

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS COMPARATIVE STUDY CONCENTRATION: MIDDLE EAST

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.

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

B.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Philosophy requirement: one 3-credit PHIL course or GPHIL 101. If students have taken GPHIL 101 course to meet a General Education Requirement in Cluster Two, they must take an alternative Cluster Two course in order to count GPHIL 101 toward the B.A. degree philosophy requirement. In turn, GPHIL 120 and GPHIL 150 cannot be used toward the B.A. philosophy requirement.
- Language requirement: All B.A. degree students are required to take a foreign language through the intermediate (200-) level. Because all INTA majors must take a foreign language through the advanced (300-) level, they will meet this B.A. degree requirement by meeting the INTA major requirement.

I. CORE COURSES (32 credits)

The following courses must be completed by all students in the international affairs major.

FIELD OF STUDY	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 OR Political Science	HIST 330 OR POSC 370	U.S. Diplomatic History OR 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 must substitute ECON370 for ECON270 to meet their core requirement in the INTA major.**

² Students should note that MATH 220 is a prerequisite for INTA 295. If taken in the summer from an INTA faculty member, POSC 295 will count as 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. Some languages 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. Students' foreign language must be appropriate for their track. French is acceptable for the Africa track and the Middle East track.

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. Such students who have a diploma from a U.S. high school may take 6 credits of any foreign language, at any level, instead of the above two courses. These courses must focus on grammar, oral and written communication; they cannot be literature, cinema or civilization courses.

II. INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-AREA COURSES (6 credits)

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.

FIELD OF STUDY	COURSE	TITLE
Cross-Cultural	GANTH 195 SOVI/ANTH 313 SOVI 336 SOVI/SOWK 348 ANTH 340 SCOM 248	Cultural Anthropology Processes of Social and Cultural Change Race and Ethnicity Introduction to Developing Societies The Invention of Race Intercultural Communication
Economics	ECON 312 ECON 365 ECON 372	Comparative Economic Systems Economic Development International Finance and Payments
Geography	GEOG 280 GEOG 300 GEOG 320 GEOG 325 GEOG 344 GEOG 345 GEOG 375 GEOG 380	Human Geography: The Cultural Landscape Population Geography Human Dimensions of Global Change Environmental Ethics Economic Geography and Development Issues Geography of Poverty Political Geography Cultural Geography
History	HIST 330 HIST 456	U.S. Diplomatic History The Global Economy and Nationalism
Humanities	GHUM 252*	Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation
Political Science	POSC 340 POSC 347 POSC 348 POSC 349 POSC 361* POSC 370 POSC 371* POSC 392/JUST 392 POSC 395 POSC 396 POSC 397 POSC 398* POSC 430 POSC 458	Political Development in the Third World Comparative Public Policy The Politics of Cultural Pluralism Comparative Political Behavior Topics in International Relations U.S. Foreign Policy Topics in Comparative Politics Peace Studies International Law International Organizations The Politics of International Economic Relations Simulations International Security and Conflict Management International Political Analysis

* When course topic is appropriate for the concentration. Students should consult with the INTA coordinator about the suitability of a particular course. (GHUM 252 only counts here when the topic is "Gandhi, Nonviolence and Global Transformation").

III. MIDDLE EAST CONCENTRATION AREA REQUIREMENTS (12 credits)

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.

FIELD OF STUDY	COURSE	TITLE
Culture	ANTH 395* ARAB 446* ARAB 447* ARTH 332 ARTH 424 ENG 433 REL 300* REL 305 REL 320 REL 350 SOC 342 SOC 348/SOWK 348	Special Topics in Anthropology Special Topics in Arabic Literature Special Topics in Arabic Civilization and Culture Islamic Art and Architecture Arts of Ancient Egypt Studies in Arabic Literature Selected Topics in Religion Islamic Religious Traditions Judaism Islamic Law and Society Muslim Movements in the Middle East Introduction to Developing Societies
Economics	ECON 365	Economic Development
History	HIST 270 HIST 341* HIST 473 HIST 485 HIST 489*	Modern Middle East Selected Themes in World History The Islamic World Colonialism in the Greater Middle East Selected Topics in World History
Political Science	POSC 340 POSC 354 POSC 371*	Political Development in the Third World Politics of the Middle East Topics in Comparative Politics

* 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.