

# International Affairs

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## Mission

The major in international affairs provides an interdisciplinary understanding of foreign cultures and societies, the dynamics of world politics, and other nations' world views and their consequent actions. A liberal arts program (B.A. degree), the international affairs major combines interdisciplinary, intercultural and multilingual education. It offers students a choice between two concentrations: international relations and comparative study. The courses for these concentrations stem from a broad variety of traditional liberal studies disciplines. The major also allows students to incorporate a minor in Africana, Asian, Latin American or Russian studies as well as the Studies Abroad programs. Because of limited course offerings, certain specializations may require language training from another university. International affairs is a 50-credit hour major, with a 32-credit common core and 18 credits of concentration study.

## Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

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## Degree Requirements

General Education <sup>1</sup>	41
Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required) <sup>2</sup>	0-14
Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses) <sup>3</sup>	3
University electives	12-26
Major requirements (listed below)	50
	120

1 The General Education program contains a set of requirements each student must fulfill. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary. 2 The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student's chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures' placement test. The international affairs major requires an additional year of language study. That is, students must have three years of a foreign language appropriate to their course of study in the major. Students majoring in international affairs who use proficiency in a native language to meet the INTA language requirement must make the following substitutions for the two 300-level foreign language courses: *GAMST 200* AND one of the following courses: *GHIST 225*, *GENG 247* or *GENG 248*.

3 If students have taken a *CPHIL* course to meet their General Education requirements, they must take an additional course to meet the B.A. degree philosophy requirement.

## Major Requirements

Students may choose either the comparative study or international relations concentration. The international affairs major requires that all students complete a common core. Students should be aware that it is not always possible to offer courses on their regular rotation and that new courses may be added and existing ones deleted. Therefore, key requirements should not be left until just before graduation. Any course substitutions must be approved by the international affairs coordinator in consultation with other faculty members.

## Core Courses

	Credit Hours
ECON 201. Principles of Economics (Micro)	3
ECON 270. International Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
ÆCON 200. Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
INTA 295. Cross-National Research Skills <sup>2</sup>	4
INTA 489. Seminar in International Affairs <sup>3</sup>	4
POSC 230. International Relations	3
POSC 240. Comparative Politics	3
Choose one of the following: <sup>4</sup>	3
HIST 330. U.S. Diplomatic History	
POSC 370. U.S. Foreign Policy	
FL 300. Grammar and Communication <sup>5</sup>	3
FL 320. Oral and Written Communication <sup>5</sup>	3
	32

1 Students should complete these core economics requirements before enrolling in upper-level economics courses. Students double-majoring in economics and international affairs may substitute ECON 370 for ECON 270 to meet their core requirement.

2 Students should note that MATH 220 is a prerequisite for INTA 295.

3 This course fulfills the College of Arts and Letters writing-intensive requirement for the major.

Prerequisite: Completion of all courses in the core requirement of the major and senior standing.

4 Students in the international relations concentration must count POSC 370 in the core. HIST 330 must be taken as an international relations requirement (listed under the international relations concentration requirements. In other words, students who are following the international relations concentration must take both POSC 370 and HIST 330.

5 Students must be proficient at the third-year level of a foreign language. In most languages this will require the completion of courses numbered 300 and 320. Some languages may not use this course numbering. In this instance, students must take two 300-level courses that focus on grammar, oral and written communication. The second 300-level course may not be a literature, cinema or civilization course. Some languages (including Russian and Japanese) cannot be completed through the 300 level at JMU. Students studying these languages may have to complete course work during the summer or abroad at a specialized language program. Students should consult with the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures on this point. Each student's foreign language must be appropriate for their track. French is acceptable for the Africa and Middle East tracks.

## Concentrations

### International Relations Concentration

The following international relations, cross-area and area courses are required in addition to the core courses listed under Major Requirements. Students in the international relations concentration must complete the requirements for all four headings.

