

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

## Program Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Degree Core Requirements</b>		
<i>Required International Studies Courses</i>		
IS 1034	Introduction to International Studies and Political Science	3
IS 2084	The Evolution of World Order	3
Select one of the following:		3
IS 3115	Selected World Problems	
IS 3116	Selected World Problems	
<i>Required Foreign Language</i>		
Select 12 credits of a single foreign language at the 3000-4000 level <sup>1</sup> 12		
The following courses are only offered as Pass/Fail and <b>can be used</b> toward fulfillment of this requirement:		
ARBC 3124	Arabic for Oral Proficiency	
FR 3125	French for Oral Proficiency	
FR 3126	French for Oral Proficiency	
GER 3125	German Oral Proficiency	
GER 3126	German Oral Proficiency	
JPN 3125	Japanese for Oral Proficiency	
JPN 3126	Japanese for Oral Proficiency	
RUS 3124	Russian for Oral Proficiency	
SPAN 3125	Spanish for Oral Proficiency	
SPAN 3126	Spanish for Oral Proficiency	
The following courses are <b>excluded</b> and cannot be used to fulfill this requirement:		
ARBC 3304	Modern Arabic Literature in Translation	
ARBC 3474	Topics in Arab Cinema	
CHN 3474	Topics in Chinese Cinema	
FR 3954		
GER 3474	Topics in German Cinema	
RUS 3304	Survey of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature in Translation	
RUS 3314	Survey of Twentieth-Century Russian Literature in Translation	
RUS 3424	Topics in Russian Literature in English	
RUS 3434	The Works of Vladimir Nabokov	
Subtotal		21
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Major Courses</i>		
IS 1004	Nations and Nationalities	3
IS 2004	Research and Writing in International Studies	3
IS 2054	Introduction to World Politics	3
IS 2064	The Global Economy and World Politics	3
IS 3615	International Relations <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3616	International Relations <sup>2</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		3
IS 4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab <sup>2</sup>	

PSCI 4514	Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics <sup>2</sup>	
IS 4614	Senior Seminar in International Relations <sup>2</sup>	
PSCI 4724	Senior Seminar in Political Theory <sup>2</sup>	
IS 4734	Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management <sup>2</sup>	

<i>Elective Courses For The Major</i>	
Select 15 credit hours from the list below <sup>3</sup>	15
Select remaining credit hours of Free Electives to fulfill remaining credits required for graduation.	18
Subtotal	54

### III. Pathways to General Education

<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
IS 2004	Research and Writing in International Studies (1A)	3
<i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 2 ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02</a> )	6	
<i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</i>		
IS 2054	Introduction to World Politics (major requirement)	3
IS 2064	The Global Economy and World Politics (major requirement)	3
<i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 4 ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04</a> )	6	
<i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>		
Select six credits in Pathway 5f ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F</a> )	6	
Select three credits in Pathway 5a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3	
<i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>		
Select three credits in Pathway 6a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A</a> )	3	
Select three credits in Pathway 6d ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D</a> )	3	
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i>		
IS 1004	Nations and Nationalities (major requirement)	3
Subtotal		45
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> See undergraduate course catalog for current course offerings.

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites; please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

<sup>3</sup> IREL major courses selected will not double count toward IREL major electives

<sup>4</sup> Prerequisites of MATH 1014 Precalculus with Transcendental Functions or higher may be required.

