

Politics and International Relations

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Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Degree Program Hours: 120

The major in International Relations provides a broad education that will equip students for a wide variety of careers. The program for majors is designed to (1) encourage analysis of international relations theories, institutions, and processes within the broader context of the social sciences; (2) increase appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of the discipline; (3) provide the opportunity to acquire a fundamental understanding of international relations as a basis for citizenship, a career in government, or professional study and service; and (4) stimulate interest in graduate studies in various fields and disciplines.

Lower Division Preparation

Students are admitted directly to their chosen major at the University. Students are expected to make good progress based on critical indicators that include course completion and GPA requirements. In cases where students are not making successful progress, a change of major may be required. Academic advisors work with students to identify an appropriate major where a student will be successful in completing an undergraduate degree.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
None	None

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <https://www.flvc.org>, Search Program Listing by Alphabetic Order.

Common Prerequisites

None

Required for the degree:

INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations

Upper Division Program

International Relations majors must complete a minimum 33 semester hours of course work in the department with a grade of 'C' or better. Students should be mindful of the further requirement of the Green School that a minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000 level and above) is necessary for graduation. Students also need to pass 9 hours in upper division courses outside International Relations and must satisfy the Green School Foreign Language Requirement. In addition to INR 2001, students must complete the Core Requirement (3 credits), four Group 1 Courses (12 credits), four Group II Courses (12 credits), and two Group III Courses (6 credits). Students choosing to major in International Relations must officially declare their major by completing applicable forms. Forms can be obtained online through the OneStop Enrollment Services Office, or at the department office.

Core Requirement (3)

Take one of the following courses:

GEA 2000	World Regional Geography – <i>GL</i>
CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics
REL 3308	Studies in World Religion – <i>GL</i>
SYP 3456	Societies of the World
ECS 3003	Comparative Economic Systems
WOH 2001	World Civilization – <i>GL</i>
EVR 1017	Global Environment & Society – <i>GL</i>

Group I Courses (12)

In addition to the Core Requirement, INR majors must take at least one course (3 sem. hrs.) from each of the following four divisions in Group I. Consult “Course Descriptions” to identify which courses fulfill the first three divisions.

- A. International Law/International Organizations (IL)
- B. Foreign Policy/Security Studies (FP)
- C. International Political Economy (IPE)
- D. A fourth course from among the following:

1). An Additional INR-prefixed Group I course

2). Comparative Politics courses

CPO 3010	Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice – <i>GL</i>
CPO 3055	Authoritarians and Democrats
CPO 3104	Politics of the European Union
CPO 4034	The Politics of Development & Underdevelopment
CPO 4047	Politics of North American Cooperation
CPO 4053	Political Repression & Human Rights
CPO 4057	Political Violence and Revolution – <i>GL</i>
CPO 4062	Comparative Judicial Politics
CPO 4072	Comparative Electoral Behavior
CPO 4395	Race and Politics in the Americas
CPO 4725	Comparative Genocide
CPO 4726	Ethnicity and Nationalism
CPO 4735	Democratic Transitions
CPO 4737	Politics of Transition and Human Rights
CPO 4741	Comparative Political Economy
CPO 4930	Topics in Comparative Politics

3). Economics courses

ECS 3021	Women, Culture, and Economic Development – <i>GL</i>
ECO 4703	International Trade Theory and Policy
ECO 4733	Multinational Corporation

4). Geography courses

GEO 3001	Geographies of Global Change – <i>GL</i>
GEO 3471	Political Geography
GEO 3502	Economic Geography – <i>GL</i>
GEO 4354	Geography of the Global Food System – <i>GL</i>
GEO 4476	Political Ecology

5). History courses

EUH 3245	European History, 1914 – 1945
EUH 3282	European History, 1945 – Present
LAH 3718	History of US – Latin American Relations

6). Religious Studies course

REL 3194	The Holocaust – <i>GL</i>
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7). Sociology and Anthropology courses

SYD 4237	Immigration & Refugees
SYP 4441	Sociology of World Development
SYP 4454	Globalization and Society

Group II Courses (12)

INR majors must also take at least four courses (12 sem. hrs.) in Group II, including at least one from each of the divisions in Group II. Consult “Course Descriptions” to identify which courses fulfill the first three divisions.

A. Area Studies (AS)*

B. Issues and Problems in International Relations (IP)*

C. A second Area Studies (AS) or Issues and Problems in International Relations (IP) course

D. One course from among the following:

1). Geography courses

GEA 3320	People, Place, and Environment of the Caribbean
GEA 3400	People, Place, and Environment of Latin America
GEA 3500	People, Place, and Environment of Europe
GEA 3554	People, Place, and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia
GEA 3600	Population and Geography of Africa – <i>GL</i>
GEA 3635	Population and Geography of the Middle East
GEA 3705	Geography of Central Asia and the Caucasus

2). Religious Studies courses

REL 3310	Introduction to Asian Religions
REL 3330	Religions of India – <i>GL</i>
REL 3367	Islamic Faith and Society – <i>GL</i>
REL 3375	Religions of the Caribbean
REL 4370	African Religions

3). Economics courses

ECS 3200	Economics of Asia
ECS 3401	The Brazilian Economy
ECS 3402	The Political Economy of South America
ECS 3403	Economics of Latin America
ECS 3431	Economics of the Caribbean Basis

4). Anthropology or Sociology courses

ANT 4332	Latin America
ANT 4340	Caribbean Cultures
ANT 4352	African Peoples and Cultures
SYD 3650	Sociology of Gender and Power in Asia
SYD 4451	Japanese Society in Global Perspective
SYD 4630	Latin American and Caribbean Societies

5). Comparative Politics courses

CPO 3103	Politics of Western Europe
CPO 3204	African Politics
CPO 3304	Politics of Latin America
CPO 3403	Politics of the Middle East
CPO 3502	Politics of the Far East
CPO 3643	Russian Politics
CPO 4303	Politics of South America
CPO 4323	Politics of the Caribbean
CPO 4333	Politics of Central America
CPO 4340	Politics of Mexico
CPO 4360	Cuban Politics
CPO 4401	The Arab-Israeli Conflict

CPO 4404	Iraq: Politics and Society
CPO 4461	Politics of Eastern Europe
CPO 4507	Comparative Political Economics of Asia
CPO 4541	Politics of China
CPO 4553	Government and Politics of Japan
CPO 4955	Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad
CPO 4956	Constitutional Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad
CPO 4957	Czech Republic in the Global Arena: Study Abroad

6). Environmental Studies course
EVR 3402 Asian Environmental Issues

Note: INR 4943 Internship in International Affairs may count as the fourth Group II course as long as the student has completed one course from each of the three divisions, above. All internships must be approved at least six weeks before the start of the semester in which a student intends to intern, and are by permission of instructor only.

Group III Courses (6)

Students must take the following two courses. Please note the prerequisites for each course. Students may not take INR 4013 until they have completed INR 2001 and at least nine (9) credits in INR courses. Students must take INR 4013 before they take INR 4603. The following two courses may not be taken concurrently.

INR 4013	Development of International Relations
INR 4603	Theories of International Relations

General Electives

Students are encouraged to double major or pursue a minor in related fields such as political science, economics, geography, modern languages, history, sociology, anthropology, geography or business. We recommend students take introductory courses in economics and gain fluency in at least one foreign language. Students may also consider appropriate academic certificates such as those in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Asian Studies, African and African Diaspora Studies, and European Studies.

Combined B.A. in International Relations/M.A in International Studies

The combined B.A./M.A. degree program allows highly qualified undergraduate students to pursue an accelerated M.A. degree in International Studies. Students accepted into this program will be able to complete the M.A. degree as much as one year sooner that would otherwise be possible.