#### Cross Area Courses

Complete one course: Credit Hours  
3

#### Anthropology

ANTH 340. The Invention of Race

#### Communication Studies

SCOM 248. Intercultural Communication

#### Economics

ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems

#### Geography

GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape

GEOG 300. Population Geography

Political Science  
 POSC 340. Political Development in the Third World  
 POSC 347. Comparative Public Policy  
 POSC 348. The Politics of Cultural Pluralism  
 POSC 349. Comparative Political Behavior  
 POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>1</sup>

Sociology  
 SOCI/SOWK 348. Introduction to Developing Societies

<sup>1</sup> When course topic is appropriate for the chosen concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete one course: 3

Africa  
 HIST 263. Africa  
 HIST 361. Class and Ethnicity in Africa  
 HIST 470. Modern Africa  
 POSC 353. African Politics

Asia  
 HIST 274. Modern Asia  
 HIST 371. India  
 HIST 375. History of Modern Southeast Asia  
 HIST 377. History of Korea  
 HIST 460. Modern Japan  
 HIST 480. Modern China  
 POSC 355. East Asian Politics

Europe  
 HIST 301. European Military History  
 HIST 321. European Women's History  
 HIST 384. England and the Empire-Commonwealth  
 HIST 386. Russia since 1855  
 HIST 390. France since 1789  
 HIST 465. Twentieth Century Britain  
 HIST 475. Modern Russia  
 HIST 478. Eastern Europe  
 HIST 486. Europe since 1914  
 POSC 344. Politics of the European Union  
 POSC 345. Politics of Western Europe  
 POSC 346. Politics of Central and Eastern Europe

Latin America  
 HIST 444. Revolution and Social Change in Latin America  
 HIST 445. Latin America and the United States  
 HIST 447. South America  
 POSC 350. Latin American Politics

The Middle East  
 HIST 270. Modern Middle East  
 HIST 473. The Islamic World  
 HIST 485. Colonialism in the Greater Middle East  
 POSC 354. Politics of the Middle East

**International Relations Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12

(These courses must come from at least three fields of study. One of these courses must be HIST 330. The potential fields are listed below.)

Economics  
 ECON 365. Economic Development  
 ECON 370. International Trade and Trade Policies  
 ECON 372. International Finance and Payment

Geography  
 GEOG 375. Political Geography

History  
 HIST 330. U.S. Diplomatic History<sup>2</sup>

Justice Studies  
 JUST 300. Perspectives on Comparative Justice

Political Science  
 POSC 361. Topics in International Politics<sup>3</sup>  
 POSC 395. International Law  
 POSC 396. International Organizations  
 POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations  
 POSC/JUST 392. Peace Studies  
 POSC 430. International Security in the Post-Cold War World  
 POSC 435. Seminar in International Terrorism  
 POSC 458. International Political Analysis  
 POSC 493. Simulations<sup>3</sup>

Religion  
 REL 314. Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation

<sup>1</sup> No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.  
<sup>2</sup> HIST 330 must be one of the course taken to fulfill the international relations courses for the IP concentration.  
<sup>3</sup> When course topic is appropriate for the chosen concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

**Comparative Study Concentration**  
 The following functional and area courses are required in addition to the core courses listed under Major Requirements. Students in the comparative study concentration must complete the requirements for all three areas.

**International and Cross-Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete two courses:<sup>1</sup> 6

(Each course must come from a different field of study. The potential fields are listed below.)

Cross-Cultural  
 GANTH 195. Cultural Anthropology  
 SOCI/ANTH 313. Processes of Social and Cultural Change  
 ANTH 340. The Invention of Race

Economics  
 ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems.  
 ECON 372. International Finance and Payments

Geography  
 GEOG 280. Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape  
 GEOG 300. Population Geography  
 GEOG 325. Environmental Ethics  
 GEOG 344. Economic Geography and Development Issues  
 GEOG 375. Political Geography

History  
 HIST 330. U.S. Diplomatic History

Political Science  
 POSC 340. Political Development in the Third World  
 POSC 347. Comparative Public Policy  
 POSC 348. The Politics of Cultural Pluralism  
 POSC 349. Comparative Political Behavior  
 POSC 361. Topics in International Politics<sup>2</sup>  
 POSC 370. U.S. Foreign Policy  
 POSC/JUST 392. Peace Studies  
 POSC 395. International Law  
 POSC 396. International Organizations  
 POSC 397. The Politics of International Economic Relations  
 POSC 430. International Security in the Post Cold War World  
 POST 458. International Political Analysis  
 POSC 493. Simulations<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.  
<sup>2</sup> When course topic is appropriate for the chosen concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

## Area Requirements

Students may choose from five tracks to fulfill the area requirement: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Middle East. Students must complete four courses for their specific area. These courses must come from at least three fields of study. The potential fields are listed below. At least one of these courses must be a history course. Students with advanced language skills may also enroll in a 400-level literature course to meet the culture requirement.

