# University Core and Graduation 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.
REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 2 courses

INTRODUCTORY CORE COURSES:

*ECON 110 - Economic Principles and Problems
*ECON 111 - Economic Principles and World Affairs

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 1 course

POLI 110 - Comparative Government and Politics
POLI 250 - Principles of Comparative Politics

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 1 course

POLI 170 - Introduction to International Politics
POLI 270 - Principles of International Relations

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 2 courses

RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS AND METHODS:

*ECON 112 - Calculus 1
POLI 200 - Political Inquiry

REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 1 option

RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS AND METHODS: COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

OPTION 5.1 Complete 2 courses

NOTE: ECON 388 CAN DOUBLE COUNT FOR AN ELECTIVE UNDER SPECIALIZATION B AND G.
ECON 378 - Statistics for Economists
ECON 388 - Introduction to Econometrics

OPTION 5.2 Complete 1 course

POLI 328 - Statistical Analysis

REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 2 courses

ECON 388 - (Not currently offered)
ECON 389 - Intermediate Microeconomics

REQUIREMENT 7 Complete 1 course

ECON 431 - Economic Development
ECON 432 - Economic Growth
ECON 458 - International Trade Theory and Applications
ECON 459 - International Monetary Theory

REQUIREMENT 8 Complete 1 option

OPTION 8.1 Complete 1 course

POLI 376 - U.S. Foreign Policy

OPTION 8.2 Complete 1 course

POLI 341 - European Politics
POLI 343 - Designing Democracy: Constitutional Design for Democratic Gc
POLI 344 - Comparative Political Economy
POLI 347 - Russia/Former Soviet Politics
POLI 348 - Government and Politics of Asia

REQUIREMENT 9 Complete 1 course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSES:

POLI 372 - International Political Economy
POLI 373 - International Law
POLI 375 - International Organizations
POLI 376 - U.S. Foreign Policy
POLI 377 - National Security Affairs
POLI 378 - International Conflict
POLI 473 - Human Rights

REQUIREMENT 10 Complete 1 course

COMPARATIVE POLITICS COURSES:

POLI 341 - European Politics
POLI 343 - Designing Democracy: Constitutional Design for Democratic Gc
POLI 344 - Comparative Political Economy
POLI 347 - Russia/Former Soviet Politics
POLI 348 - Government and Politics of Asia

REQUIREMENT 11 Complete 1 option

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
CZECH 330 - Cultural History of Czech Republic
DANISH 340 - Danish Literature
DUTCH 340 - Introduction to Dutch Literature
FINN 340 - Finnish Literature
FREN 321 - Advanced French Part 1
FREN 340 - Introduction to Literary Analysis
GERM 302 - Advanced German Language 1
GERM 330 - Cultural History of German-Speaking Peoples
GERM 344 - Introduction to Phonetics
HUNG 330 - Cultural History of Hungary
ICLND 429 - Old Icelandic Language and Literature
ITAL 321 - Advanced Language Skills Part 1
ITAL 340 - Introduction to Italian Literature
NORWE 340 - Norwegian Literature
POLI 330 - Cultural History of Poland
PORT 301 - Third-Year Portuguese Reading, Grammar, and Culture
PORT 302 - Third-Year Portuguese Reading, Grammar, and Culture
RUSS 321 - Third-Year Russian Part 1
RUSS 330 - Cultural History of Russia
SPAN 321 - Third-Year Spanish Reading, Grammar, and Culture
SWED 340 - Swedish Literature
UKRAI 330 - Cultural History of Ukraine

OPTION 11.2 Complete 2 courses

PREFERABLY TAKEN ABROAD.
ARAB 300 - Advanced Modern Standard Arabic
ARAB 302 - Newspaper Arabic

OPTION 11.3 Complete 2 groups

GROUP 11.3.1 Complete 1 course

CHIN 301 - Third-Year Mandarin

GROUP 11.3.2 Complete 1 course

CHIN 302 - Third-Year Mandarin

GROUP 11.4 Complete 2 groups

JAPAN 301 - Advanced Japanese 1: Current Events
JAPAN 322 - Advanced Japanese 2: Modern Literature