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student

applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

To be accepted into the combined B.A./M.A. degree program, students must submit an M.A. program application by March 15 in their junior year (to apply, students must already have completed 75 credits in their undergraduate degree program). A complete application requires:

- Current enrollment in the B.A. program in International Relations at FIU
- GRE scores
- Minimum GPA of 3.5
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose discussing research interests

All components of the application must be complete by the March 15 application deadline. Students should consult the graduate catalog and the Politics and International Relations Department website for a more comprehensive discussion of admission requirements. Students in the combined B.A./M.A. degree program must apply for their undergraduate degree as soon as possible after having satisfied the degree requirements.

The program gives students the opportunity to take up to 9 credits of graduate coursework in their senior year that will count towards both the B.A. and the M.A. Successful completion of the B.A./M.A. program will therefore require a total of 147 credit hours. Students will take three 5000 level graduate courses in their senior year and follow the regular M.A. curriculum after they earn their B.A. degree. A typical course of study is as follows:

Undergraduate Junior Year: apply to the program (March 15 deadline)

Undergraduate Senior Year

Fall Semester – take 12 credits, including one 5000-level course

Spring Semester – take 12 credits, including two 5000 level courses

Graduate Program

Summer – take 3 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Fall – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Spring – take 9 graduate credits (5000-level or higher)

Summer – take 6 graduate credits (thesis or comprehensive examination preparation)

Students in the combined B.A./M.A. program in International Studies must complete all other requirements for the M.A. degree in International Studies (please consult the graduate catalog and the Politics and International Relations Department's online graduate handbook.

Minor in International Relations

A student majoring in another academic discipline earns a Minor in International Relations by successfully completing approved course work of 18 semester hours in the Department of Politics and International Relations with a grade of 'C' or better. Neither internship credit nor independent study may be applied towards the minor.

Student may apply for the minor by completing a Change of Major Form and have it signed by their Minor Advisor.

This program must include:

1. INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations (3)
2. One "outside INR major" course to be taken from among (3):

GEA 2000	World Regional Geography – <i>GL</i>
CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics
REL 3308	Studies in World Religion – <i>GL</i>
SYP 3456	Societies of the World
ECS 3003	Comparative Economic Systems
WOH 2001	World Civilization – <i>GL</i>
EVR 1017	Global Environment & Society – <i>GL</i>
3. A second "outside INR major" course to be taken from the same list (3)
4. One Group 1 course with an INR prefix (3)
5. One Group 2 course with an INR prefix (3)
6. Any other course with an INR prefix offered by the Department (3)

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Degree Program Hours: 120

The major in Political Science provides a broad education that will equip students for a wide variety of careers. The program for majors is designed to (1) encourage analysis of political theories, institutions, and processes within the broader context of the social sciences; (2) increase appreciation of political science as a discipline; (3) develop a continuing and responsible interest in political participation and public affairs; (4) provide the opportunity to acquire a fundamental understanding of political science as a basis for citizenship, a career in government, or professional study and service; and (5) stimulate interest in graduate studies in various fields and disciplines.

The curriculum is designed to not only expose students to the various areas of Political Science but also to allow reasonable specialization. Students are encouraged to create a blend of courses that fits their interests and they should work with the academic advisor in selecting courses.

Students admitted to the university are admitted directly to their chosen major. Students are expected to make good progress based on critical indicators, such as GPA in specific courses or credits earned. In cases where students are not making good progress, a change of major may be required. Advisors work to redirect students to more appropriate majors when critical indicators are not met.

Curriculum for Political Science Majors

A minimum of 30 credits of upper division work (3000 level and above) is required for a major in Political Science. A maximum of 6 of those credits may be in independent study and internship courses.

In addition, three 2000 level courses are required for a student to meet the department's prerequisite requirements for majors, including two state mandated "Common Prerequisites" (see below). These courses should be taken as early as possible in preparation for

upper division work in the major. POS 2041-American Government (or its equivalent) is required of all Political Science majors. This course will also meet one of the two state mandated Common Prerequisites. The second Common Prerequisite may be fulfilled by taking either CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics, or INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations (or their equivalents). The department additionally requires a third 2000 level course (see below). These requirements can normally be met through course work at the community college level or taken at FIU. Students should be mindful of the further requirement of the Green School that a minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000 level and above) is necessary for graduation. Students also need to pass 9 hours in upper division courses outside Political Science and must satisfy the Green School Foreign Language Requirement.

No specific upper division courses are required. Rather, courses in Political Science must be distributed so that eight courses meet the Breadth Requirement and two other courses meet the Political Science Electives Requirement.

The student must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all Political Science courses to be credited toward the major. Students choosing to major in Political Science must officially declare their major by completing applicable forms. Forms can be obtained online through the Office of the Registrar, or at the department. Students should be mindful of the further requirement of the Green School that a minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000 level and above) is necessary for graduation. Students also need to pass 9 hours in upper division courses outside International Relations and must satisfy the Green School Foreign Language Requirement.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
POS 2041 and	POSXXXX or INRXXXX or
CPO 2002 or INR 2001	CPOXXXX and POSXXXX or INRXXXX or CPOXXXX

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <https://www.flvc.org>. Search Program Listing by Alphabetic Order.

Common Prerequisites and Departmental Requirements

Common Prerequisites are those mandated by the state for Political Science majors. The department requires one additional 2000 level course, beyond the Common Prerequisites. In order to conform with both state and departmental requirements, students must take the following:

POS 2041	American Government (or its equivalent)
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and two of the following three courses:

CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (or
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	its equivalent)
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (or its equivalent)
POT 2002	Introduction to Political Theory (or its equivalent)

These courses do not count toward the 30 credits of upper division work required for the major.

Requirements for a Major

I. Breadth Requirement (24 credits)

This is designed to acquaint all majors with the four general fields of Political Science. Two three semester hour courses must be taken in each of the following subfields, for a total of 24 semester hours. These courses may not include independent studies, internships or POS 4784 Analytic Writing in Political Science.

American Politics - Any two 3000 level or above courses with a POS prefix, or PUP 4004, except POS 4784. (6 credits)

Comparative Politics - Any two 3000 level or above courses with a CPO prefix. (6 credits)

International Politics - Any two 3000 level or above courses with an INR prefix. (6 credits)

Political Theory - Any two 3000 level or above courses with a POT prefix. (6 credits)

II. Political Science Electives Requirement (6 credits)

Two upper division courses with POS, CPO, INR, or POT prefixes, for a total of 6 credits. Independent studies, internships and/or POS 4784 can be applied toward the Political Science Electives Requirement.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: Social Studies Education Major

This program prepares students interested in Social Studies and social sciences for teaching at the secondary level. The major incorporates current results from education research, effective curriculum materials, use of technology, and a global perspective in collaborative learning. Program requirements include field experiences and an internship. Interested students are encouraged to contact the department for additional details and information on teacher support programs.

To qualify for admission to the program, undergraduate candidates must have met all the lower division requirements including: 60 credit hours of lower-division courses, all general education requirements, lower division GPA of 2.5 or higher, and achieve the competencies of the FTCE General Knowledge Exam (GK).

All students must pass the GK Exam by the time they reach 72 credit hours in their program of study. A student who meets these minimum requirements is not automatically assured admission.

Lower Division (9 credits)

(Common Prerequisites as detailed under the B.A. degree in political science)

POS 2041	American Government – CL (or its equivalent)
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and two of the following three courses:

CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (or
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	its equivalent)
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (or its equivalent)
POT 2002	Introduction to Political Theory (or its equivalent)

Additional Lower Division Courses (3 credits)

GEA 2000	World Regional Geography – GL	3
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Upper Division (30 credits total)

POS 3413	Presidency	3
	or	
POS 3424	Legislative Process	3
CPO 3103	Politics of Western Europe	3
	or	
CPO 3304	Latin American Politics	3
POT 3103	Ancient and Medieval Political Theory	3
INR 3102	American Foreign Policy	3
POS 3xxx/4xxx	Elective	3
	or	
PUP 4004	Public Policy: U.S.	3
CPO 3xxx/4xxx	Elective	3
POT 3xxx/4xxx	Elective	3
INR 3xxx/4xxx	Elective	3
	and	

Two Political Science Electives at 3000 level or higher for 3 credits each.