The following lists the potential courses for each of these areas.

### Africa Track

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12

(These courses must come from at least three fields of study. The potential fields are listed below.)

#### Africana Studies

- GAFST 200. Introduction to Africana Studies
- GAFST 489. Africana Studies Senior Research Experience<sup>2</sup>

#### Culture

- ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
- ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology<sup>2</sup>
- ARTH 210. African Art and Culture in the Humanities
- ARTH 410. African Art: The Sahara and Northern Sahel
- ARTH 412. African Art: Sub-Saharan
- ARTH 419. Topics in African Art
- ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt
- ENG 432. Studies in African Literature
- REL 300. Selected Topics in Religion<sup>2</sup>
- REL 305. Islamic Religious Tradition
- REL 330. African and African-American Religion
- SOCI/SOWK 348. Introduction to Developing Societies

#### Economics

- ECON 365. Economic Development

#### Geography

- GEOG 335. Geography of Africa<sup>3</sup>

#### History

- HIST 263. Africa
- HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History<sup>2</sup>
- HIST 361. Class and Ethnicity in Africa
- HIST 470. Modern Africa
- HIST 473. The Islamic World
- HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History<sup>2</sup>

#### Political Science

- POSC 353. African Politics
- POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.

<sup>2</sup> May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

<sup>3</sup> This course is found in the university catalog but is taught very infrequently. As such, students should not count on this course being available for scheduling in a timely fashion.

The following course is taught abroad ONLY and is accepted for culture credit in the Africa track:

- ANTH 391. Study Abroad (in Kenya only)

### Asia Track

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12

(These courses must come from at least three fields of study. The potential fields are listed below.)

#### Culture

- ANTH 380. Chinese Society and Culture
- ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology<sup>2</sup>
- ARTH 416. Arts of Oceania
- ARTH 430. Far Eastern Art
- REL 300. Selected Topics in Religion<sup>2</sup>
- REL 310. Hindu Traditions
- REL 312. Religions of East Asia
- REL 313. Hindu Ethics
- REL 316. Topics in Hinduism
- PHIL/REL 385. Buddhist Thought

#### Geography

- GEOG 334. Geography of East and Southeast Asia<sup>3</sup>

#### History

- HIST 274. Modern Asia
- HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History<sup>2</sup>
- HIST 371. India
- HIST 375. History of Modern Southeast Asia
- HIST 377. History of Korea
- HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia
- HIST 460. Modern Japan
- HIST 480. Modern China
- HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History<sup>2</sup>

#### Political Science

- POSC 355. East Asian Politics
- POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

<sup>3</sup> This course is found in the university catalog but is taught very infrequently. As such, students should not count on this course being available for scheduling in a timely fashion.

### Europe Track

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12

(These courses must come from at least three fields of study. The potential fields are listed below.)

#### Required

- POSC 344. Politics of the European Union 3

#### Culture

- GARTH 206. Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern
- ENG 341. Contemporary British Novel
- ENG 374. Introduction to Anglo-Irish Literature
- FR 308. Contemporary French Civilization
- FR 425. Twentieth Century French Literature
- FR 465. French Cinema, 1930-1980
- FR 466. Contemporary French Cinema
- GER 308. Contemporary German Civilization
- GER 426. Modern German Literature
- ITAL/HIST 308. Contemporary Italian Civilization
- ITAL 425. Modern Italian Literature
- ITAL 465. Italian Cinema
- RUS 405. Russian Literature of the 19th Century
- RUS 426. Russian Literature of the 20th Century
- SPAN 307. Spanish Civilization
- SPAN 405. Spanish Novels of the 19th and 20th Centuries
- SPAN 406. Spanish Drama of the 19th and 20th Centuries
- SPAN 460. Postwar Literature in Spain

