

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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The International Relations major is administered by a committee consisting of faculty who teach in the program.

A major in International Relations (IR) provides a body of knowledge, perspectives, and critical skills for understanding global politics. The major combines work in political science, economics, and history to focus on such specific areas of study as the dynamics of international politics, diplomacy, and conflict; the nature of the global economic system; and the structure and function of diverse political and economic systems.

The major in International Relations consists of twelve to fourteen courses in political science, economics, and history; one foreign language course beyond the first four courses in a foreign language; and an overseas term. Courses must include ECON 10100, ECON 20100 or 20200, PSCI 12000, PSCI 22700, two history courses and a research sequence including the relevant social science methods Independent Study courses (see below).

At the time of declaring the major each student will select Political Science, Economics, or History as his or her home department. The home department will have the responsibility for supervising the student's research training, including methodology and Independent Study in International Relations. Students should also present a plan for the completion of the major requirements, including the timing of the overseas term, social science methods courses, and Independent Study.

For more information about these courses, see listings in the appropriate home department.

## **Major in International Relations—Home Department: Economics**

Consists of fifteen courses:

- ECON 10100
- One of the following courses: HIST 10100 (when focused on global phenomena or IR themes), 10700, or 10800
- PSCI 12000
- One upper-level foreign language course (see note below)
- One of the following courses: ECON 20100 or 20200
- One of the following courses: ECON 25100, 25200, or 25400
- One of the following courses: HIST 20100\*, 20800, 20900, 21600, 22700, 22800, 23200, 23700, 27500\*, or 30100\* (\*when focused on global phenomena or IR themes)
- One of the following courses: PSCI 22100, 22200, 22300, 22400, 22500, 22600, 22800, or 22900

- PSCI 22700
- One of the following courses: PSCI 24200, 24400, 24600, 24700, or 24900
- ECON 11000
- ECON 21000
- Junior Independent Study: ECON 40100
- Senior Independent Study: ECON 45100
- Senior Independent Study: ECON 45200

### **Major in International Relations—Home Department: History**

Consists of fourteen courses:

- ECON 10100
- One of the following courses: HIST 10100 (when focused on global phenomena or IR themes), 10700, or 10800
- PSCI 12000
- One upper-level foreign language course (see note below)
- One of the following courses: ECON 20100 or 20200
- One of the following courses: ECON 25100, 25200, or 25400
- One of the following courses: HIST 20100, 20800, 20900, 21600, 22700, 22800, 23200, 23700, 27500\*, or 30100\* (\*when focused on global phenomena or IR themes)
- One of the following courses: PSCI 22100, 22200, 22300, 22400, 22500, 22600, 22800, or 22900
- PSCI 22700
- One of the following courses: PSCI 24200, 24400, 24600, 24700, or 24900
- One of the following courses: HIST 20100 or 29800
- Junior Independent Study: HIST 40100
- Senior Independent Study: HIST 45100
- Senior Independent Study: HIST 45200

### **Major in International Relations—Home Department: Political Science**

Consists of thirteen courses:

- ECON 10100
- One of the following courses: HIST 10100 (when focused on global phenomena or IR themes), 10700, or 10800
- PSCI 12000
- One upper-level foreign language course (see note below)
- One of the following courses: ECON 20100 or 20200
- One of the following courses: ECON 25100, 25200, or 25400
- One of the following courses: HIST 20100, 20800, 20900, 21600, 22700, 22800, 23200, 23700, 27500\*, or 30100\* (\*when focused on global phenomena or IR themes)
- One of the following courses: PSCI 22100, 22200, 22300, 22400, 22500, 22600, 22800, or 22900
- PSCI 22700
- One of the following courses: PSCI 24200, 24400, 24600, 24700, or 24900
- Junior Independent Study Equivalent: PSCI 35000
- Senior Independent Study: PSCI 45100
- Senior Independent Study: PSCI 45200

## Special Notes

- **Overseas Study:** Credit for the overseas term will be given typically for participation in a Wooster-endorsed program. Normally the overseas term will be at least one academic semester in length. Summer programs must be a minimum of eight weeks in length. Programs other than Wooster-endorsed programs will count only toward the fulfillment of the requirement by special permission, obtained in advance through written petition.
- The International Relations major must have one foreign language course beyond the first four courses in a foreign language (i.e., three semesters more than the existing College graduation requirement in a single language).
- HIST 10100, 20100, 27500 and 30100 are accepted for International Relations credit when the courses focus on global phenomena or underlying political themes that characterize the international system. See Chair of International Relations (IR) for approval.
- Majors in the home department of History cannot count the same HIST 20100 course twice.
- Only grades of C- or better are accepted for the major or minor.