And (30 credits)

EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
SSE 4383	Perspectives in Social Science Education	3
SSE 3346	Social Science Content and Pedagogy	3
SSE 4380	Developing a Global Perspective – GL	3
SSE 4384	Special Teaching Lab	3
SSE 4942	Student Teaching	6
SSE 3XXX	Social Science Subject Area Knowledge	3
RED 4325	Subject Area Reading	3
TSL 4324	TESOL Issues and Strategies for Content Area Teachers – GL	3

Combined B.A./M.A. in Political Science

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

Admission Requirements

1. Students must have completed 75-90 credit hours.

2. Students must have been admitted to the Green School.
3. A 3.5 GPA overall in college work, and a 3.75 GPA in Political Science courses taken at FIU are required.
4. Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from FIU Political Science faculty, are required.
5. Students must meet admissions requirements for the M.A. in Political Science.
6. Finally, a favorable decision into the 4+1 program by the Political Science graduate committee is required.
7. Students will be awarded the B.A. degree upon completion of the B.A. requirements, prior to completing the requirements for the M.A. degree.

Common Prerequisites and Departmental Requirements (3 courses/9 credits)

The Common Prerequisites are required introductory courses for the undergraduate major and should be among the first Political Science courses taken. The department requires one additional 2000-level course beyond the Common Prerequisites. In order to conform with both state and departmental requirements, students must take the following:

POS 2041	American Government (or its equivalent)
and two of the following three courses:	
CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (or its equivalent)
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (or its equivalent)
POT 2002	Introduction to Political Theory (or its equivalent)

Some transfer students will have already taken these or equivalent courses at other institutions, and should not repeat them at FIU. Students with questions about course equivalencies should contact the Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Breadth Requirement (8 courses/24 credits)

The Breadth Requirement is intended to expose majors to each of the four major sub-fields of Political Science. Two three-hour courses must be taken in each of the following subfields, for a total of 24 semester hours. These courses may not include independent studies, internships or POS 4784 Analytic Writing in Political Science.

American Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a POS prefix, except POS 4784. PUP 4004 may be used as one of the required two American Politics courses. (6 credits)

Comparative Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a CPO prefix. (6 credits)

International Politics - Any two 3000-level or above courses with an INR prefix. (6 credits)

Political Theory - Any two 3000-level or above courses with a POT prefix. (6 credits)

II. Political Science Electives Requirement (6 credits)

Two upper division courses with POS, CPO, INR, or POT prefixes, for a total of 6 credits. Independent studies, internships and/or POS 4784 can be applied toward the Political Science Electives Requirement.

Political Science Graduate/Undergraduate

Electives Requirement (3 courses/9 credits)

Students in the 4+1 program will take three 3-credit graduate Political Science courses at the 5000-level to satisfy this requirement. Students must be advised by the departmental Graduate Program Director before enrolling in these 5000-level courses.

The 9 hours of graduate credit taken to satisfy the undergraduate Political Science major requirement will also count as 9 credit hours toward the 30 hours of graduate courses required for the M.A. degree.

M.A. Courses

A total of 30 hours of graduate-level courses is required for the successful completion of the M.A. degree. Nine of these 30 hours will have been completed at the undergraduate level by students in the 4+1 program.

Required Core Graduate Courses

POS 5706	Research Methodology
POS 5716	Foundations of Political Science
POS 6976	Research Seminar (to be taken during last term)

Secondary Core Graduate Courses – Choose three of the following:

CPO 5091	Seminar in Comparative Politics
INR 5007	Seminar in International Politics
POS 5045	Seminar in American Politics
POT 5007	Seminar in Political Theory

Electives – Four courses (12 credit hours)

Any 5000- or 6000-level Political Science courses. Two courses (6 credit hours) may be taken from outside the Department, with prior approval from the Graduate Program Director.

Research Project

A final research project must be completed in POS 6976 under the supervision of a Politics and International Relations faculty member. M.A. candidates are required to formally present the results of their research to faculty and peers at the end of the semester. The M.A. project will be evaluated by a three-member faculty panel.

Minor in Political Science (18 credits)

Lower Division Requirement (3 credits)

POS 2041	American Government (or its equivalent)
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Upper Division Requirement (15 credits)

Any five upper division (3000 level and above) courses selected from at least two of the following course prefixes: CPO, INR, POS, or POT, **not including independent study courses, internship courses, or POS 4784** (Analytical Writing in Political Science).

All courses for the minor must be passed with a 'C' or better grade. Students should select specific courses in consultation with their major advisor and minor advisor. Students must apply for a minor by completing a Change of Major Form and have it signed by their Minor Advisor.

Pre-Law Students

The Department of Politics and International Relations recognizes the interests and needs of the undergraduate major who plans to attend law school. The basic skills

important to such students include how to (1) think logically, (2) read critically, and (3) write and present clearly and correctly.

These skills are developed in a number of disciplines. Beyond these basic skills, the department encourages interested majors to acquire a broad background in Political Science or International Relations rather than to select only courses that deal with public law.

Students should register their interest in pre-law by sending an email to prelaw@fiu.edu. The Pre-Law Advising and Training Office (P.L.A.T.O.), which is located in the Department of Politics and International Relations, holds regular pre-law seminars about the law school admission process and helps students lay a solid foundation for law school and the practice of law.

In selecting electives, Political Science and International Relations majors should remember that the LSAT and the practice of law require the ability to read with comprehension, apply logical analyses, and to express oneself with clarity and precision. Whether or not a given major will benefit from a particular elective is a question best answered by the student in close consultation with an advisor. Courses in History, Philosophy, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Math, and English will probably all give relevant skills to majors interested in pre-law. Breadth of preparation is important. Whether a particular course in logic, writing or another area is the best choice can only be answered on an individual basis.

Public Affairs Internships

The Department is committed to providing opportunities for practical experiences in governmental and nongovernmental or non-profit agencies. Four categories of internships are open to qualified students:

1. Judicial Internships POS 4944 (Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3283, POS 3603, POS 3604 or POS 4284)
2. Legislative Internships POS 4941 (Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3424, POS 4122, POS 4182 or POS 4188)
3. Executive Internships POS 4945 (Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3152, POS 3413, POS 4182 or POS 4188)
4. Washington Center Internships (administered through the Washington Center, an organization providing opportunities for semester length programs of internship and coursework in Washington, D.C. See <http://www.twc.edu> for further information).

Internships are generally limited to students who are pursuing a major or who have completed a minor in the Department of Politics and International Relations. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor only and students must have a 3.0 GPA in order to enroll in internship credit. A student wishing to enroll as a public affairs intern should consult with the Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies early in the preceding semester and receive written permission to enroll. All placement locations must be approved in advance by the Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies. Any student planning an internship abroad must also meet with the Office of Study Abroad before finalizing their internship.

Students should consult their advisor on the maximum number of credits they may take as an intern. Generally, a political science major may count a maximum of six credit hours in internships toward his/her major; an international relations major may count a maximum of three credit hours in internships toward the major.

All public affairs internships are graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

For further information on internships, contact the Associate Director for Undergraduate Studies.

Upper Division Transfer Credit

Students will generally receive transfer credit for junior and senior level courses in Political Science or International Relations with a grade of 'C' or higher. While a student may transfer up to 30 credits of upper division work, the department will only accept 15 credits towards the Political Science or International Relations curriculum. All decisions to recognize transfer credit rest with the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies or chairperson.

Undergraduate Advising

The Department of Politics and International Relations has full-time advisors available to answer student questions regarding degree requirements, transfer credit, and graduation. All new majors should make an appointment through their Student Dashboard to meet with their assigned advisor in advance of their enrollment in the program. Students who want to pursue a minor in political science or international relations should also meet with an advisor, and can make an appointment by calling the department office (305) 348-2226. Prior to registering for their final semester of courses, graduating seniors should absolutely meet with their advisor for a graduation check to review their records.

