I	
or POLS 112	Current Political Thought	
POLS 130	International Politics	3
POLS 136	International Political Economy	3
POLS 140	Comparative Politics	3
<b>Electives (24 Units)</b>		
Select 24 units		24
POLS 35	World Politics <sup>2</sup>	
POLS 118	Just War, Natural Right, and the Law of Nations	
POLS 119A	Socialism Marxism-Communism	
POLS 127	International Law	
POLS 131	International Organization	
POLS 132	War and Peace in the Nuclear Age	
POLS 133	American Defense and National Security	
POLS 134	War, Peace and the Mass Media <sup>2</sup>	
POLS 135	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 137	Nationalism	
POLS 138	UN Simulation	
POLS 139A	Globalization	
POLS 139B	International Politics and International Development	
POLS 139G	Intelligence and Espionage	
POLS 139S	Topics in Human Security	
POLS 141	Politics of the African Diaspora <sup>2</sup>	
POLS 142	Government and Politics in Africa <sup>2</sup>	

POLS 143	Causes of War, Causes of Peace <sup>2</sup>
POLS 144	European Politics <sup>2</sup>
POLS 145	Asian Politics
POLS 147	Latin American Government and Politics <sup>2</sup>
POLS 148	Governments and Politics in the Middle East <sup>2</sup>
POLS 149A	Original Research in Comparative Politics 
POLS 149R	Comparative Revolutions
POLS 162	American Film and Culture in the Nuclear Age
POLS 166	Gender and Politics

Up to 3 classes (9 Units) of Electives may be taken from the following approved list of classes in other departments:

ANTH 105	Anthropology of War
ANTH 145	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
ANTH 161	African Cultures and Societies
ANTH 173	Anthropology of Contemporary Asia
ANTH 181	Anthropology of Human Rights
ASIA 151	Genocide in Southeast Asia
ECON 190	International Trade
ECON 192	International Finance
ECON 193	Development Economics
ETHN 137	Race and Ethnicity in Latin America and Caribbean <sup>2</sup>
GEOG 128	Geography Of Europe
HIST 105	Great Ages and Issues in Modern European History  <sup>2</sup>
HIST 118A	World War I: Causes, Conduct, Consequences
HIST 134	The Rise and Fall of European Colonial Empires
HIST 137A	Latin American Revolutions in the Twentieth Century 
HIST 138A	Colonial Latin America <sup>2</sup>
HIST 138B	Modern and Contemporary Latin America <sup>2</sup>
HIST 141	History of Africa Since 1800 <sup>2</sup>
HIST 142	History of Women in Africa <sup>2</sup>
HIST 143B	The Modern Middle East <sup>2</sup>
HIST 149	The Making of Modern Southeast Asia
SOC 122	Immigration Studies
SOC 162	Middle Eastern Societies and Culture <sup>2</sup>
SOC 163	Conflict, Oil and Development in the Middle East <sup>2</sup>
SOC 164	Sociology of Globalization <sup>2</sup>
WGS 121	Women Of The Middle East
WGS 125	Sex & Gender in South Asia
WGS 139	Violence Against Women
WGS 147	Women's Global Issues

**Total Units 42**

<sup>1</sup> POLS 150 or an AP Test of 3 or above in AP American Government may be used in place of POLS 1 to satisfy the requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> 21 of the 24 elective units must be upper division.

**Note:**

- POLS 35 may be taken to satisfy 3 elective units all others must be selected from Government courses numbered from 130 through 149. Students may also include POLS 118, POLS 119A, POLS 127 POLS 162, and POLS 166 as electives. Up to nine (9) units of work in classes in other disciplines that have an international relations/comparative politics content can be used to satisfy the requirements of the major. Approved classes are listed above.
- The Department strongly recommends that students select elective courses that include both *thematic* areas, such as globalization, internal organizations, and security studies, as well as *regional concentrations* such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle east.
- If a student has not taken POLS 1 or its equivalent, then POLS 150 or a score on the AP American Government Exam of 3 or above may count as the prerequisite for the major.

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	0
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (9-12 Units)</b>		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>3</sup>	0 - 3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (3-6 Units)</b>		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course <sup>2</sup>		0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>4</sup>		0 - 3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>		
Area E Course		3
<b>Area F: Ethnic Studies</b>		
Area F Course		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>34-40</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>). **Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

<sup>3</sup> Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take HIST 105, HIST 142, or WGS 121 they will meet upper division Area C.

<sup>4</sup> Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take ETHN 137, HIST 138A HIST 138B, HIST 141, HIST 143B, POLS 134, POLS 141, POLS 142, POLS 143, POLS 144, POLS 147, POLS 148, SOC 162, SOC 163, SOC 164, or WGS 139 they will meet upper division Area D.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (3-6 Units)</b>		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government <sup>2</sup>	0
	Writing Intensive (WI) <sup>3</sup>	0 - 3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9-12 Units)</b>		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) <sup>4</sup>	0 - 3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>5</sup>	6

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<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take HIST 105, HIST 138A, or HIST 138B they will meet the Writing Intensive (WI) Graduation Requirement.

<sup>4</sup> Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take POLS 141 they will meet the Race and Ethnicity (RE) Graduation Requirement.

<sup>5</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)