### University Core Requirements:

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### Suggested Sequence of Courses

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Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
### BA in International Relations (570142)

#### 2020-2021 Program Requirements (60 - 86 Credit Hours)

**No double counting of courses within the major will be allowed unless noted otherwise.**

**REQUIREMENT 1** Complete 2 courses  
**INFORMATION FOUNDATIONS AND METHODS:**  
- ECON 459 - Intermediate Macroeconomics 3.0  
- ECON 458 - Intermediate Price Theory 1 3.0  
- POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics 3.0  
- POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0  

**REQUIREMENT 2** Complete 1 course  
- POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0  
- POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 3** Complete 1 course  
- POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0  
- POLI 358 - Latin American Politics 3.0  
- POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 4** Complete 2 courses  
**RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS AND METHODS:**  
- ECON 380 - Intermediate Monetary Theory 3.0  
- POLI 150 - Comparative Government and Politics 3.0  
- POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 5** Complete 1 option  
**RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS AND METHODS: COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:**

- **OPTION 5.1** Complete 1 course  
  - MATH 112 - Calculus 1 4.0  
  - POLI 200 - Political Inquiry 4.0

**REQUIREMENT 6** Complete 2 courses  
- ECON 388 - Introduction to Econometrics 3.0  
- POLI 352 - African Politics 3.0  
- POLI 353 - China: Government and Politics 3.0  
- POLI 354 - Japan: Government and Politics 3.0  
- POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0  
- POLI 358 - Latin American Politics 3.0  
- POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 7** Complete 1 course  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSES:**  
- POLI 1372 - International Political Economy 3.0  
- POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0  
- POLI 177 - National Security Affairs 3.0  
- POLI 178 - International Conflict 3.0  
- POLI 473 - Human Rights 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 8** Complete 1 course  
**COMPARATIVE POLITICS COURSES:**  
- POLI 341 - European Politics 3.0  
- POLI 343 - Designing Democracy: Constitutional Design for Democratic Gc 3.0  
- POLI 344 - Comparative Political Economy 3.0  
- POLI 357 - Middle East Politics 3.0  
- POLI 358 - Latin American Politics 3.0  
- POLI 359 - Latin American Politics 3.0  
- POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence 3.0

**REQUIREMENT 9** Complete 1 course  
**ACHIEVE PROFICIENCY IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE COURSES FOR ONE LANGUAGE TO A SPECIFIED LEVEL. SOME PREREQUISITE COURSES MAY BE WAIVED WITH EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE. THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS THEIR SECOND LANGUAGE. STUDENTS CAN ALSO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR MANY LESS COMMONLY TAUGHT LANGUAGES (E.G., TAGALOG, THAI). PLEASE SEE THE CENTER FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES WEBSITE (HTTPS://CLS.BYU.EDU/) FOR INFORMATION ON WHICH LANGUAGES ARE OFFERED AND WHEN OR VISIT THE KENNEDY CENTER ADVISEMENT OFFICE.**

- **OPTION 11.1** Complete 1 course  
  - BULG 330 - Cultural History of Bulgaria 3.0  
  - CZECH 330 - Cultural History of Czech Republic 3.0  
  - DANISH 340 - Danish Literature 3.0  
  - DUTCH 340 - Introduction to Dutch Literature 3.0  
  - FINN 340 - Finnish Literature 3.0  
  - FREN 321 - Advanced French Part 1 3.0  
  - FREN 340 - Introduction to Literary Analysis 3.0  
  - GERM 302 - Advanced German Language 1 3.0  
  - GERM 330 - Cultural History of German-Speaking Peoples 3.0  
  - GERM 344 - Introduction to Phonetics 3.0  
  - HUNG 330 - Cultural History of Hungary 3.0  
  - ICLND 429 - Old Icelandic Language and Literature 3.0  
  - ITAL 321 - Advanced Language Skills Part 1 3.0  
  - ITAL 340 - Introduction to Italian Literature 3.0  
  - NORW 340 - Norwegian Literature 3.0  
  - POLS H 330 - Cultural History of Poland 3.0  
  - PORT 321 - Third-Year Portuguese Reading, Grammar, and Culture 3.0  
  - ROM 340 - Introduction to Romanian Literature and Culture 3.0  
  - RUS 321 - Third-Year Russian Part 1 3.0  
  - RUS 330 - Cultural History of Russia 3.0  
  - SPAN 321 - Third-Year Spanish Reading, Grammar, and Culture 3.0  
  - SWED 340 - Swedish Literature 3.0  
  - UKRAI 330 - Cultural History of Ukraine 3.0