Students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science or international relations are encouraged to meet with a member of the faculty as early as their junior year to discuss their academic preparation and the admissions process. In addition, all faculty are willing to meet with students to discuss their academic work and career planning.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

CPO-Comparative Politics; INR-International Relations; POS-Political Science; POT-Political Theory; PUP-Public Policy

Courses that meet the Breadth Requirements for the political science major are identified by subfield following the course title: (AP) American Politics; (JP) Judicial Politics; (CP) Comparative Politics; (IP) International Politics; and (PT) Political Theory.

Courses that meet the requirements for the international relations major are identified by subfield following the course title: (IL) International Law/International Organizations; (FP) Foreign Policy/Security Studies; (IPE) International Political Economy; (AS) Area Studies; (IP) Issues and Problems in International Relations.

F-Fall semester offering; S-Spring semester offering; SS-Summer semester offering.

Courses that meet the University's Global Learning requirement are identified as *GL*.

CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3). Analysis of major theories of comparative politics including development, state building, institutions, patterns of political interaction and comparative elites. Focus on Latin America and the Third World.

CPO 3010 Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice – GL (3). Examines major theories and methods of comparative politics, focusing on divergent political systems (Democracy, Authoritarianism, Totalitarianism). Countries/regions studied vary with instructor.

CPO 3055 Authoritarians and Democrats – GL (3). Examines the collapse of democracy, rise of authoritarianism, the breakdown of authoritarian regimes, incipient processes of democracy and its challenges.

CPO 3103 Politics of Western Europe (3). Studies of political systems of the major European countries on a comparative basis. Attention is focused on such factors as political party systems, the cabinet form of government, and EU politics.

CPO 3104 Politics of the European Union (3). Traces the development of the governmental forms and structures in the evolution of the European Union and compares them to governmental structures in other regional and global multinational organizations.

CPO 3204 African Politics (3). Compares the politics of Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Republic of South Africa and addresses questions of economic development, the colonial legacy, and the impact of traditional social patterns.

CPO 3304 Politics of Latin America (3). This course analyzes the multiple structures, processes, and groups which are relevant to an understanding of Latin American political economy. Of special interest are the political impacts of land and wealth inequality and economic dependency. The dynamics of Latin American politics are considered, with an emphasis on the role of the military and the church. Alternate strategies for modernizing the region are considered.

CPO 3403 Politics of the Middle East (3). This course will focus on the social, cultural, and political aspects of the Middle East region. Through an understanding and an interweaving of these complex facets, a student should gain a foundation and background for comprehension of the contemporary conflict which pervades this mercurial region.

CPO 3502 Politics of the Far East (3). An intensive examination of the major political institutions of China, Japan, and Korea. A critical analysis of changing aspects of traditional relationships in Far Eastern political culture and major reform movements in contemporary Far Eastern politics. Allows the student to better understand nations whose political development will be an important factor in global development.

CPO 3643 Russian Politics (3). Examines the political structure and institutions of Russia. Attention is paid to the historical and cultural aspects of the structure and use of power.

CPO 4034 The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment (3). This course is an analysis of the causes of development and underdevelopment in Third and Fourth World countries. It includes an analysis of major theoretical approaches to understanding development problems, as well as an analysis of the roles of major national and non-national actors.

CPO 4047 Politics of North American Cooperation (3). Analyzes US, Canadian and Mexican political processes related to creation of NAFTA. Examines questions of migration, border and human security, and the US politics of securitization after 9/11/2001.

CPO 4053 Political Repression and Human Rights (3). Examination of domestic factors resulting in political repression and violations of human rights. American, European, and South American examples will be used.

CPO 4057 Political Violence and Revolution – GL (3). An examination of major historical instances and modern expressions of political violence; discussion of revolution from a comparative perspective. Attention will focus on the social origin and political determinants of such events.

CPO 4062 Comparative Judicial Politics (3). An examination of the various modes of dispute settlement and rule adjudication cross-culturally. Emphasis is on the similarities and differences of judicial behavior, judicial decision-making, judicial recruitment, and judicial powers in cross-national analysis.

CPO 4072 Comparative Electoral Behavior (3). Public opinion, voting choice, and electoral patterns from a comparative and historical perspective. Attention will focus on West Europe and Latin America. Differences from North American trends and patterns will also be detailed.

CPO 4303 Politics of South America (3). A cross-national discussion of the political systems and cultures of the Latin American nations, with special emphasis on the larger countries. Attention is given to the role of the military and to the problem of violence. Designed to give the student an overview of the political life of the nations with whom we share this hemisphere.

CPO 4323 Politics of the Caribbean (3). Studies the political system of the major British, French, Dutch, and Spanish areas in the Caribbean basin. Attention is focused on such factors as political party democracies in a nonindustrial setting. The paradoxes between modernity and tradition throughout the developing Caribbean, and the relationship between politics, economics, and culture are discussed. The student is helped to understand the dynamics of change in an important area of the world and to compare those dynamics with change in his own country.

CPO 4333 Politics of Central America (3). This course analyzes the historical and contemporary political dynamics of the five countries of Central America. Special attention is given to problems of development and modernization within the context of the region's economic dependence on the United States. Special attention is given to the problem of political restraints on the modernization process and to those regional arrangements which have been created to solve the area's problems. The student will develop a better understanding of a region which has close ties to the United States.

CPO 4340 Politics of Mexico (3). This course analyzes the structure and process of the Mexican political system from four perspectives: 1) Mexico's revolutionary heritage; 2) its formal governmental structure; 3) formal political relations; and 4) the structure and process of Mexican political economy.

CPO 4360 Cuban Politics (3). Examines the course of twentieth century Cuban politics. The course is subdivided into five parts covering the three periods of relatively stable politics and the two major revolutions.

CPO 4394 Race and Politics in the Americas (3). This course is aimed at students with a desire to gain an in-depth understanding of theories and issues regarding politics, race, inequality and identity in the U.S. and Latin America.

CPO 4401 The Arab-Israeli Conflict (3). This course provides the student with an introduction to the political roots of the Middle East conflict, and examines the dilemmas of finding a solution by focusing on the domestic and international constraints imposed upon the major actors.

CPO 4404 Iraq: Politics and Society (3). Surveys the development of politics and society in Iraq over the past century to the present.

CPO 4461 Politics of Eastern Europe (3). An examination of the historical and contemporary political dynamics of the countries of Eastern Europe. Special attention is given to the process of "democratization" and the effort to move towards a liberal-democratic, capitalist order.

CPO 4507 Comparative Political Economics of Asia (3). Introduction to the political economy of East and Southeast Asia. Course is segmented into three parts: overview of Asia Pacific; survey of specific countries; and trends and transformations.

CPO 4541 Politics of China (3). This course introduces students to China's political history from 1840 and analyzes politics in the People's Republic of China with special emphasis on political and economic development, socio-economic and political conflict, ideology, and foreign policy.

CPO 4553 Government and Politics of Japan (3). Introduction to Japanese politics. Special attention is given to the Japanese variant of democracy, the capitalist state, and foreign policy.

CPO 4725 Comparative Genocide (3). A comparative analysis of the pre-conditions and processes associated with major cases of 20th century genocide, including Armenia, Germany, Cambodia, Bosnia, and Rwanda.

CPO 4726 Ethnicity and Nationalism (3). Surveys and systematically compares multi-ethnic and multi-national states, politically, socially, and economically. Investigates integration, assimilation, coexistence, and stratification. (F)

CPO 4735 Democratic Transitions (3). Study of democratic transitions, their pre-conditions and global spread in post-Cold War era from a comparative perspective through the lens of various theories and methodologies.

CPO 4737 Politics of Transition and Human Rights (3). Study of human rights in context of democratic transitions. Focus on democratic theory and role of international community. Case studies will illuminate post-Cold War transitions as models for future.

CPO 4741 Comparative Political Economy (3). Examines the theoretical approaches used to assess the relationship between political institutions and private economic interests in advanced, industrial countries and the less developed world.

CPO 4930 Topics in Comparative Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in comparative politics. Subject matter varies according to the instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

CPO 4955 Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad (3). Examination of Czech political system, its history and current constitutional structure. Course is taught by FIU and Czech faculty with significant study abroad component.

