International Relations

The program in International Relations allows students to develop specific subject-area expertise in the complex matter of state-to-state relations within the international system. This multidisciplinary program draws on courses in Political Science, Economics and foreign languages, and can include electives from Criminology, Human Rights, and History.

Honours

Students who wish to do an Honours degree in International Relations must complete 48 credit hours for their degree, including:

IREL-4003	Independent Study
IREL-4013	Honours Thesis in International Relations
POLS-3913	Honours Thesis Proposal
POLS-4903	Capstone Seminar - Problems in Political Inquiry
POLS-4603	Seminar in International Relations

Major

Students majoring in International Relations are required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours in courses specified by the program. It is suggested that they do 3 credit hours in their first year of study, 12 in their second, and a total of 21 credit hours in their third and fourth years. In addition, students are required to complete either a Minor in Economics (18 credit hours) or 12 credit hours in a foreign language. Students are encouraged to do both.

Year 1

POLS-1603

ECON-1013/1023	Introduction to Economics (Micro) and Introduction to Economics					
	(Macro) or 6 credit hours in a foreign language					
Year 2						

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POLS-2303	Comparative Politics of the Developed World
POLS-2313	Comparative Politics of the Developing Areas
POLS-2613	International Relations I
POLS-2623	International Relations II

Global Politics

Years 3 and 4

15 credit hours in designated advanced courses in International Relations

6 credit hours in designated advanced courses in Area Studies

In Years 2-4, students will also complete the requirement of 12 credit hours in a second language or a Minor in Economics.

Minor

The requirements for a Minor in International Relations are:

POLS-2613 International Relations I POLS-2623 International Relations II

An additional 12 credits from the list of "advanced international relations courses" approved for the Major

Double Major with Political Science

POLS-3513. Canadian Perspectives on International Law

The course covers the major topics of international law: the law creation process, the

IREL-4013. Honours Thesis

The Honours Thesis is an extended scholarly paper on a topic related to international relations, written under the supervision of a faculty member who agrees to serve as thesis Director. A booklet entitled Guidelines for the Honours Thesis, produced by the International Relations Program, will serve to provide answers to the technical questions involved in writing the thesis. Prerequisite: Course is restricted to students who are enrolled in the International Relations Program.

The University of New Brunswick offers courses that may be counted towards the 6 credits required in the Areas Studies requirement. Please consult the Chair of the Department of Political Science for a current listing.