- **OPTION 11.2** Complete 2 courses  
  - ARAB 300 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic 4.0  
  - ARAB 302 - Newspaper Arabic 4.0

- **OPTION 11.3** Complete 2 groups  
  - GROUP 11.3.1 Complete 1 course  
    - CHIN 301 - Third-Year Mandarin 4.0

- **OPTION 11.4** Complete 2 courses  
  - GROUP 11.4.1 Complete 1 course  
    - KOREA 301 - Third-Year Korean 4.0

- **OPTION 11.5** Complete 2 courses  
  - KOREA 301 - Third-Year Korean 4.0

- **OPTION 11.6** Complete 1 option  
  - SPECIALIZATIONS: COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRACKS (NO DOUBLE-COUNTING OF MAJOR COURSES ALLOWED):  
    - GROUP 11.6.1 Complete 1 group  
      - A. INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
### Complete four courses from the following. At least one course must be from history and at least one course from political science.

#### GROUP 12.1.1 Complete 4 courses
- ANTHR 348 - Contemporary Japan
- GEOG 272 - East Asia
- GEOG 273 - Southeast Asia
- HIST 231 - Introduction to East Asian History
- HIST 337 - Pre-modern Korea
- HIST 338 - Modern Korea
- HIST 341 - China Since 1200
- HIST 344 - Modern Japan
- HIST 348 - Modern South East Asia
- POLI 135 - China: Government and Politics
- POLI 135 - Japan: Government and Politics
- POLI 135 - International Relations of Asia
- POLI 136 - Japanese Foreign Policy
- POLI 138 - Chinese Foreign Policy
- POLI 372 - East Asia

### OPTION 12.4 Complete 1 group

#### D. LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from the following. At least one course must be from political science and one course from history.

#### GROUP 12.4.1 Complete 4 courses
- GEOG 255 - Middle and South America
- HIST 252 - Modern Latin America
- HIST 326 - The History of Mexico
- HIST 355 - History of Argentina
- HIST 356 - Brazil
- HIST 358 - Gender and History in Latin America
- POLI 358 - Latin American Politics
- POLI 380 - International Relations of Latin America

### OPTION 12.5 Complete 1 group

#### E. MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from at least two disciplines. At least one course must be from history and at least one course from political science.

#### GROUP 12.5.1 Complete 4 courses
- ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East
- GEOG 271 - Middle East
- HIST 240 - Middle East History to 1800
- HIST 241 - Middle East History from 1800
- HIST 244 - Jewish History: A.D. 70 to the Present
- MESA 350 - Islam in Contemporary Society
- POLI 357 - Middle East Politics
- POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East
- POLI 452 - Islam and Politics

### OPTION 12.6 Complete 1 group

#### F. EUROPEAN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from the following. At least one course must be from political science and one course from history.

#### GROUP 12.6.1 Complete 4 courses
- GEOG 256 - Europe
- GEOG 260 - Russia and the Former Soviet Union
- HIST 307 - Europe Since 1914
- HIST 309 - European Revolutions since 1800
- HIST 310 - European Economic History
- HIST 312 - History of Ideas
- HIST 318 - European Women’s History
- HIST 323 - Modern Britain
- HIST 324 - France
- HIST 325 - Spain
- HIST 327 - Italy in the Modern World Since 1848
- HIST 328 - Modern Germany
- HIST 331 - Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia
- HIST 332 - Scandinavian History
- POLI 341 - European Politics
- POLI 347 - Russia/Former Soviet Politics
- POLI 351 - British Government and Politics

### OPTION 12.7 Complete 2 groups

#### G. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Complete three courses from at least two disciplines. At least one course must be from economics. NOTE: At least two courses must be from economics.