CPO 4956 Constitutional Politics of the Czech Republic: Study Abroad (3). An examination of the development of individual rights in the Czech Republic in a study abroad setting. Particular attention to issues of liberty and equality.

CPO 4957 Czech Republic in the Global Arena: Study Abroad (3). Examination of the global political environment of the Czech Republic. Special attention to external factors, internal demands and the political, economic and social forces that impact foreign policy decisions.

CPO 5036 Politics of Development (3). This course examines divergent explanations for development and underdevelopment. Of central importance are the concepts and theories which emphasize the political dimensions of development, including theory and concept, processes of development, and actors in the development process.

CPO 5091 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3). A foundation in the development of the field of comparative politics and in the major schools of thought that have molded the perspectives on comparative political analysis.

CPO 5325 Politics of the Caribbean (3). Examines the structural and institutional aspects of the politics of the Caribbean in both domestic and international contexts. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 5745 Political Economy of Disaster Risk Reduction (3). Examines the political economy of attempts, or lack thereof, to reduce the exposures and vulnerabilities to natural and/or technological hazards of communities across world regions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CPO 5934 Topics in Comparative Politics (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in comparative politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

CPO 5936 Seminar in Comparative Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss major works on parties by conservative, liberal, and marxist authors.

INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations (3). Introduction to the interactions among international actors: states, international organizations, and transnational groups. Concepts such as power and national interest will be introduced.

INR 3030 Diplomacy (FP) (3). Covers theory and practice of diplomacy, including negotiation, conflict resolution, ethics and human rights, and economic diplomacy. Examines both diplomatic history and contemporary foreign policy problems.

INR 3043 Population and Society (IP) (3). Introduction to basic demographic concepts: fertility, mortality, migration, urbanization. Discussion of economic development, modernization and population change. Examination of sources of data and background information including censuses and vital statistics, and their utilization.

INR 3045 The Global Challenge of Refugees and Migrants (IP) (3). Examines political and economic challenges stemming from the international movement of refugees and economic migrants. Emphasizes the role of state power, organizations and law in structuring responses.

INR 3061 Conflict, Security and Peace Studies in INR (FP) (3). Introduces students to basic theoretical arguments and empirical cases on security, peace and strategic studies. Examines the evolution of conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction.

INR 3081 Contemporary International Problems – GL (IP) (3). Examines selected world and regional issues and problems. Topics vary according to the instructor.

INR 3102 American Foreign Policy (FP) (3). An examination of the legal, administrative, and political structure by which American foreign policies are formulated and implemented. Includes a discussion of the objectives and consequences of United States foreign policy in selected regional, social-economic, and ideological areas. Enables the student to understand the procedures by which foreign policy is made and implemented in the United States.

INR 3214 International Relations of Europe (AS) (3). An examination of the international, social, economic, and political life of contemporary Europe. Emphasis given to international organizations and the trend toward economic and political integration.

INR 3223 Japan and the United States (AS, FP) (3). Examines the international relationship between two of the most powerful and economically significant states of this and the next century and the international problems they must face together.

INR 3224 International Relations of East Asia (AS) (3). Examines strategic and economic aspects of international relations among China, Japan, North Korea, and other nations of East Asia.

INR 3226 International Relations of Central Asia and the Caucasus (AS) (3). Analysis of international relations of Central Asia and the Caucasus, domestic and external sources of region's foreign policy and its geopolitical, geoeconomic and geocultural dynamics.

INR 3227 International Relations of South Asia (AS) (3). Examines international relations of Indian subcontinent. Looks at basic patterns of international, political, economic, cultural, and ideological relations of the region.

INR 3243 International Relations of Latin America (AS) (3). An examination of international, social, economic, and political life of Latin America. Emphasis given to the role of international organizations; regionalism; and the trend toward economic integration.

INR 3246 International Relations of the Caribbean (AS) (3). An examination of the international social, economic, and political life of the Caribbean. Includes English, Spanish, and French speaking regions.

INR 3251 African Development (AS, IP) (3). Examines theories of underdevelopment in Africa and explores international efforts to promote national and human development on the continent.

INR 3252 International Relations of North Africa (AS) (3). An examination of the social, political and economic structure of North Africa and the manner in which its historical development has conditioned international relations within and external to the region.

INR 3253 International Relations of Sub-Saharan Africa (AS) (3). An analysis of the international relations of sub-Saharan African nations with one another and with other, non-African nations. Examines the effects of such international relationships on development, politics, and social change in sub-Saharan Africa.

INR 3262 International Relations of Russia and the Former USSR (AS) (3). Analysis of the international relations of countries of the former USSR, covering the Soviet and post-Soviet eras. Emphasis on Russia, Muslim Central Asia, and their impact on the international system.

INR 3274 International Relations of the Middle East (AS) (3). An examination of the international social, economic, and political life of the Middle East. The role of oil in the region will receive special attention.

INR 3303 Foreign Policymaking (FP) (3). Introduces and explores models of foreign policymaking, applied to international strategic, economic, and social problems.

INR 3331 European Foreign and Security Policy (FP) (3). Familiarizes students with European foreign policies and security institutions in the context of European integration. Addresses areas of security and defense, trade and development cooperation.

INR 3403 International Law (IL) (3). Introduction to the legal concepts, framework, and institutions which play a role in international relations theory and practice.

INR 3502 International Organizations (IL) (3). The study of international political, economic, and social organizations and their impact upon the relations between nations. Emphasis on the constitution, voting, membership, security and operation of such organizations, and the settling of international disputes through these bodies.

INR 3703 International Political Economy (IPE) (3). Explores the important concepts, theories, and contending approaches used in the study of international political economy.

INR 4013 Development of International Relations Thought (3). The nature and characteristics of international relations from antiquity to the end of the First World War. Examination of the religio-philosophical, socioeconomic and political ideas and systems associated with them. Study of select historical occurrences and patterns of social change and their interaction with the dynamics of international relations. Prerequisite: INR 2001 and nine (9) additional credits in INR courses.

INR 4031 The Media and International Relations (IP) (3). Explores the impact of print and visual media on the practice of International Relations. Examines how the media and their technologies determine the outcome of International Relations.

INR 4032 Asia and Latin America in World Affairs (AS) (3). Examines the linkages between Asia and Latin America, their roles in world affairs, the domestic sources of foreign policies of states in the two regions, as well as the international issues confronting the two areas.

INR 4054 World Resources and World Order (IP) (3). An examination of the impact of the quantity and distribution of the world's resources upon the relations between nations. The availability of mineral resources and food, in particular, will receive attention; and an assessment will be made of the international economic and political implications deriving there from.

INR 4073 International LGBT Politics and Advocacy (3). Examines transnational issues surrounding LGBT rights in policy and society, and analyzes case-studies to highlight the plurality of approaches globally.

INR 4075 International Protection of Human Rights – GL (IL, IP) (3). Development of the concern of the international community with the rights of individuals and groups and the institutional mechanisms which have been set up for their protection.

INR 4076 International Relations of Drug Trafficking (IP) (3). Examines international drug trafficking and its foreign and domestic policy implications. Deals with supply and demand reduction, and international cooperation in suppressing trafficking.

INR 4077 International Relations & Women's Human Rights (IP) (3). Identifies and explains global human rights issues that affect women's lives. Examines existing international legal instruments that allow women to have basic rights recognized. Fulfills SACS oral competency requirement.

INR 4082 Islam in International Relations (IP) (3). Analysis of the role of Islam in shaping the dynamics of contemporary international relations. Emphasis on ideological, cultural and political role, Islamic movements and states and relations with the West.

INR 4084 Ethnicity in World Politics (IP) (3). This course examines the political dimensions of ethnic conflict from a comparative perspective. It evaluates the dynamics of ethnic conflict in Western Europe, Africa, Latin America, and the United States, through a series of case studies.

INR 4085 Women and Men in International Relations (IP) (3). Surveys the differential roles of women and men in international relations, gender based politics at a global scale, and constructions of proper womanhood and manhood in transnational politics.

