INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Academic Year

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School

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International Relations

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Description of Program/Major

The undergraduate international relations program at St. Mary's University is an interdisciplinary degree that combines economics, international business, political science and history. The degree provides a broad understanding of world affairs and competence for entry-level positions in the field. It also is suitable for entrance into law school and graduate school.

The international relations major prepares students for careers in foreign service as well as international, legal, public service, non-governmental or military careers. Students who want a broad understanding of world affairs would enjoy this major. The program is also a common choice for students seeking military careers or experience in the Foreign Service, or those interested in international business or non-profit developmental work.

Degree Requirements

Core Curriculum (SMC)

St. Mary's University Core (30 Hours)
All St. Mary's Core SMC13## "Reflection" courses must be completed before registering for SMC23## "Practice" courses. "Reflection" courses can be taken in any order followed by "Practice" courses in any order.

SMC 1301	Foundations of Civilization	3
SMC 1311	Foundations of Reflection: Self (Formerly PL 1310)	3
SMC 1312	Foundations of Reflection: Nature	3
SMC 1313	Foundations of Reflection: Others	3
SMC 1314	Foundations of Reflection: God (Formerly TH 2301)	3

SMC 2301	Foundations of Practice: Ethics (Formerly PL 2332)	3
SMC 2302	Foundations of Practice: Civic Engagement and Social Action	3
SMC 2303	Foundations of Practice: Fine Arts and Creative Process (Formerly FA 1101, FA 1102, FA 1103)	3
SMC 2304	Foundations of Practice: Literature	3
SMC 4301	Capstone Seminar: Prospects for Community and Civilization	3

School Specific Core (SSC)

School of Humanities and Social Sciences School Specific Core (30 Hours)

Speech	SE 1321 (for international students), SE 1341, SE 2333, SE 3391	3
Composition and Rhetoric (grade of "C" or better)	EN 1311, EN 1313 (for international students)	3
Mathematics	MT 1301, MT 1302, MT 1303, MT 1305, MT 1306, MT 1411, MT 2412	3
Foreign Languages	Six hours at the sophomore level (2311, 2312) in a Foreign Language previously studied for a minimum of one year; Or, 6 hours of introductory level (1311, 1312) in a Foreign Language not previously studied; Or, 12 hours of CLEP credit for a language previously studied.	6
History	HS 1301, HS 1302, HS 1303, HS 1351, HS 1352, HS 3312 (or any HS courses pending AC approval)	3
Science	BL 1301, BL 1302, BL 3311, BL 3312, CH 1303, CH 1304, CH 1401, CH 1402, EG 2300, ES 1300, ES 1303, ES 1304, ES 1373, PY 1300, PY 1310, PY 1401, PY 1402	3
Theology	Advanced Theology 33XX, HU 3303	3
Fine Arts	AR, DM, MU	3
Literature	EN 23XX	3

Four Year Degree Plan

Sample 4-year degree plan

Department Courses and Descriptions

Current Problems in Int'l Rela (1)
IR 3110
A lecture and seminar program analyzing current issues in international affairs, with topics changing every semester.

Current Problems in Int'l Rela (2)
IR 3210
A lecture and seminar program analyzing current issues in international affairs, with topics changing

every semester.

Ethical Issues in IR (3)
IR 3310
A lecture and seminar program analyzing current issues in international affairs, with topics changing every semester.

World Religions (3)
IR 3351
A study of the major world religions, their belief systems and their impact on social, economic, political and cultural development. Emphasis will be placed on Christianity (Western and Eastern), Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and primal religions.

Special Topics in Int'l Relati (3)
IR 4301
Perspectives on cultural aspects of international relations; area studies; or special topics in international relations. May be taken twice with a different topic. The specific topic will be recorded on the transcript.

Directed Reading & Research (1)
IR 5198
Special studies designed for selected undergraduate students with permission of instructor and chairperson. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Directed Reading & Research (2)
IR 5298
Special studies designed for selected undergraduate students with permission of instructor and chairperson. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Int'l Relations Internship (3)
IR 5301
Experience-based learning in an applied setting with a government or private agency involved substantially in international affairs.

Directed Reading & Research (3)
IR 5398
Special studies designed for selected undergraduate students with permission of instructor and chairperson. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Senior Colloquium (3)
IR 5399
A capstone course for IR majors, bringing together theory, research and ethical issues in International Relations. A series of major themes from Economics, History and Political Science will be reviewed, and will constitute a comprehensive examination for the degree.

Int'l Relations Internship (6)
IR 5601

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