INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Madison's major in International Relations trains students to think imaginatively, and in depth, about the problems of world society and about the opportunities for solving them. By design, it is a sophisticated program: its graduates have gone on to careers in the foreign service, politics, international organizations, academics, law (including international law), public relations, lobbying, economic development work, intelligence gathering and analysis, the news media, and international business. It is also, of course, an excellent preparation for law school and for graduate study in international affairs or international business.

The outstanding features of the curriculum are its breadth and depth. It is organized around the following themes: international security and conflict resolution; international political economy; global governance; foreign policy of the United States and other countries; and comparative, regional and cultural studies.

The International Relations curriculum encourages students to think creatively about a variety of issues: What constitutes "national security"? What are the social consequences of modernization? What are the causes and likely consequences of ethno-nationalism? How does the U.S. arrive at foreign policy decisions? How is that different from how foreign policies are made in other countries and which is better? What is the impact of protectionist foreign trade policies? How do national, regional and international political, social, and economic actors interact in the transition to a post-Cold War global order? What is the impact of the U.N. and other international organizations? What effects do weapons and communications technologies have on world politics? By what means have national defense policies been implemented since the end of World War II? Some classes will use case studies in which students will be examining real or hypothetical foreign policy dilemmas and developing solutions to them. Others will evidence the importance of theories and models for comprehending and influencing world events.

Requirements for a major in International Relations:

All of the Following Courses (13 credits):
MC 220: International Relations I: World Politics and International Security (4 cr.)
MC 221: International Relations II: The Politics of International Economic Relations (4 cr.)
MC 492: Senior Seminar in International Relations (5 cr.)

Four (4) of the Following Courses (16 credits): at least one from the first three categories – no course may be counted twice
Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis: (select one but not more than two)
MC 318: Chinese Foreign Policy (4 cr.)
MC 321: The Cold War: Culture, Politics and Foreign Policy (4 cr.)
MC 322: International Security (4 cr.)
MC 326: U.S. Foreign Policy (4 cr.)
MC 328: Russian Foreign Policy (4 cr.)
MC 329: European Security: Challenges and Strategies (4 cr.)
MC 390/1: must have IR approved content (4 cr.)
MC 441: Islam and World Politics (4 cr.)
MC 482: Gender and Violent Conflict (4 cr.)
MC 483: Simulating International Relations (4 cr.)

International Political Economy & Global Governance: (select one but not more than two)
MC 320: Problems and Paradoxes in Global Development (4 cr.)
MC 324E: Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in Europe (4 cr.)
MC 361: Political Economy and Comparative Public Policymaking (4 cr.)
MC 362: Public International Law (4 cr.)
MC 363: Global Governance (4 cr.)
MC 390/1: must have IR approved content (4 cr.)
MC 430: Applied International Development (4 cr.)
MC/FW 445: Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice (4 cr.)
MC 446: International Energy Policy (4 cr.)
MC/FW 450: International Environmental Law and Policy (3 cr.)

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Comparative, Regional and Cultural Studies: (select one but not more than two)
MC 320: Problems and Paradoxes in Global Development (4 cr.)
MC 321: The Cold War: Culture, Politics and Foreign Policy (4 cr.)
MC 324A: Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in The Middle East (4 cr.)
MC 324B: Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (4 cr.)
MC 324C: Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in Latin America & the Caribbean (4 cr.)
MC 324D: Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in Asia (4 cr.)
MC 325: State and Society in Comparative Perspective (4 cr.)
MC 331: Encounters with Post-Communism (4 cr.)
MC 332: Literature and Politics in a Comparative Perspective (4 cr.)
MC 335: Israeli Politics, Culture and Society (4 cr.)
MC/PLS 358: Politics of the USSR and its Successor States (3 cr.)
MC 377: Culture, Politics and Post-Colonialism (4 cr.)
MC 385: Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations (4 cr.)
MC 386: Women and Power in Comparative Perspective (4 cr.)
MC 387: Jews and Anti-Semitism (4 cr.)
MC 390/1: must have IR approved content (4 cr.)
MC 441: Islam and World Politics (4 cr.)
MC 482: Gender and Violent Conflict (4 cr.)

New Perspectives in IR: (may select one – not required)
MC 272*: Political Theory and Political Issues (4 cr.)
MC 319: Asian American History (4 cr.)
MC 337: Global Public Health (4 cr.)
MC 369: Global Issues in Citizenship (4 cr.)
MC 372: Comparative Black Political Thought (4 cr.)
MC 376: Modern Political Thought in the Muslim World (4 cr.)
MC 390/1: must have IR approved content (4 cr.)
MC/FW 481: Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife (3 cr.)
*Only Maxist Theories of Revolution

One (1) Course from the Department of Economics (3 credits):
EC 340: Survey of International Economics (3 cr.)
EC 440: International Trade (3 cr.)
EC 441: International Finance (3 cr.)