INR 4091 Ethical Problems in International Relations (IP) (3). Explores several approaches to the international ethical problems posed by intervention, human rights abuses, nuclear threats, global economic privation and other international phenomena. Prerequisite: INR 2001.

INR 4093 Postcolonialism in International Relations (3). Introduces students to the practice and ideology of colonialism, its global repercussions to the present day, as well as postcolonial thinking and political projects.

INR 4204 Comparative Foreign Policy (FP) (3). This course is an analysis of the development of the foreign policy-making process in the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, and Italy. Particular attention is directed to the domestic and international factors which affect the making of foreign policy.

INR 4232 International Relations of China (AS) (3). An examination of the development of China's international relations in the 20th century. Special attention to the development of institutional mechanisms for diplomacy and to problems of integrating domestic and foreign policies.

INR 4273 The International Relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf (AS) (3). Study of the contemporary international relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf since the Islamic Revolution in 1979, relations with the Middle East, Eurasia, the Western World and the United States.

INR 4335 Strategic Studies and National Security (FP) (3). The role of force in international relations is examined. The use and control of force in theory and practice is analyzed. Special attention is paid to contemporary national security issues.

INR 4350 International Environmental Politics (IP) (3). Addresses environmental politics from an international perspective. Ecological problems and issues are becoming international, environmental problems are crossing national borders, and public attitudes.

INR 4408 Topics in International Law (IL, IP) (3). An intensive examination of selected topics in international law and relations among nations. Topics will vary according to the interests of the instructor and the students.

INR 4411 International Humanitarian Law (IL, IP) (3). Provides students with conceptual, legal, and critical understanding of major issues of International Humanitarian Law. Allows students to develop analytical work and research in this field. Prerequisite: INR 3403.

INR 4412 International Law of the Sea (IL, IP) (3). Introduction to the legal and political foundations of the law of the sea. Emphasis on rule of law of the sea treaties, efforts to conserve marine environment, and the resolution of maritime disputes.

INR 4436 International Negotiation (FP, IP) (3). Introduces students to the main components of international negotiations analysis. Surveys the various stages of a negotiation process and examines key. Applies theory to practice by considering and analyzing a set case of studies.

INR 4501 Multinational Organizations (IL) (3). The course examines contemporary international politics through an analysis of inter-governmental and non-governmental actors. It emphasizes the prominent role played by increasing levels of transnational relations, interdependence, and global dominance in world politics.

INR 4521 Politics of Regional Integration (IL, IP) (3). Examines regional economic blocs - European Union, NAFTA and Pacific Rim. Forces influencing regional integration and effects on global trade are studied.

INR 4603 Theories of International Relations (3). Analysis and conceptualization of the forces and conditions which influence relations among nations. Emphasis is on the provision of an analytical basis for the study of international relations. Prerequisite: INR 4013.

INR 4707 The Political Economy of China (AS) (3). An introduction to the key issues in contemporary Chinese political economy and its development in a globalized society.

INR 4905 Independent Study (VAR). Directed independent research. Requires prior approval by instructor.

INR 4926 Model United Nations (3). Students participate in a UN simulation. Attention is given to the workings of the UN, negotiating skills, and critical international issues. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

INR 4927 Advanced Model United Nations (3). The advanced model UN course fosters leadership among returning model UN delegates, facilitates advanced collegiate research, and promotes the development of the model UN program. Prerequisite: INR 4926.

INR 4931 Topics in International Relations (3). Varies according to the instructor.

INR 4933 Topics in International Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in international politics. Subject matter varies according to the instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

INR 4937 Honors Seminar 1: Advanced Writings in International Relations (3). Instruction on the steps in research and writings including formulation of the research question, research design, argumentation and bibliography assembly on a theme in International Relations. Prerequisite: INR 2001. (F)

INR 4943 Internship in International Affairs (IP) (1-6). Opportunity to gain practical experience in international affairs by working at a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, private voluntary organization or institute. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; INR 2001 or equivalent; and a minimum of 9 INR credits at the 3000/4000 level.

INR 4949 Cooperative Education in Social Sciences (3). A student majoring in one of the Social Sciences (Economics, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, or Psychology) may spend one or two semesters fully employed in industry or government in a capacity relating to the major. Prerequisites: Permission of Cooperative Education Program and major department.

INR 4970 Honors Thesis (3). Under the direction of an appropriate faculty member, students research and write an honors thesis. Prerequisite: INR 4937.

INR 5007 Seminar in International Politics (3). An advanced graduate course designed to give students a specialized knowledge of the classics in international politics. The course traces the development of international politics from Thucydides to the present.

INR 5012 Global Issues and Human Rights (IP) (3). Identification, articulation and clarification of global issues that affect Human Rights and the global strategies used to challenge and overcome obstacles. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5017 Approaches to Area Studies (AS) (3). Provides students the necessary tools to approach global issues from the comparative perspective of how they play out in different regions of the world.

INR 5036 Politics of Globalization (IP) (3). Intensive examination of state and global institutions that have shaped the process of economic globalization. Topics include impact on sovereignty, human rights, labor and agenda-setting of large and small nation-states.

INR 5062 War, Peace and Conflict Resolution in INR (FP) (3). Explores the genesis of interstate conflict, the evolution of crisis, the outbreak of war and peace. Analyzes conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction processes in international relations.

INR 5066 Global and Human Security (3). Global and human security is an emerging paradigm intensified by the process of globalization and epitomized by transnational issues affecting the individual, state, region, and global system.

INR 5072 The Media and International Relations (IP) (3). Explores impact of visual and print media on practice and theory of international relations. Encourages students to question how representation of international relations issues are produced by everyday media culture. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5086 Islam in International Relations (IP) (3). Analysis of the role of Islam in shaping the dynamics of contemporary international relations. Emphasis on the ideological, cultural, and political role of Islamic movements and states, and their relations with the West.

INR 5087 Ethnicity and the Politics of Development (IP) (3). This course examines the conceptual and substantive dimensions of ethnicity in the context of world politics and political development. The course will highlight ethnicity and ethnic groups as critical factors in North-South politics.

INR 5088 Feminism and International Relations (IP) (3). Familiarizes students with major theoretical traditions of feminist thinking and surveys feminist literature in the subfields of security studies, political economy, and global governance. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5105 American Foreign Policy (FP) (3). Compares different perspectives in foreign policy analysis. Provides a comprehensive understanding of major issues in U.S. policy.

INR 5255 Seminar in African Development (AS) (3). Examines political, economic and social development in Sub-Saharan Africa in an international context. Introduces students to sources for research in African international development. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5256 Conflict and Peacemaking in Africa (3). An examination of the root and proximate causes of national and transnational conflict in Africa, and the range of approaches used to attempt to restore peace to such conflicts. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5275 International Relations of the Middle East (AS) (3). Focuses on IR of the contemporary Middle East, the foreign policy of major regional states, regional conflicts, and the US and other great powers' involvement, and dynamics of social and religious movements and revolutions. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5276 Graduate Seminar The International Relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf (AS) (3). Study of the contemporary international relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf since the Islamic Revolution in 1979, relations with the Middle East, Eurasia, the Western World and the United States.

INR 5315 Foreign Policy Analysis (FP) (3). Comparative examination of theories of foreign policy making, emphasizing the international, domestic, and organizational contexts in which national policies are formulated and enacted. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5352 Environment and Security (IP) (3). Examines the relationship between environmental issues and international security. Surveys such topics as resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and deforestation and their implications for national and regional security. Considers such topics as international environmental law, and international environmental regimes.

INR 5409 International Law I (IL) (3). Role of international law in the relations of states; nature, development, theory, sources of law; international personality; jurisdiction, including territory and nationality; dispute settlement.

INR 5507 International Organizations I (IL) (3). Study of international organizations and their role in international relations. Emphasis on their legal status, rule-making capacities and role in dispute settlement and maintenance of peace.

