

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students may choose either the **COMPARATIVE STUDY** or **INTERNATIONAL POLITICS** 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.

B.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Philosophy requirement: one 3-credit philosophy course. If students have taken a GPHIL course to meet their General Education requirements, they must take an additional course to meet the B.A. degree philosophy requirement.
- Language requirement: Three years of foreign language appropriate to 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

COMPARATIVE STUDY CONCENTRATION

The courses in the Comparative Study concentration are grouped under three headings: core courses, functional requirements and area requirements. Students in this track **must complete the requirements for all three areas.**

I. CORE COURSES:

The following courses must be completed by all students in the international affairs major (32 credits).

DISCIPLINE	COURSE	TITLE
Political Science	POSC 230 POSC 240	International Relations Comparative Politics
Economics	GECON 200 ECON 201 ECON 270 ¹	Introduction to Macroeconomics Principles of Economics: (Micro) International Economics
History/Political Science	HIST 330 OR POSC 370	U.S. Diplomatic History U.S. Foreign Policy
International Affairs	INTA 295 ² INTA 489 ³	Cross-National Research Skills Seminar in International Affairs
Foreign Language	FL 300 ⁴ FL 320 ⁴	Grammar and Communication Oral and Written Communication

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 ECON370 for ECON270 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. Prerequisite: completion of all courses in the core requirement of the major and senior standing.

⁴ 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. Many languages (including Russian, Japanese and Chinese) 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 foreign language department on this point. Students' foreign language must be appropriate for their track. French is acceptable for the Africa and Middle East track.

II. FUNCTIONAL COURSES

Students must complete TWO courses. Each course must come from a different field of study. The potential fields are listed below. No course taken in this section may be used to fulfill a requirement elsewhere in the major.(6 credits).

DISCIPLINE	COURSE	TITLE
Political Science	POSC 340 POSC 347 POSC 361* POSC 370 POSC 395 POSC 396 POSC 397 POSC 392/JUST 392 POSC 493*	Political Development in the Third World Comparative Public Policy Topics in International Relations U.S. Foreign Policy International Law International Organizations The Politics of International Economic Relations Peace Studies Simulations
Economics	ECON 312 ECON 372	Comparative Economic Systems International Finance and Payments
History	HIST 330	U.S. Diplomatic History
Geography	GEOG 240 GEOG 280 GEOG 300 GEOG 344 GEOG 475	Natural Resource Conservation Introduction to Cultural Geography Population Geography Economic Geography and Development Issues Political Geography
Cross-Cultural	GANTH 195 SOC/ANTH 313	Cultural Anthropology Processes of Social and Cultural Change

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

III. RUSSIA CONCENTRATION AREA REQUIREMENTS:

Students must complete FOUR courses. These courses must be from at least three fields of study. The potential fields are listed below. AT LEAST ONE OF THESE COURSES MUST BE A HISTORY COURSE. No course taken to fulfill a requirement in this section may be used to fulfill a requirement in another section of the major. Students with advanced language skills may also enroll in the 400-level literature courses to meet the culture requirement (12 credits).

DISCIPLINE	COURSE	TITLE
Political Science	POSC 337 POSC 338 POSC 339 POSC 371*	Russian Political System Russian Foreign Policy Politics of Communist and Post-Communist Systems Topics in Comparative Politics
History	HIST 385 HIST 386 HIST 341* HIST 475 HIST 478 HIST 489*	Russia to 1855 Russia since 1855 Selected Themes in World History Modern Russia Eastern Europe Selected Topics in World History
Culture	RUS 208 RUS 405 RUS 426	Introduction to Russian Civilization Russian Literature of the 19 th Century Russian Literature of the 20 th Century

* 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.

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 International Affairs major. Students planning to go abroad should keep this in mind in working out their schedules and must consult with the INTA coordinator for course approvals and substitutions.