

## **International Relations Major (42-43 credit hours)**

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The International Relations major is designed to transform students with an interest in or concern for international affairs into graduates who can understand, evaluate, manage, and shape political events and governmental actions in a manner consistent with a Christian faith perspective. The major involves the study of the international political system and processes to explain outcomes and policies that promote peace and justice. Graduates will be prepared for successful careers in government, politics, law, non-profits, teaching, journalism, business, and more.

### **Major Requirements:**

Foundational Courses (16 credit hours):

- POSC 2020, Introduction to World Politics, 3 credit hours (fulfills Civil Discourse & Critical Reasoning)
- POSC 2200, Public Policy, 3 credit hours
- POSC 2400, Political Science Research Methods, 3 credit hours (fulfills Writing Intensive)
- POSC 2580, Principles of Geography, 3 credit hours
- MATH 2120, Introductory Statistics with Applications, 4 credit hours (fulfills Quantitative Reasoning)

Advanced Courses (12 credit hours):

- POSC 3300, International Security, 3 credit hours
- POSC 3400, Comparative Politics, 3 credit hours
- POSC 3510, International Political Economy, 3 credit hours
- One from: POSC 3310, 3320, 3330, 3360, 3450

Experiential Courses (4-5 credit hours) from:

- POSC 2840, Model Diplomatic Simulation Conferences, 1 credit hour (may be repeated)
- POSC 4820, International Internship, 1-4 credit hours

Electives (9 credit hours) from:

- ECON 3210
- HIST 3190, 3220, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3300, 3360, 3370, 3520
- SPAN 2010 or above
- Study abroad or intensive experience approved by the department
- Language courses taken at institutions or programs approved by the department

Senior Capstone (1 hour):

- POSC 4930, Senior Seminar, 1 credit hour

**NOTE:** All students must complete 120 total credit hours to graduate from Anderson University.

**Major Course Sequence:**

Freshman: POSC 2020 || POSC 2580  
 Sophomore: POSC 2400, POSC 2840 || POSC 2200, MATH 2120, POSC 2840  
 Junior: IR Advanced Course, IR Elective, POSC 2840 || IR Advanced Course, IR Elective, POSC 2840  
 Senior: IR Advanced Course, IR Elective, POSC 4820 || IR Advanced Course, POSC 4930

**International Relations Major 4-Year Recommended Course Sequence**

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>14 Hours</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>
POSC 2020*	3	POSC 2580	3
ENGL 1110	3	ENGL 1120	3
LART 1050	1	Civic Ways of Knowing	3
COMM 1000	3	Scientific Ways of Knowing	4
Foreign Language	4	Aesthetic Ways of Knowing	3

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>
POSC 2400*	3	POSC 2200	3
POSC 2840**	1	MATH 2120*	4
BIBL 2000	3	POSC 2840**	1
Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing (ECON 2010 recommended)	3	Personal Wellness	2
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>
IR Advanced Course	3	IR Advanced Course	3
IR Elective	3	IR Elective	3
POSC 2840**	1	POSC 2840**	1
Christian Ways of Knowing (PHIL/RLGN 3250 recommended)	3	Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing***	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3

<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>16 Hours</b>
IR Advanced Course	3	IR Advanced Course	3
IR Elective	3	POSC 4930	1
POSC 4820**	4	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
		Elective	3

\* Fulfills a Liberal Arts requirement  
 \*\* Need 4-5 hours of credit from POSC 2840 and POSC 4820  
 \*\*\* If not fulfilled by an International Relations requirement or elective