#### Geography

- GEOG 332. Geography of Europe<sup>2</sup>

## History

HIST 301. European Military History  
 HIST 321. European Women's History  
 HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History<sup>3</sup>  
 HIST 384. England and the Empire-Commonwealth  
 HIST 386. Russia since 1885  
 HIST 390. France since 1789  
 HIST 462. The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany, 1918-1945  
 HIST 465. Twentieth Century Britain  
 HIST 475. Modern Russia  
 HIST 478. Eastern Europe  
 HIST 486. Europe since 1914  
 HIST 487. World War II  
 HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History<sup>3</sup>

## Political Science

POSC 337. Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union<sup>2</sup>  
 POSC 345. Politics of Western Europe  
 POSC 346. Politics of Central and Eastern Europe  
 POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>3</sup>

1 No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.  
 2 This course is found in the university catalog but is taught very infrequently. As such, students should not count on this course being available for scheduling in a timely fashion.  
 3 May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

The following courses are taught abroad ONLY and are accepted for culture credit in the Europe track:

ARTH 313. Masterpieces in Italian Renaissance Art (Semester in Florence only)  
 ARTH 314. Masterpieces in Spanish Art (Semester in Salamanca only)  
 ARTH 315. Masterpieces in British Art (Semester in London only)  
 ARTH 317. Masterpieces in French Art (Semester in Paris only)

## Latin America Track

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12  
 (These courses must come from at least three fields of study.  
 The potential fields are listed below.)

## Culture

ANTH 265. People and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean  
 ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology<sup>2</sup>  
 ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America  
 ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature  
 GHUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspectives<sup>2</sup>  
 SPAN 308. Latin American Civilization  
 SPAN 385. Latin American Drama and Short Stories  
 SPAN 395. Latin American Poetry of the 20th Century  
 SPAN 408. Aspects of Latin American Civilization  
 SPAN 415. The Spanish-American Novel  
 SPAN 446. Special Topics in Linguistics, Literature or Civilization

## Geography

GEOG 337. Geography of Latin America<sup>3</sup>

## History

HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History<sup>2</sup>  
 HIST 444. Revolution and Change in Latin America  
 HIST 445. Latin America and the United States  
 HIST 447. South America  
 HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History<sup>2</sup>

## Political Science

POSC 350. Latin American Politics  
 POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>2</sup>

1 No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.  
 2 May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.  
 3 This course is found in the university catalog but is taught very infrequently. As such, students should not count on this course being available for scheduling in a timely fashion.

## Middle East Track

**Area Courses** **Credit Hours**  
 Complete four courses:<sup>1</sup> 12  
 (Each course must come from at least three fields of study.  
 The potential fields are listed below.)<sup>1</sup>

## Culture

ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology<sup>2</sup>  
 ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt  
 ENG 433. Studies in Arabic Literature  
 REL 300. Selected Topics in Religion<sup>2</sup>  
 REL 305. Islamic Religious Tradition  
 REL 320. Judaism  
 SOCI 342. Muslim Movements in the Middle East  
 SOCI/SOWK 348. Introduction to Developing Societies

## Economics

ECON 365. Economic Development

## History

HIST 270. Modern Middle East  
 HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History<sup>2</sup>  
 HIST 473. The Islamic World  
 HIST 485. Colonialism in the Greater Middle East  
 HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History<sup>2</sup>

## Political Science

POSC 340. Political Development in the Third World  
 POSC 354. Politics of the Middle East  
 POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics<sup>2</sup>

1 No course taken for this requirement may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major. 2 May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course.

The following course is taught abroad ONLY and is accepted for culture credit in the Middle East track:

REL 338. The Culture of Israel

## Internships

A maximum of three credits in the major may be earned through an internship. Students must consult with the international affairs coordinator PRIOR to doing an internship to check on its applicability to the major.

## Study Abroad and Washington Semester

Many of the courses available to students through JMU's Office of International Programs and the Washington Semester program can be used to fulfill requirements in the INTA major. Students planning to go abroad should keep this in mind in working out their schedules and must consult the INTA coordinator for course approvals and substitutions.