

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Degree: B.A., International Affairs

Department of Political Science and International Affairs (<https://cas.umw.edu/polisci/>)

The interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of contemporary international politics as well as with specific expertise in a given geographic area and/or sub-field focus. To this end, the major combines required courses that examine international affairs from a variety of disciplinary perspectives (i.e., economics, geography, history, and political science) with related field courses that permit students to pursue in depth their particular geographical and/or disciplinary interests. Students majoring in International Affairs have ample opportunities to pursue internships with the numerous governmental and non-governmental agencies as well as organized interests located in Washington, D.C., which focus on different aspects of contemporary international economic, political, and social issues.

Career opportunities for the major in International Affairs range from such traditional areas as work with government or private agencies engaged in research on foreign policy or intelligence issues to private sector work in consulting or international banking institutions.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will understand principal categories of political analysis.
2. Students will understand issues in European diplomacy.
3. Students will understand principal economic consequences of issues in international trade.
4. Students will understand principal geographical concepts and issues in world politics.
5. Students will understand the concept of the balance of power.
6. Students will maximize the program's advantage based on the location of the university and active faculty.
7. Students will appreciate the nature of systematic inquiry.
8. Students will demonstrate facility in discipline-specific written communication.
9. Students will understand the principal theories of international relations.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
PSCI 101A	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSCI 102A	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 321A	Theories of International Relations	3
PSCI 350B	Politics of Developing Countries	3
or PSCI 351	International Political Economy	
PSCI 356	American Foreign Policy	3
ECON 382	International Trade	3
or ECON 384	Economic Development	
or ECON 386	International Finance	
GEOG 338	Geopolitics	3

or GEOG 339A Development Studies

Additional 15 credits ¹ 15

Students must take at least one (3 credit) elective in HIST

Completion of one language through the intermediate level ²

Total Credits 36

¹ Chosen by student and advisor from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: Economics, French, Geography, German, History, Italian, Political Science, Spanish.

² Except Latin or Greek

Effective for students matriculating Fall 2020 and beyond, completion of one Writing Intensive (WI) course and one Speaking Intensive (SI) course must be taken within the major.

General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of BLS general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the BLS degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study should serve as a guide to assist students when planning their course selections. It is not a substitute for a student's Degree Evaluation or the Program Requirements listed for this major in the catalog. Academic planning is the student's responsibility, and course selections should be finalized only after speaking with an advisor. Students should familiarize themselves with the catalog in effect at the time they matriculated at the University of Mary Washington. Students should also familiarize themselves with general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/>) which can be fulfilled through general electives as well as major/minor course requirements. Course requirements and sequencing may vary with AP, IB, CLEP, Cambridge or previous coursework, transfer courses, or other conditions. To be considered full-time, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in 12 or more credits for the semester.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Fall		
ECON 201B or ECON 202B	Principles of Macroeconomics ¹ or Principles of Microeconomics	3
FSEM 100	First-Year Seminar	3
PSCI 101A or PSCI 102A	Introduction to Political Science or Introduction to International Relations	3
General Education Courses ²		6
Credits		15
Spring		
ECON 202B or ECON 201B	Principles of Microeconomics ¹ or Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PSCI 102A or PSCI 101A	Introduction to International Relations or Introduction to Political Science	3
General Education Courses		9
Credits		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
PSCI 321A or PSCI 356	Theories of International Relations or American Foreign Policy	3
General Education Courses		12
Credits		15
Spring		
PSCI 356 or PSCI 321A	American Foreign Policy or Theories of International Relations	3
Elective in Major		3
General Education Courses or Electives		9
Credits		15
Junior		
Fall		
PSCI 350B or PSCI 351	Politics of Developing Countries or International Political Economy	3
Elective in Major		3
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Spring		
ECON 382 or ECON 384 or ECON 386	International Trade or Economic Development or International Finance	3
Elective in Major		3
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Senior		
Fall		
GEOG 339A	Development Studies (or GEOG 338 when offered in the spring semester)	3
Elective in Major		3
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Spring		
Elective in Major		3
General Electives		12
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

Note: International Affairs majors may count INAF 491 Individual Study and INAF 499 Internship (3 credits maximum) with departmental approval.

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¹ ECON 201B and ECON 202B are prerequisite for ECON 382, ECON 384, and ECON 386.

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