

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / BACHELOR OF ARTS

Total Credit Hours: 128

Major Credit Hours: 36

New students are no longer being admitted to this program. Interested students are encouraged to pursue the B.A. in Political Science (<https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/education-social-sciences/political-science/political-science-bachelor-arts/>) with a concentration in International Relations. Existing Lewis students may follow their original catalog requirements or opt-in to the Fall 2024 catalog year requirements in the B.A. in Political Science.

Program Highlights

The International Relations major is offered through the Political Science Department. It is interdisciplinary in that it also incorporates courses from the History Department. Students preparing for careers in government, law, or business can learn more about the relationships among governments and various actors in the international realm as well as the influence of political theory and ideologies on various political systems. They will also learn about various global policy issues including human rights, the impact of globalization, conflicts, and peace initiatives.

Other features of the program include:

- Senior Capstone
- History/Area Studies
- Opportunities to study foreign languages
- Opportunities to intern and study abroad

For more information about the International Relations major, please see the Political Science Department's webpage: <http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/polscience/index.htm> (<http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/polscience/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Majors in International Relations may not double major or minor in Political Science. Four of the upper-division courses in this major (12 credit hours) may not be simultaneously applied to fulfill requirements of a minor or second major at Lewis University.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
POLS 20000	American National Government	3
POLS 30000	Research Methods	3
POLS 33600	American Foreign Policy	3
ECON 20000	Basic Macroeconomics	3
POLS 33800	International Political Economy	3
POLS 22100	Comparative Government	3
POLS 23100	International Relations	3
Electives		
Select three of the following:		9
ECON 34600	Business-Government Relations in the Global Economy	
POLS 30400	Nonviolent Political Action	

POLS 32800	Model United Nations	
POLS 33300	International Human Rights	
POLS 33400	Political Violence	
POLS 33700	International Topics	
POLS 36400	Political Ideologies	
Select one of the following:		
POLS 36200	Western Political Thought 2	3
or POLS 36800 Non-Western Political Thought		
International Relations Capstone		
POLS 40000	Senior Capstone	3
Advanced Writing Requirement		
The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied by successful completion of:		
POLS 40000	Senior Capstone	
Total Hours		36

Highly recommended for all majors: 12 hours of a foreign language, or a minor in one of the Foreign Language and Culture minors.

Study Abroad

With approval of the chair, credits earned from a Study Abroad experience may be applied to the 21 hours of electives.