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, Modern European 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-hour credit hour major, with a 32-credit common core and 18 credits of concentration study.

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Degree Requirements

General Education
32

Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required)2
0-14

Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses)3
3

University electives
12-26

Major requirements (listed below)
50

Total Credit Hours
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 222), 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: (a) AMST 200 AND one of the following courses: AMST 225, BENG 247 or BENG 248.
3. If students have taken a PHIL 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

Major courses

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Cross Area Courses

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

ECON 201. Principles of Economics (Micro) 3
ECON 270. International Economics1 3
ECON 200. Introduction to Macroeconomics 3
INTA 295. Cross-National Research Skills2 4
INTA 489. Seminar in International Affairs4
POSC 230. International Relations 3
POSC 240. Comparative Politics 3

Choose one of the following:4 3
HIST 330. U.S. Diplomatic History
POSC 370. U.S. Foreign Policy

FL 300. Grammar and Communication5
FL 320. Oral and Written Communication6 3

3 This course fulfills the College of Arts and Letters writing-intensive requirement for the major.
4 For students in the international relations concentration, these courses 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.

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.
**Area Courses**

Complete one course:

**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**

Complete four courses: 1

(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

**Justice Studies**
- JUST 300. Perspectives on Comparative Justice

**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
- 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
- POST 458. International Political Analysis
- POSC 493. Simulations

**Sociology**
- SOCI/SOWK 348. Introduction to Developing Societies

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

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3 HIST 330 must be one of the courses taken to fulfill the international relations courses for the IP concentration.

**Comparative Study Concentration**

The following international/cross-area courses 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. Students may use three credits of INTA 301W for international/cross-area or area credit. INTA 301W will always count as a political science course.

**International and Cross-Area Courses**

Complete two courses:

(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
- POSC 395. International Law
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2 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**

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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

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<td>ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa</td>
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<td>ARTH 210. African Art and Culture in the Humanities</td>
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<td>ARTH 410. African Art: The Sahara and Northern Sahel</td>
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<td>ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt</td>
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<td>ENG 432. Studies in African Literature</td>
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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.

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

ANTH 391. Study Abroad (in Kenya only)

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<td>GARTH 206. Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern</td>
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Cross Disciplinary Programs: Majors

HIST 301. European Military History
HIST 321. European Women's History
HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History
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

Political Science
POSC 337. Politics of Russia and the Former Soviet Union
POSC 345. Politics of Western Europe
POSC 346. Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics

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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
Complete four courses:

(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
ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America
ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature
G HUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspectives
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

History
HIST 341. Selected Themes in World History
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

Political Science
POSC 350. Latin American Politics
POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics

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2 May be taken only when the subject matter is appropriate for this geographic concentration.
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
Complete four courses:

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

Culture
ANTH 395. Special Topics in Anthropology
ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt
ENG 433. Studies in Arabic Literature
REL 300. Selected Topics in Religion
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
HIST 473. The Islamic World
HIST 485. Colonialism in the Greater Middle East
HIST 489. Selected Topics in World History

Political Science
POSC 340. Political Development in the Third World
POSC 354. Politics of the Middle East
POSC 371. Topics in Comparative Politics

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.

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