

**Political Science Department, International Affairs Program
University of Nevada, Reno**

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Preface

This student handbook gives you an overview of the interdisciplinary International Affairs Program at the University of Nevada, Reno. The International Affairs Program is "housed" in the Political Science Department. Our advisers will be your main point of contact for guidance on selecting courses and meeting degree requirements. We invite you to contact an adviser and visit our website (<http://www.unr.edu/political-science>) for additional information and assistance.

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Overview

The International Affairs Program is an interdisciplinary degree program for undergraduate students. The program provides opportunities for students to explore diverse course options throughout the University and develop an area of expertise relating to students' own interests. Students may choose to focus their studies within a discipline or across disciplines. The program is truly interdisciplinary. Students can take advantage of the diverse course offerings within the College of Liberal Arts as well as in other Colleges at the University. International Affairs students interested in environmental studies, geography, business, journalism, literature, economics, or regional studies, to name a few, are encouraged to incorporate relevant coursework in these areas into their degree plans. The flexibility built into the interdisciplinary International Affairs Program assists students in preparing themselves for advanced educational opportunities and professional careers in an increasingly interdependent world.

As an International Affairs student, you may take courses in any Department or College at the University, so long as the courses match the degree plan and chosen area of specialization. International Affairs students select an area of specialization or "Emphasis" from the following options:

- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Africa
- Middle East
- Diplomacy, Law, and Organization
- International Environmental Studies
- International Political Economy

An Interdisciplinary Program

Students have the flexibility to plan a curriculum suited to their particular interests and career goals. The program allows students to choose among approved courses to complete degree requirements. Students may seek approval for other courses to fulfill degree requirements, including courses for the specialization or "Emphasis" requirement. Students are encouraged to take advantage of internship and study-abroad opportunities (<https://www.unr.edu/political-science/internships> and www.usac.unr.edu).

Careers

The International Affairs Program helps students to prepare for careers in international organizations, international business, education, translation, intelligence analysis, international law, diplomacy, and other professions that call for specialized knowledge of global political, social, and cultural processes and factors. For such careers, mastery of at least one foreign language is often useful.

Majors and Minors

International Affairs Major

The major in International Affairs requires students to complete 33 credits. Students may use up to nine credits from this major to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a minor or a second major.

Students should plan to take PSC 211 or PSC 231 and foreign language courses during their first year. In some cases, introductory courses at the 200-level may be recommended in the second semester. Students wanting to take upper-division economics courses as part of the IAFF degree program should plan to take ECON 102 and/or ECON 103 as prerequisite courses.

Students may opt to write a senior thesis and/or complete an internship to satisfy three to six credits of the program's Emphasis requirement. The thesis must be supervised by an appropriate faculty member. Students should contact the International Affairs adviser for more information. Internships require approval and must be completed in accordance with program and University guidelines (<https://www.unr.edu/political-science/advising>).

Note that actual degree requirements will depend upon the requirements specified in the UNR General Catalog (<https://catalog.unr.edu>), for the year in which the student enrolled in UNR and declared the major (or minor, if applicable).

Major Requirements

International Affairs majors complete coursework in six content areas (or "Groups"):

GROUP 1: International Relations (3 credits)

- PSC 211—Comparative Government and Politics
- PSC 231—World Politics
- PSC 336—International Community

GROUP 2: International Economic Institutions (3 credits)

- ECON 305—Comparative Economic Systems
- ECON 359—Economic Development
- ECON 365—Labor Economics
- ECON 442—History of Economic Ideas
- ECON 462—International Trade
- ECON 463—International Monetary Relations
- FIN 308—International Financial Management
- PSC 405P—Global Political Economy (multiple offerings)
- PSC 407S—Comparative Political Economy

GROUP 3: Culture, Geography, and Ideas (6 credits)

- ANTH 201—Peoples and Cultures of the World
- ANTH 220—Introduction to Basque Cultural Studies in a Global Frame
- ANTH 378—Basque Transnationalism in the United States