Two (2) Courses from A & B in sequence (6-8 credits):
Course A:
I. MC 295: Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in Public Policy (4 cr.)
II. SOC 281: Social Research Methods (4 cr.)
III. STT 421: Statistics I (3 cr.)
IV. STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)
V. PLS 201: Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (4 cr.)
VI. STT 200 or 201: Statistical Methods (3 or 4 cr.)
VII. EC 420: Introduction to Econometric Methods (3 cr.)
VIII. STT 315: Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Business (3 cr.)
IX. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.)

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Course B:

I. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)

II. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or SOC 282: Quantitative Analysis for Social Research (4 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)

III. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or STT 422: Statistics II (3 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.) or EC 420: Introduction to Econometric Methods (3 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.)

IV. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.) or STT 442: Probability and Statistics II: Statistics (3 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.)

V. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.)

VI. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.)

VII. MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods (4 cr.) or MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.)

VIII. MC 364: Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis: Intermediate Level (4 cr.) or EC 420: Introduction to Econometric Methods (3 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.)

IX. MC 295: Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in Public Policy (4 cr.) or PHL 331: Formal Practical Reasoning (4 cr.) or PLS 201: Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (4 cr.) or SOC 281: Social Research Methods (4 cr.) or STT 421: Statistics I (3 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)

Related Area Requirement

Students also complete the equivalent of one year of integrated college level coursework from one of 4 groups: History, Economics, Political Theory, or other related coursework (such as advanced second language) selected in consultation with their academic advisors (6-8 crs.):

Group 1: History

- HST 205: The Ancient Mediterranean and the Medieval World (4 cr.)
- HST 206: European History since 1500 (4 cr.)
- HST 325: United States Foreign Relations to 1914 (3 cr.)
- HST 326: United States Foreign Relations since 1914 (3 cr.)
- HST 337: European Power, Culture, and Thought: Renaissance to the Enlightenment (4 cr.)
- HST 338: European Power, Culture, and Thought: The Modern Era (4 cr.)
- HST 390: History of International Relations (3 cr.)

Group 2: Economics

- EC 302: Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 cr.)
- EC 406: Economic Analysis of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (3 cr.)
- EC 410: Issues in the Economics of Developing Countries (3 cr.)
- EC 412: Economic Analysis of Latin America (3 cr.)
- EC 413: Economic Analysis of Asia (3 cr.)
- EC 414: Economic Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 cr.)
- MC 341: Politics and Markets (4 cr.)

Group 3: Political Theory

- MC 270: Classical Republicanism (4 cr.)
- MC 271: Liberalism and Democracy (4 cr.)
- MC 370: Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy (4 cr.)

Group 4:

Other related area coursework selected in consultation with and approved by a Madison advisor.

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In addition to the above coursework, students are responsible for the following requirements: Integrative Studies, Math, Language, Economics, Field Experience and Electives.

TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120

Examples of International Relations Senior Seminars (MC 492)

Political Economy and New Capitalism - Capitalism and economic theory have been challenged as a result of recent economic and financial crises. Citizens of a number of countries, particularly in Latin America and in the euro zone, have replaced or considered replacing governments embracing capitalism with those promoting socialism. What are the limits of capitalism? What is the role of government in modern capitalist economies? Are the new challenges that have arisen minor or fundamental? This course aims to capture this debate, drawing on a variety of fields, cases, and sources. In addition to the United States, examples may include Brazil, Britain, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Russia, and South Africa. In addition to the economic dimensions of crises, the political and social dimensions of crises will also be a focus of the course, especially in drawing comparisons to the Great Depression and other periods of economic crisis.

U.S. National Security: Strategy, Process and Policy - This seminar will focus on the development and application of U.S. national security policy. It will consider the continuities and changes that have occurred based on the evolution of the United States' capabilities, interests, and position in a world that has changed dramatically over the last 200 years. We will examine the changes that have occurred since the end of the Cold War and after 9/11 in light of earlier patterns of behavior. We will also examine how America's national security institutional infrastructure has been adapted over time to meet new conceptions of threat. Throughout the course, we will focus on the interaction between the development of strategic visions, the development and execution of policy options, and the process of national security policy making.

Global Poverty and Inequality - This seminar explores the issue of global poverty and inequality, with a focus on the role of foreign aid and development assistance. What is poverty? What is inequality? What is the relationship between poverty and inequality? What are the sources of global poverty and inequality? Can foreign aid reduce poverty? What role do international organizations play in dealing with global poverty and inequality? We begin with a critical analysis of the concepts of poverty and inequality as well as different theoretical approaches for explaining their causes. We examine the major debates that surround the effectiveness of foreign aid in alleviating poverty. We then focus on critically assessing the role of a variety of international actors, including major international organizations (U.N., World Bank, regional development banks) as well as bilateral donors (USAID), large NGOs and foundations (Save the Children, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), in addressing poverty around the globe. We also explore the impact of new donors, such as China, on the global aid regime.