INR 5543 International Political Economy of East Asia (AS) (3). Introduction to the international political economy of East Asia with a focus on different paradigms that explain the rise and fall of the economy of a number of states in East Asia.

INR 5544 The New Asian Century (AS) (3). Critically examines Asian regional identity, Asia's role in the modern world economy, national and regional institution building, new security challenges, and the legacy of the past. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5607 International Relations and Development (IP) (3). An analysis and conceptualization of the process of development as it takes place in the international context. Special attention given to the role of international organizations in promoting development and the manner in which differences in developmental levels conditions international relations.

INR 5609 Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations (IP) (3). Surveys the 20th century's large events and important tendencies decade by decade, as registered by intellectual and policy elites at the time.

INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations (3). Introduces graduate students to the principles of formulating and defending a compelling research design, gathering and analyzing evidence, and producing scholarship.

INR 5616 Qualitative and Interpretive Methods in International Relations (3). Advanced methods course that exposes students to the development and application of qualitative and interpretive methods in international relations and political science.

INR 5906 Independent Study (VAR). Directed independent research. Requires prior approval by instructor.

INR 5934 Topics in International Politics (3). A rigorous examination in international politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced.

INR 5935 Topics in International Relations (3). Varies according to the instructor. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5943 Internship in International Relations (1-6). Opportunity to gain practical experience in analysis and conduct of international relations by working at a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, or non-profit organization. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of the instructor.

INR 5945 Graduate Pedagogy (1). The development of teaching skills required by graduate assistants, including classroom skills, designing examinations, etc. Prerequisite: Graduate Assistants.

POS 2041 American Government – CL (3). Power distribution and policy-making in U.S. Topics include political change; role of majorities; minorities; media, elections in U.S. politics; national institutions; and Florida state and local government.

POS 2690 Law, Politics and Society (3). Introduction to the role of law in American life. Topics include law as a tool for social control, dispute settlement and social change; the tension between rights and community; and the rule of law.

POS 3064 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (3). An introduction to modern theories of federalism, with an emphasis on how federalism has evolved in the United States. Constitutional structures and intergovernmental relations may also be emphasized.

POS 3152 Urban Politics (3). An examination of the processes by which social conflicts in American urban areas are represented and regulated. Emphasis is placed on how urban problems are identified; and the way proposed solutions are formulated, legitimized, and administered by urban policy-making processes. Includes a discussion of urban political culture. Enables the student to understand major problems confronting communities in urban areas.

POS 3258 Politics on Film (3). Features popular films to analyze, interpret, conceptualize, and critique crucial aspects, issues, and events in politics.

POS 3283 The Judicial Process (3). An introduction to the study of public law. Examines the relationship between politics and judicial structure and process. Emphasizes the judicial system as a particular kind of policy-making system, and evaluates its strengths and weaknesses from a policy-making perspective.

POS 3413 The Presidency (3). An examination of the various interpretations of the Presidency. Attention is directed to the role of the President in a technocratic society. Enables the student to understand one of the most visible political institutions.

POS 3424 The Legislative Process (3). Examines the context and process of legislative decision-making, including the impact of elections, groups, bureaucracies, and the norms of legislative behavior. Evaluates legislatures in light of various theories of representation and conflict-management.

POS 3443 Political Parties (3). Studies the internal structure, political functions, and behavior of modern political parties. Attention is given to the relationships between political parties and various economic, ethnic, and regional interest. Enables the student to understand the problems of expressing and structuring political demands to facilitate or obstruct governmental decision making.

POS 3603 Constitutional Law: Powers (3). An examination of the basic principles of American government, as defined through constitutional law. Focus will be on the nature of the union, federalism, national government powers, separation of powers, state government powers, and powers of the respective branches of government.

POS 3604 Constitutional Law: Limitations (3). An examination of the limitations on government as defined by the Supreme Court through constitutional law. Focus will be on the limitations of government with respect to the rights of the individual, of groups, and of the states. Particular attention will be paid to civil rights, civil liberties, the rights of the accused, political rights, and economic liberties.

POS 3652 Law and the Legal Profession (3). Survey of U.S. law practice areas, legal education and professional bar, law firm organization, public service lawyering, and professional and ethical obligations of American lawyers.

POS 3703 Methods of Political Analysis (3). An introduction to the principal concepts and techniques of data collection and organization in political science. Includes practical exercise in data collection and organization. Highly recommended for those planning graduate study.

POS 4034 Political Change in America (3). Analysis of theories of political change in America and their application to major political movements from the 1960's to the present.

POS 4035 Environmental Politics (3). Examines the interaction between interest groups, advocacy groups, and political institutions in U.S. environmental politics, and the resulting policies and effects.

POS 4070 Race and Politics in the United States (3). This course is aimed at students with a desire to gain an in-depth understanding of theories and issues regarding politics, race, ethnicity and inequality in the United States.

POS 4071 Corporate Power and American Politics (3). An examination of the formal and informal linkages between the private and public sectors and the sets of relationships which govern each. Particular attention is devoted to the exploration of the political role of business and the close but uneasy relationship between private enterprise and democracy.

POS 4072 Women in Politics (3). Examines the various roles that women play in politics, their actions and effectiveness, and the manner in which politics affects women. Special attention to policies that affect women.

POS 4073 The Military and the Citizen (3). Examines the U.S. military as a basic governmental institution, its relationship to civilians/citizens, and its post World War II history.

POS 4074 Latino Politics (3). Presents an overview of the role of Hispanics in the U.S. political system. It explores the historical and socio-economic dimensions of Latino politics.

POS 4122 State Government and Politics (3). A study of the political processes, structure, and development of state systems. This course attempts to provide the student with an understanding of the basic structure of state government and political processes.

POS 4152 Conflict and Change in American Cities (3). A study of social conflict in American cities. Emphasis is on how urban problems are identified and proposed solutions are formulated, legitimized and administered by policy-making processes.

POS 4154 Topics in Urban Politics and Policy (3). An intensive examination of a topic in urban politics and policy. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4173 Politics in the American South (3). An examination of the politics of the American South with particular attention to the role of political parties, the Civil Rights movement, and the impact of Reconstruction.

POS 4182 Florida Politics (3). Provides analysis of the state and county politics of Florida. Special emphasis is placed on the regionalism inherent to politics in the state.

POS 4188 Miami Politics (3). Examines the politics of Miami-Dade County. Topics include functioning of Metro government, theories of political power, politics of ethnicity and class, growth politics, and political corruption.

POS 4205 American Political Culture (3). Examines American political culture and the forces that share it. Specific focus on competing theories, and the role of political socialization, ideology, the economy, media, and schooling.

POS 4233 Public Opinion (3). Examines the social and psychological factors shaping contemporary American public opinion. Emphasis on the collection and analysis of data from opinion polls.

POS 4284 Judicial Behavior (3). An examination of various approaches, theories, and findings on the behavior of judicial actors, particularly as it relates to judicial decision-making. The focus of the course will be on judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and other relevant actors in the judicial process.

POS 4314 American Ethnic Politics (3). This course examines American ethnic politics from conceptual and substantive perspectives. Special attention is devoted to the theoretical dynamics of ethnicity as well as an intensive investigation of Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Black ethnic politics.

POS 4463 Interest Group Politics (3). An examination of the various types of voluntary associations which seek to influence the political process. Special attention is given to the role of private power in a pluralist system. Enables the student to understand the ambivalent American attitude towards pressure groups and lobbying activities in the legislative and administrative arenas.

POS 4605 Gender Justice (3). The development of gender law in the U.S. and legal strategies by which courts both initiate and respond to demands for social change. Emphasis on various legal definitions of justice and equality.

POS 4606 The U.S. Supreme Court (3). Intensive study of U.S. Supreme Court, its internal processes, decision-making, personalities, and the impact of its decisions. Relationships with other federal branches and participants are also examined.

POS 4622 Race and Law in the U.S. (3). Examines U.S. legal development of racial issues by focusing on political, economic and social rights from founding to contemporary times. Underlying theme asks whether courts are appropriate agents of social change.