### Elective Courses for the Major <sup>1</sup>

*IREL major courses selected will not double count toward IREL major electives.*

Code	Title	Credits	Code	Title	Credits
<b>Political Science (PSCI)</b>			IS 4734	Theories and Practices of International Conflict Management <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 1014	Introduction to United States Government and Politics	3	IS 4735	Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 2014	Introduction to Political Theory	3	IS 4736	Topics in Multilateral Diplomacy Workshop <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 2024	Research Methods in Political Science	3	IS 4964	<sup>3</sup>	1-19
PSCI 3015	Political Theory	3	<b>International Studies (IS)</b>		
PSCI 3016	Political Theory	3	A maximum of six credits from the following can be used toward the 15 credits of required IREL electives:		
PSCI 3255	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 2034	Geography of Global Conflict	3
PSCI 3256	The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Gender <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 2044	Food, War and Conflict	3
PSCI 3344	Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	3	IS 2104	Europe Country Analysis	3
PSCI 3514	Latin American Government and Politics <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 2474	Religion and Violence	3
PSCI 3515	European Political Systems <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3004	Professionalism and Careers in Political Science and International Studies <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3516	European Political Systems <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3114	Global Security <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3524	Politics of Post-Communist Systems <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3134	Global Conflict and War <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3534	African Government and Politics <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3144	Global Governance and Public Policy <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3544	The State of Israel: A Political History <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3154	Topics in Global Public Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3564	Violent Political Change <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3164	Global Trade: Structures and Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3574	Government and Politics of Japan <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3174	Monetary Foundations of the World Economy <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3584	Governments and Politics of Asia <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3194	Nuclear Strategy & Politics <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3684	Indigenous Peoples and World Politics <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3374	The Politics of Energy <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3764	Contemporary Democratic Theory <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3625	US-Russia Foreign Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3774	Marxian Political Analysis <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3626	US-Russia Foreign Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 3784	Origins of the State <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3634	Human Rights: Global Issues <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 4514	Senior Seminar in Comparative Politics <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3704	National Security Strategy <sup>2</sup>	3
PSCI 4724	Senior Seminar in Political Theory <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3734	National Security <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>International Studies (IS)</b>			IS 3735	National Security Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 1024	Comp Gov & Politics	3	IS 3736	National Security Policies <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 1114	Introduction to Transatlantic Studies	3	IS 3795	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 2114	Transatlantic Political Frameworks	3	IS 3796	Global Terrorism and Counterterrorism <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3104	Security Studies: Theories and Concepts <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3804	European Integration <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3175	Global Development <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3854	European Political Economy <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3176	Global Development <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3914	European Economics <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3184	Human Security <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3894	Transatlantic Relations Since 1945 <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3554	Comparative Political Economy <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3934	NATO & European Security <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3594	Topics in Middle East Politics and International Relations <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3944	International Enrollment	0
IS 3624	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 3954		1-19
IS 3814	The European Union: Institutions and Policies <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4014	International Development <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3824	European Union's Foreign and Security Policy <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4024	Seminar in Diplomacy and Security <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 3924	Theories of Transatlantic Relations <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4034	Topics in Diplomacy Lab <sup>2</sup>	2
IS 4054	Seminar in Global Political Economy <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4044	International Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
IS 4064	Seminar in Global Development <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4974	<sup>4</sup>	1-19
IS 4104	Topics in European Studies <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4984	<sup>4</sup>	1-19
IS 4114	Topics in European Union Policies <sup>2</sup>	3	IS 4994	Undergraduate Research <sup>4</sup>	1-19
IS 4124	Topics in European Integration <sup>2</sup>	3	<sup>1</sup> Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog or the Timetable of classes for the most up to date course restrictions and pre-requisites. <sup>2</sup> Indicates the course has a pre-requisite. Please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor. <sup>3</sup> IS 4964 is only offered as Pass/Fail and can be used toward fulfillment of a major elective from the corresponding list. <sup>4</sup> The content of the Independent Study or Special Study, as well as the topic of Undergraduate Research should be relevant to the		
IS 4144	Topics in Transatlantic Relations <sup>2</sup>	3			
IS 4154	Topics in Transatlantic Studies <sup>2</sup>	3			
IS 4184	Capstone Project Transatlantic Studies <sup>2</sup>	3			
IS 4134	Capstone Research Project in European Studies <sup>2</sup>	3			
IS 4614	Senior Seminar in International Relations <sup>2</sup>	3			

International Relations major. Please ask the International Studies advisor in advance whether the proposed Independent Study or Special Study or Undergraduate Research, topic qualifies.

or

- Complete an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g. FR, GR, SPAN) grouping or the equivalent in college (these six hours do NOT count toward the 120 required for graduation).

**Satisfactory Progress:** To proceed satisfactorily toward a degree, a student must complete IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities , IS 1024 Comp Gov & Politics, IS 1034 Introduction to International Studies and Political Science, IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies , IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics , IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics , IS 2084 The Evolution of World Order , and Foreign language 2105 & 2106 by the end of the semester in which 60 hours have been attempted; must maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and must maintain an in major GPA of 2.0.

## Graduation Requirements

**Hours Requirement:** A total of 120 hours is required to graduate with an International Studies degree of which there are fifty-seven (57) required hours for the International Relations major.

**In-major GPA:** All of the courses in the core and major requirements and major electives are included in the in-major GPA calculation. A GPA of 2.0 or above both overall and in-major GPA is required for graduation.

**Dual Use of Courses:** No course can double count within or between International Studies Program-related majors or minors with the exception of the Core Degree Requirements and IS 1004 Nations and Nationalities , IS 2004 Research and Writing in International Studies , IS 2054 Introduction to World Politics and IS 2064 The Global Economy and World Politics . In accordance with the State Council guidelines, courses used to fulfill the SCHEV approved degree core may not also be used to meet Pathways General Education or major requirements.

**Intra-departmental majoring and minoring:** Due to overlapping of courses, students pursuing one or more majors associated with the International Studies Program cannot major or minor in Political Science.

**Intra-IS Program majoring and minoring:** Students may pursue more than one major or minor associated with the International Studies Program. In this case, the policy pertaining to the "Dual Use of Courses" will apply.

**Prerequisites:** Some courses listed have prerequisites; please consult the University Catalog and/or check with your advisor.

**Pathways to General Education:** More details and course listings can be found at the following link: <https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu>.

## Foreign Language Requirements

### University and Admissions Foreign Language Requirement

*This is a requirement that is **separate** from the International Studies requirement. Completion of this requirement **will not** fulfill your International Studies Language Requirement.*

- Students who completed three years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed the requirement.
- Students who did not complete three years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school may complete the requirement as follows:
  - Complete two years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus 1106 or the equivalent in college (these three hours of 1106 do count toward the 120 required for graduation and calculates into the GPA)