- ANTH 400A—Indians of North America
- ANTH 400B—Indians of the Great Basin
- ANTH 400E—Native American Literature
- ANTH 401A—Contemporary Latin American Society
- ANTH 401D—Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia
- ANTH 412—Basque Language, Society and Culture
- ANTH 414—Basque Culture
- ARA 221—Middle East Peoples and Cultures
- BASQ 220—Introduction to Basque Cultural Studies in a Global Frame
- BASQ 456—Basque Language, Society and Culture
- BASQ 378—Identity Across Borders
- CHI 221—China and its Culture
- CHI 223—Modern Chinese Literature in Transition
- ECON 442—History of Economic Ideas
- ENG 480A—Studies in Comparative Literature
- FREN 221—France and its Culture
- GEOG 200—World Regional Geography
- GEOG 300—Geography of the World Economy
- GEOG 310—Seminar in Geography (Political Ecology)
- GEOG 400—International Issues for Water Development
- GEOG 474—The America West
- GEOG 476—Latin America
- GEOG 482—Europe
- GEOG 485—Russia
- GEOG 487—Middle East
- GEOG 488—Creating North American Landscapes
- GEOG 489—East Asia
- GER 221—German Culture
- HGPS 410—Literature of the Holocaust
- HIST 211—History of East Asia I
- HIST 212—History of East Asia II
- HIST 227—Introduction to Latin American History I
- HIST 228—Introduction to Latin American History II
- HIST 289—Introduction to the History of the Middle East
- HIST 293—Introduction to African American History I
- HIST 296—Nomads to Nations in Inner Eurasia
- HIST 320—Hispanic Culture in the United States
- HIST 340—Modern African Diaspora and Popular Cultures
- HIST 344—Andean Ethnohistory
- HIST 345—History of Society and Culture in Brazil
- HIST 346—History of Cuba

- HIST 347—History of Mexico
- HIST 371—Ancient Civilizations I
- HIST 372—Ancient Civilizations II
- HIST 373—Medieval Civilizations
- HIST 374—History of the Byzantine Empire
- HIST 378—European Social History II
- HIST 384—The Italian Renaissance
- HIST 385—Early Modern Europe
- HIST 387—Western Welfare and Society
- HIST 393—England and the British Empire I
- HIST 394—England and the British Empire II
- HIST 395—Russian History to 1900
- HIST 396—20th Century Russian and the Soviet Union
- HIST 401—American Constitutional and Legal History
- HIST 403—Modern American Civilizations
- HIST 404—Social History of the United States
- HIST 406—War, Culture and Society in American History
- HIST 407A—United States Foreign Relations I
- HIST 410A—American Cultural and Intellectual History I
- HIST 410B—American Cultural and Intellectual History II
- HIST 411—United States: Colonial Period to 1750
- HIST 412C—United States: Revolution and the New Republic
- HIST 413—United States from 1815 to 1877
- HIST 415C—History of the United States 1877-1929
- HIST 416B—Contemporary America: The United States since 1945
- HIST 418—History of the U.S.-American Indian Relations
- HIST 427—European Intellectual History
- HIST 427A—Culture and Society in European History II
- HIST 431—Modern Basque History (From 1700 to the Present)
- HIST 432—History of Women in the United States
- HIST 433A—The African American Freedom Struggle After 1865
- HIST 439—Religion and Society in Latin America
- HIST 442—Women in Latin America
- HIST 450A—Modern Chinese History
- HIST 462—The French Revolution and the Revolutionary Era
- HIST 463—Europe: 1815-1914
- HIST 464—Europe: 1914–Present
- HIST 465A—Culture and Society in 19th Century Great Britain
- HIST 465C—Modern Ireland and National Identity
- HIST 467—Modern Jewish History
- HIST 469—Topics in Russian and East European History

- HIST 477—Culture and Society in Modern Africa
- HIST 478D—War and Peace in Israel and Palestine
- HIST 479—Race and Ethnicity in American History
- HIST 494A—Medicine and Technology in Traditional China
- HIST 494B—Pathologies of Daily Life in Modern China
- HIST 494C—Topics in Chinese Culture and Society
- JPN 221—Japanese Culture
- ITAL 221—Italy and Its Culture
- ITAL 223—Italian Literature in English Translation
- NRES 400—International Issues for Water Development
- PHIL 207C—Introduction to Social/Political Philosophy
- PHIL 210—World Religions
- PHIL 314—Survey of 20th Century Continental European Philosophy
- PHIL 315—Survey of 20th Century Anglo-American Philosophy
- PHIL 327—History of Political Thought I
- PHIL 328—History of Political Thought II
- PSC 207C—Introduction to Social/Political Philosophy
- PSC 323—History of Political Thought I
- PSC 324—History of Political Thought II
- PSC 378—Identity Across Borders
- PSC 405D—American Foreign Policy
- PSC 407A—Political Systems of Western Europe
- PSC 407B—Political Systems of East Asia
- PSC 407D—Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa
- PSC 407E—Political Systems of Latin America
- PSC 407F—Political Systems of China
- PSC 407V—Contemporary Basque Politics
- PSC 409C—American Political Thought
- SOC 378—Basque Transnationalism in the United States
- SOC 379—Ethnic and Race Relations
- SPAN 221—Iberia-Its Culture
- SPAN 222—Hispanic-America and its Culture
- SPAN 321—Spanish Culture and Civilization
- SPAN 322—Spanish American Culture and Civilization
- SPAN 323—Chicano/U.S. Latino Culture
- SPAN 442—Special Topics in Cultural Studies
- WLL 220—Introduction to Basque Cultural Studies in a Global Frame
- WLL 406—Francophone Literature and Films in Translation
- WLL 450—Hispanic Women’s Literature in English Translation
- WLL 470—Multiculturalism in Literature and Film
- WMST 378—Identity Across Borders