Water, Energy & Commerce: Resource Scarcity, Sustainability & Environmental Impacts - This seminar will examine comparatively the experience of states undergoing rapid economic, political, social and environmental change since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It provides an interdisciplinary analysis of the progress made and challenges faced in post-socialist era Europe, Russia, and the Eurasian successor republics to the former Soviet Union with a focus on sustainable development. It will examine the philosophical debates underlying international trade and business trends and policy, economic development and reform efforts, and the evolution of political and economic institutions. It will also examine the feasibility of alternative policy strategies in a changing and increasingly interdependent global economy. An important focus will be on the comparative analysis of natural resource challenges and conflicts, particularly as they relate to the energy-water nexus in Eurasia.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHECKLIST

This is a checklist for students in the International Relations major who began in IR Fall 2018 or after. Transfer students who are still taking courses at other institutions should choose classes that may be applied toward MSU's Integrative Studies requirements, such as MSU's math requirement, if necessary, or Madison's second language and economics requirements.

Integrative Studies:

MC 111 _____ MC 201_____ ISP _____ IAH (201-210) _____
MC 202 _____ ISB _____ IAH (211 or higher) _____ +MATH_____
Lab _____

MC 100 _____ Second Language:_____ Economics: EC 201_____ or EC 251H _____
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One of the following is required. Meet with the field experience coordinator to see best option.
Field Experience: Internship (MC 400/MC 401) _____ Study Abroad _____ Senior Honors Thesis _____

International Relations Core Program:
All of the following:
MC 220 _____ MC 221 _____ MC 492 _____ EC 340 or EC 440 or EC 441 _____

Methods: Two courses - one from each column

Course A	*Course B*
MC 295 _____	MC 294 or MC 364 or PHL 331 or STT 441 _____
SOC 281 _____	MC 294 or SOC 282 or MC 364 or PHL 331 or STT 441 _____
STT 421 _____	MC 294 or STT 422 or MC 364 or EC 420 or PHL 331 _____
STT 441 _____	MC 294 or MC 364 or STT 442 or PHL 331 _____
PLS 201 _____	MC 294 or PHL 331 or MC 364 _____
STT 200/1* _____	MC 294 or PHL 331 or MC 364 _____
EC 420 _____	MC 294 or MC 364 or STT 441 or PHL 331 _____
STT 315 _____	MC 364 or EC 420 or PHL 331 _____
MC 294 _____	MC 295 or PHL 331 or PLS 201 or SOC 281 or STT 421 or STT 441 _____

**STT 200/1 may not double count for University MTH requirement*

Four of the following: at least one from first three categories - no course may be counted twice.

Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis
Select one but not more than two
MC 318 _____
MC 321 _____
MC 322 _____
MC 326 _____
MC 328 _____
MC 329 _____
MC 390/1* _____
MC 441 _____
MC 482 _____
MC 483 _____

International Political Economy and Global Governance
Select one but not more than two
MC 320 _____
MC 324E _____
MC 361 _____
MC 362 _____
MC 363 _____
MC 390/1* _____
MC 430 _____
MC/FW 445 _____
MC 446 _____
MC/FW 450 _____

Comparative, Regional and Cultural Studies
Select one but not more than two
MC 320 _____
MC 321 _____
MC 324A _____
MC 324B _____
MC 324C _____
MC 324D _____
MC 325 _____
MC 331 _____
MC 332 _____
MC 335 _____
MC/PLS358 _____
MC 377 _____
MC 385 _____
MC 386 _____
MC 387 _____
MC 390/1* _____
MC 441 _____
MC 482 _____

New Perspectives in IR
May select one - not required
MC 272** _____
MC 319 _____
MC 337 _____
MC 369 _____
MC 372 _____
MC 376 _____
MC 390/1* _____
MC/FW 481 _____

**MC 390 and MC 391 when course has field-approved IR content*
***MC 272 only Marxist Theories of Revolution*

Related Area:
Two related courses (6-8 credits), in sequence from one of the groups. Consult your academic advisor.

Additional Major: _____
Additional Minor: _____
Other Discipline: _____

OR

History
HST 205 _____
HST 206 _____
HST 325 _____
HST 326 _____
HST 337 _____
HST 338 _____
HST 390 _____

OR

Economics
EC 302 _____
EC 406 _____
EC 410 _____
EC 412 _____
EC 413 _____
EC 414 _____

OR

Political Theory
MC 270 _____
MC 271 _____
MC 370 _____
MC 341 _____

120 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: ☐ meets requirement

Minimum number of MC credits required: 47. For transfer students: 41.
+A minimum score of 19 on MSU proctored Placement exam or selected MTH or STT course(s).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLASS SCHEDULE

Semester: Fall Semester 1

MC 100	1 cr
MC 111	4 cr
MC 201	4 cr

Semester: Spring Semester 1

MC 202	4 cr

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

Semester: _____

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Semester: _____
