

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BA

More Information

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations provides students with a solid basis in two political science subfields—comparative politics and international relations. Students gain an understanding of international interactions, such as conflict and trade, as well as the politics of other nations, such as alternative government forms. Students are exposed to the politics of the world's major regions through region specific courses. International relations students excel in many professions but are especially well suited for domestic and international work in the public and nonprofit sectors.

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 47-48 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Units
POLS 141	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 142	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 331W	Introduction to Research Methods (W)	4
POLS 396	Research Symposium Experience	1
POLS 441W	Capstone in Comparative Politics and International Relations (W)	3
Select 24 units from the following:		24
POLS 102	Politics of the Developing World	
POLS 340A	Model United Nations	
POLS 340B	Model United Nations	
POLS 344	U.S. Foreign Policy	
POLS 345	War, Conflict, and Security	
POLS 346	International Organizations and NGO's	
POLS 347	Comparative Political Behavior	
POLS 410	International Law	
POLS 412	Comparative Political Institutions	
POLS 414	Politics of Terrorism	
POLS 443	Politics of Europe	
POLS 446	Politics of the Middle East	

POLS/HIST 447	Politics of Africa	
POLS 449	Issues in Comparative Politics and International Relations	
POLS 489B	Internship in International Relations	
Select 9-10 units from the following:		9-10
3-4 units of any ARAB, FREN, GERM, ITAL, JAPN, or SPAN language courses may be used towards this requirement.		
HIST 373	Premodern East Asia	
HIST 374	Modern East Asia	
HIST 381	Modern Latin America	
HIST 382	Modern Mexico	
POLS/MCGS 327	The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States	
POLS 415	Comparative Criminal Justice	
POLS 434	Origins of Western Political Thought	
Total Units		47-48

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

One of the following GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) courses is recommended to support the student in the International Relations major:

MATH 105 Introduction to Statistics or MATH 185 Data Analytics for Social Good.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing

(W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- POLS 441W Capstone in Comparative Politics and International Relations (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.