OPTION 11.5 Complete 2 courses

KOREA 301 - Third-Year Korean 1
KOREA 302 - Third-Year Korean 2

REQUIREMENT 12 Complete 1 option

SPECIALIZATIONS: COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRACKS (NO DOUBLE-COUNTING OF MAJOR COURSES ALLOWED):

OPTION 12.1 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 237 - Pre-modern Korea
- HIST 338 - Modern Korea
- HIST 341 - China Since 1200
- HIST 344 - Modern Japan
- HIST 348 - Modern South East Asia
- POLI 346 - Southeast Asian Politics
- POLI 346 - Government and Politics of Asia
- POLI 353 - China: Government and Politics
- POLI 354 - Japan: Government and Politics
- POLI 385 - International Relations of Asia
- POLI 386 - Japanese Foreign Policy
- POLI 388 - Chinese Foreign Policy

**OPTION 12.2** Complete 1 group

**B. POLITICAL ECONOMY**
Complete four courses from at least two disciplines. At least two courses must be from economics. **NOTE:** Completion of the Econ 378/388 sequence for the statistics requirements above will also count as fulfillment of one course in this track.

**GROUP 12.2.1** Complete 4 courses
- ECON 388 - Introduction to Econometrics
- ECON 431 - Economic Development
- ECON 432 - Economic Growth
- ECON 458 - International Trade Theory and Applications
- ECON 478 - Game Theory and Economics
- ECON 479 - International Monetary Theory
- ECON 480 - Monetary and Fiscal Policy
- POLI 341 - European Politics
- POLI 347 - Russia/Former Soviet politics
- POLI 351 - British Government and Politics

**OPTION 12.3** Complete 1 group

**C. 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 12.3.1** 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

**GROUP 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
- ECON 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.

**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
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- POLI 381 - International Relations of the Middle East
- POLI 452 - Islam and Politics

**GROUP 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
- ECON 256 - Europe
- ECON 360 - Russia and the Former Soviet Union
- HIST 307 - Europe Since 1914
- HIST 309 - European Revolutions Since 1500
- 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 four courses from at least two disciplines. At least two courses must be from economics. **NOTE:** Completion of the Econ 378/388 sequence for the statistics requirements above will also count as fulfillment of one course in this track.

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

**GROUP 12.7.2** Complete 3 courses
- ECON 388 - Introduction to Econometrics
- ECON 432 - Economic Growth
- ECON 440 - Natural Resources and Environmental Economics
- ECON 458 - International Trade Theory and Applications
- ECON 459 - International Monetary Theory
- GEOG 255 - Middle and South America
- GEOG 271 - Middle East
- GEOG 272 - East Asia

**NOTE:** Hist 242 and 243 do not substitute here.
**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.

**REQUIREMENT 13 Complete 1 option**

**OPTION 13.1 Complete 1 course**
- ASIAN 495 - Senior Seminar
- LT AM 495 - Senior Seminar in Latin American Studies
- MESA 495 - Senior Seminar in Middle East Studies
- POLI 450 - Research Project in Comparative Politics
- POLI 470 - Research Project in International Relations

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.

**REQUIREMENT 12 Complete 1 group**

**H. AFRICAN POLITICS AND HISTORY**

**GROUP 12.8 Complete 4 courses**
- ANTH 330 - Peoples of Africa
- EDLF 362 - Introduction to International Development Education
- GEOG 285 - Africa South of the Sahara
- HIST 261 - Modern Africa
- HIST 336 - South African Liberation Movements
- HIST 339 - African Social Change
- HIST 366 - Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World
- POLI 352 - African Politics

With the prior approval of the international relations coordinator, a maximum of 2 hours of IR 398R, 399R, or IAS 351R may be used toward meeting the four-course requirement of specialization. Only the second semester of IAS 351R would be allowed.

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2020-2021 Program Requirements Cont...

**MAP DISCLAIMER**
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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