- or another approved course

GROUP 4: Research Tools (3 credits)

- APST 270—Introduction to Statistical Methods
- ECON 261—Principles of Statistics
- GEOG 313—Research Methods
- GEOG 416—Spatial Analysis
- IS 101—Introduction to Information Systems
- PSC 320—Policy Analysis
- PSC 406A—Cybersecurity and International Relations
- PSY 210—Statistical Methods
- STAT 152—Introduction to Statistics
- or another approved statistics course

GROUP 5: Upper Division Diplomacy (3 credits)

- HIST 407A—US Foreign Relations I
- HIST 407B—US Foreign Relations II
- IAFF 300—Model United Nations
- IAFF 305—Model Arab League
- PSC 336—International Community
- PSC 403D—Global Environmental Policy
- PSC 405A—International Law
- PSC 405D—American Foreign Policy
- PSC 405F—Problems of World Politics
- PSC 405G—International Conflict
- PSC 405H—International Human Rights
- PSC 405K—Middle East and Northern Africa
- PSC 405P—Global Political Economy
- PSC 406A—Cybersecurity and International Relations

GROUP 6: Emphasis (15 credits)

Students may choose an area of study among the following subjects for their Specialized Component:

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| • Asia | • Middle East |
| • Europe | • Diplomacy, Law, and Organizations |
| • Latin America | • International Environmental Studies |
| • Africa | • International Political Economy |

Minor in Asian Studies

A minor in Asian Studies is offered through the College of Liberal Arts and is coordinated by the International Affairs Program. It is supported by Chinese and Japanese language instruction on the UNR campus and by Chinese, Japanese, and Thai language instruction available through the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) programs in China, Japan, Korea, and Thailand.

Students must complete eighteen credits, consisting of two or three lower-division foundational and regional survey courses and three or four upper-division regional content courses as listed below. Courses taken through USAC and other approved study abroad programs may be used to complete the minor.

Lower-Division Foundational and Regional Survey Courses (6 to 9 credits required)

Foundational Courses (0-3 credits):

- ANTH 201—Peoples and Cultures of the World
- PSC 211—Introduction to Comparative Politics

Regional Survey Courses (6-9 credits):

- CHI 220—Chinese Literature in Translation
- CHI 221—China and Its Culture
- CHI 223—Modern Chinese Literature in Translation
- HIST 211—History of East Asia I
- HIST 212—History of East Asia II
- JPN 221—Japan and Its Culture
- PHIL 210—World Religions

Upper-Division Regional and Regional-Content Courses (9 to 12 credits required)

- ANTH 401D—Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia (multiple offerings)
- ECON 305—Comparative Economic Systems
- ECON 461—Chinese Economy
- GEOG 489—East Asia
- HGPS 415—Vietnam: Conflict and Consequences
- HIST 450A—Modern Chinese History
- HIST 494A—Medicine and Technology in Traditional China
- HIST 494B—Pathologies of Daily Life in Modern China
- HIST 494C—Topics in Chinese Culture and Society
- HIST 498—Advanced Historical Studies
- MKT 456—International Marketing
- PSC 405P—Global Political Economy (multiple offerings)
- PSC 407B—Political Systems of East Asia (multiple offerings)
- PSC 407F—Political Systems of China
- PSC 407J—Nationalism
- PSC 407S—Comparative Political Economy