POS 4627 Equality and the Constitution (3). An examination of the Supreme Court's interpretations of the Constitution in relation to social and political equality. Questions of equal justice pertaining to race, alienage, gender, sexual orientation, political representation, and economic status are explored.

POS 4684 Politics of Voting Rights (3). Analyzes the development of the right to vote in the United States. Major emphasis is on Supreme Court decisions and federal laws.

POS 4784 Analytic Writing in Political Science (3). Develops and refines skills necessary for effective written communication. Focus on inductive research and analysis process. For professions where analytic and writing skills are expected and valued.

POS 4905 Independent Study (3). Designed for advanced students who wish to pursue specialized topics in political science. Arrangements must be made with instructor during the prior semester.

POS 4930 Topics in Public Law (3). An intensive examination of a topic dealing with public law. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4931 Topics in Politics (3). An intensive examination of a topic in politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 4935 Honors Seminar (3). A rigorous examination of a political topic designed for advanced political science majors. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

POS 4941 Legislative Internship (1-12). Opportunity to gain practical experience by working in the offices of an elected representative in local, state, or national government on legislative activities. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3424, POS 4122, POS 4182 or POS 4188.

POS 4944 Judicial Internship (1-12). Opportunity to gain practical experience by working with a judge, state attorney, public defender, or public interest organization on legal or judicial activities. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3283, POS 3603, POS 3604 or POS 4284.

POS 4945 Executive Internship (1-12). Opportunity to gain practical experience by working in the offices of a county manager, mayor, governor or president. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; POS 2041 or equivalent; and POS 3152, POS 3413, POS 4182 or POS 4188.

POS 5045 Seminar in American Politics (3). The advanced study of U.S. politics. Students read and discuss major works and theories concerning American politics and government.

POS 5146 Seminar in Urban Politics (3). Examination of processes by which urban areas are governed. Emphasis is on conflicts over structures, power, policy and the politics of ethnicity and class.

POS 5158 Topics in Politics (3). Subject matter varies according to instructor.

POS 5208 Seminar in Political Behavior (3). Analyzes the literature in political behavior. Special emphasis is on voting, socialization, attitudes, partisanship, campaigning, the media, and political participation in the developed democracies. Prerequisite: Seminar in Political Science Methodology.

POS 5326 Seminar in Class Analysis (3). The theoretical and empirical issues associated with class divisions in contemporary societies. Theoretical debates regarding definitional problems of class identity and empirical case studies highlighting class conflict and stratification.

POS 5447 Seminar in U.S. Political Parties (3). Students read and discuss the major works and theories on U.S. Political Parties.

POS 5638 Topics in Public Law (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in public law. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POS 5702 Teaching Political Science (1). Introduces graduate students to the pedagogical and practical aspects of teaching political science. Topics will include selecting books, writing a syllabus, lecturing, running discussion groups, and testing and grading. Covers professional ethics, and student rights and responsibilities.

POS 5706 Methodology (3). This course is an introduction to the principal concepts and techniques of quantitative and non-quantitative methodology in the Social Sciences. It is designed to familiarize the student with the language and format of quantitative and non-quantitative applications in order to permit students to deal effectively with the literature of their field.

POS 5716 Foundations of Political Science (3). Prepares students for the advanced study of politics. Areas of study include history of Political Science as a discipline, comparison of classical and modern sciences of politics and realpolitik, epistemological foundations.

POS 5728 Comparative Racial Politics (3). This course explores the ways race is socially constructed globally. It will discuss how race and racism are framed by states and different racial norms and patterns of mobilization in each country.

POS 5785 Writing Professionally in Political Science (3). Focus on inductive research process. Refines technical skills for effective written communication. Best practice examples for preparing briefing papers, articles, books, and grant applications.

POS 5909 Independent Study (3). Designed for advanced students who wish to pursue specialized topics in political science. Arrangements must be made with instructor during prior semester.

POS 5932 Topics in Urban Politics (3). An extensive examination of the processes by which social conflicts in American urban areas are represented and regulated. Emphasis is on the ways in which urban problems are identified and proposed solutions formulated, legitimized, and administered by urban policy-making processes, includes a discussion of urban political culture. Enables the student to understand the major problems confronting communities in urban areas.

POT 2002 Introduction to Political Theory (3). Introduction to various ways of thinking about the political. Includes an examination of explanations offered for political phenomena and an analysis of political prescriptions. Special attention given to assumptions underlying political beliefs.

POT 3013 Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (3). A study of the major political philosophers of the ancient and medieval periods. Primary emphasis is given to the Greek experience. The nature of political theory as a tradition of discourse is examined. Meets the state composition requirement.

POT 3054 Modern Political Theory (3). An analysis of the thought of the great political thinkers since Machiavelli, culminating with the nineteenth century theorists. Basic themes and ideas common to all these political theorists will be discussed in detail. The problem of 'modernity' will receive special attention.

POT 3064 Contemporary Political Theory (3). An overview of the major conceptual frameworks used by political theorists to describe, explain, and evaluate political behavior and processes. Stress is placed on political theory, not only as a basis for inquiry, but also as a base for political action. This course enables the student to develop analytical abilities with which to interpret the political events of his or her time.

POT 3204 American Political Thought (3). An examination of American political thought from its 17th century origins to the contemporary period. The continuities and discontinuities in the development of American political ideas since colonial times will receive special attention.

POT 3302 Political Ideologies (3). An analysis of modern political ideologies since the French Revolution, including liberalism, conservatism, and socialism. Particular emphasis will be given to Marxism. The contemporary link between ideology and totalitarianism will be examined.

POT 3304 Feminist Political Theory (3). Provides a fundamental understanding of feminist political theory since 1950 with an emphasis on U.S. thought. Concepts explored include equality, equity, and representation.

POT 4104 Science Fiction and Political Imaginations (3). This course explores the possible futures of modern political institutions, such as capitalism, democracy, and the state, through a critical engagement with works of science and speculative fiction.

POT 4309 Sex, Power and Politics (3). Theories are examined that explain differences between women's and men's power in the political arena. Their internal consistency and "fit" with reality are also explored.

POT 4311 Problems of Democracy (3). Examines various theories and critiques of democracy in modern political thought with an emphasis on contemporary problems in democratic theory and practice. Prerequisite: POS 2041.

POT 4344 Class, Race and Sports (3). Examines the political structure of organized sports with a concentration on issues of class and race. Theories explore the relationship between owners, players and fans in modern sports.

POT 4621 Theories of Justice (3). An analysis of major theories of justice from Plato to the present. Emphasis on the implications of theory for U.S. constitutional law, the role of judges, and the nature of the good society.

POT 4930 Topics in Political Theory (3). An intensive examination of a topic in political theory. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.

POT 5007 Seminar in Political Theory (3). An examination of writings from a diverse list of some of the major political theorists in the western tradition from antiquity to the present.

POT 5307 Feminist Political Theory (3). Examines feminist political theory in the second half of the twentieth century with a focus on the work of U.S. scholars.

POT 5615 Political Theory and Modernity in a Transnational Perspective (3). Explores and critically evaluates late modern (20th and 21st century) social and political theories central to the thought and practice of international politics.

POT 5635 Islamic Political Thought (3). Intensive study of major thinkers and primary texts of Islamic civilization from the development of Islamic political thought in Late Antiquity to the contemporary era.

POT 5934 Topics in Political Theory (3). An intensive examination of selected topics dealing with political theory. Subjects will vary, depending upon the desires of students and faculty. Allows the student to choose topics of particular interest to him or her.

PUP 4004 Public Policy: U.S. (3). An intensive examination of the theory and practice of formulating, legitimizing, administering, and evaluating public policy. Includes a discussion of the role of administrators, legislators, courts, interest groups and political parties in their processes. Gives the student an analytical basis for understanding and participating in the making of public policy in a variety of policy areas. Prerequisite: Prior work in American institutions: The Congress, Presidency, or Judicial.

PUP 5934 Topics in Public Policy (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in public policy. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic will be announced in advance.