#### GROUP 12.7.1 Complete 1 course
- ECON 431 - Economic Development

### OPTION 12.8 Complete 1 group

#### H. ASIAN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from the following. At least one course must be from political science and one course from history.

#### GROUP 12.8.1 Complete 4 courses
- ANTHR 341 - Political Geography
- HIST 293 - World War II in History and Memory
- HIST 307 - Europe Since 1914
- HIST 376 - U.S. History from 1945 to 2000
- HIST 391 - The Vietnam War
- HIST 393 - U.S. Foreign Relations
- POLI 374 - Ethics and International Affairs
- POLI 375 - International Organizations
- POLI 377 - National Security Affairs
- POLI 378 - International Conflict
- POLI 382 - International Relations of North America
- POLI 472 - International Political Economy of Women
- POLI 473 - Human Rights
- POLI 475 - Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence
- POLI 476 - Terrorism

### OPTION 12.9 Complete 1 group

#### I. LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from at least two disciplines. At least one course must be from political science and one course from history.

#### GROUP 12.9.1 Complete 4 courses
- ANTHR 340 - Peoples of the Middle East
- GEOG 271 - Middle East
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- POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East
- POLI 452 - Islam and Politics

### OPTION 12.10 Complete 1 group

#### J. ASIAN POLITICS AND HISTORY

Complete four courses from the following. At least one course must be from political science and one course from history.

#### GROUP 12.10.1 Complete 4 courses
- ANTHR 341 - Political Geography
- HIST 293 - World War II in History and Memory
- HIST 307 - Europe Since 1914
- HIST 376 - U.S. History from 1945 to 2000
- HIST 391 - The Vietnam War
- HIST 393 - U.S. Foreign Relations
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### OPTION 12.11 Complete 1 group
REQUIRED 13

CAPSTONE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Note 1: Only MESA 495, Poli 450, or Poli 470 can fill the GE Advanced Written and Oral Communication requirement when coupled with Poli 200.

Note 2: Students majoring in international relations may not pursue a double major or minor in either economics or political science because of the course overlap between international relations and those majors.

THE DISCIPLINE:

International Relations is an interdisciplinary major emphasizing the systematic study of political and economic relations between governments and people in different states, as well as comparisons across different political and economic systems. International relations students must also understand the historical and geographic basis for current international relationships.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

The international relations major gives students a strong liberal arts education in multiple areas along with useful technical skills. In addition to substantive knowledge, IR students will learn analytical concepts and ideas that allow them to organize, explain, and make sense of relations between states and comparisons among them. Students will achieve high proficiency in math and statistics, writing and foreign language. They will be prepared for a wide variety of career paths—including, but not limited to, government, law, business, and international organizations. Students should also remember that many of those career paths will require graduate-level training. As such, the IR degree should be seen as certifying fluency in the ideas and methods of multiple fields so that students can pursue their own specialized interests, rather than as a terminal degree.

It is important to distinguish international relations as a field from a more general definition of “international,” which might include anything (people, language, culture, traditions, etc.) beyond the territorial boundaries of the United States. For many students interested in the broad study of anything international and foreign, BYU’s International Relations degree will not provide the best training. In fact, no reasonable degree can include the systematic study of everything international and foreign. It should be remembered that BYU students have a wealth of options to pursue their particular international and foreign interests. These include:

- Social science majors with a strong international component, such as economics, geography, history, or political science.
- Area studies majors, including Asian, European, Latin American, and Middle East studies.
- Language majors.
- Other majors combined with a minor in one of the above areas.