Minor in Latin American Studies

An undergraduate minor in Latin American Studies is offered through the College of Liberal Arts and coordinated by the International Affairs Program. The minor includes the study of Spanish beyond the minimum college requirement and integrates regional courses taught through six cooperating departments and programs. It also takes advantage of established University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) programs. To complete the minor in Latin American Studies, students must earn twenty credits, including courses in three areas:*

Foundational Course

- PSC 211—Introduction to Comparative Politics

Spanish Language Courses (5 or more credits required):

- SPAN 305—Spanish Composition I
- SPAN 306—Spanish Composition II
- SPAN 307—Writing for Spanish Heritage Speakers
- SPAN 309—Spanish Conversation
- SPAN 315—Intro to Translation
- SPAN 410—Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition I
- SPAN 411—Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition II
- SPAN 412—Advanced Translation
- SPAN 415—Spanish Stylistics
- SPAN 422—Special Topics in Translation
- SPAN 440—Seminar in Hispanic Literature (multiple offerings)

History Courses (6 or more credits required)

- HIST 227—Introduction to Latin American History and Culture I
- HIST 228—Introduction to Latin American History and Culture II
- HIST 320—Hispanic Culture in the United States
- SPAN 222—Hispanic America and its Culture
- SPAN 322—Spanish American Culture (Latin American Cultures)
- SPAN 322—Spanish American Culture (Social Movements)

Advanced Area Studies Options (6 or more credits required)

- ANTH 401A—Contemporary Latin American Society
- ANTH 440D—Archaeology of Ancient New World Civilizations
- GEOG 476—Latin America
- HIST 334—American Revolutions from Washington to Chavez
- HIST 344—Andean Ethnohistory
- HIST 345—The History of Society and Culture in Brazil
- HIST 347—The History of Mexico

- HIST 439—Religion and Society in Latin America
- HIST 439A—The Aztecs
- HIST 439B—Inquisition in Europe and Latin America
- HIST 439C—Slavery and Race in Latin America
- HIST 442—Women in Latin America
- HIST 498—Advanced Historical Studies (multiple offerings)
- IAFF 350—International Affairs Internship
- PSC 407E—Political Systems of Latin America
- SPAN 350—Introduction to the Study of Hispanic Literature
- SPAN 355—Masterworks of Spanish American Literature to 1850
- SPAN 356—Masterworks of Spanish American Literature 1850-present
- SPAN 357—Masterworks of Chicano/U.S. Latino Literature
- SPAN 400—Service Learning in Spanish
- SPAN 442—Special Topics in Literary and Cultural Studies (multiple offerings)
- SPAN 484—Spanish-American Literature
- WLL 450—Hispanic Women’s Literature in English Translation
- WLL 460—Politics and Literature in the 20th Century
- WMST 442—Women in Latin America

*Spanish majors and minors may substitute additional Advanced Area Studies Options for language credits.

Academic advising

Because of the diversity of options within the IAFF major, students should meet with an academic adviser in IAFF prior to enrollment each semester. Students may consult the Department of Political Science website (<https://www.unr.edu/political-science/advising>) or the Student Success Collaborative for information about contacting advisers.

Get Involved!

There are several ways for students to get involved in the study of International Affairs inside and outside the classroom.

International Affairs Internships

The International Affairs Internship course (IAFF 350) offers opportunities for students wishing to gain professional experience while earning course credit. Most International Affairs internships involve working with an organization that has an international program or focus. Interested students should contact an adviser to learn more about internship options and processes.

Model United Nations (IAFF 300)

The Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations system. Each spring semester, students assume the roles of ambassadors to the United Nations and debate current global issues. Participants seek ways, through diplomacy and negotiation, in which the world community can deal with complex global concerns, such as the environment, economic development, refugees, AIDS, conflict resolution, disarmament, and human rights. Students from diverse backgrounds travel out of state to participate in these educational exercises and experience firsthand the decision-making processes and diplomatic work at the United Nations. There is an additional fee associated with this program.

Study Abroad

The University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) is an international program with an office at UNR. The consortium offers programs in many countries around the world. Students may enroll in USAC programs as early as the summer following high school graduation. Scholarships and financial aid can be used for USAC programs.

Students are strongly encouraged to plan to study abroad as an integral part of their training. Additional information can be found on the USAC website at www.usac.unr.edu and by telephone at 775-784-6569 or 866-404-8722.

Mapping your studies

Plan ahead. Read carefully through the course catalog. Identify the classes that match your area of interest, and map out the classes you plan to take in advance. By doing this, you can work toward fulfilling prerequisites and meeting degree requirements while maintaining balanced semesters.