



International Relations Major

Total Major hours: 46
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p>IR 155 Comparative Politics^{1,2} or IR 175 International Politics^{1,2}</p> <p>Foreign Language Competency^{5,6} CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1) First-Year CATC options-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) ▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing 	<p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p>IR 155 (Comparative)^{1,2} or IR 175 (International)^{1,2} PSCI 135 American Government & Politics^{1,2} or PSCI 145 Political Philosophy^{1,2}</p> <p>Foreign Language Competency^{5,6} First-Year CATC options BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</p>	<p>Summer 1</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, Wheaton in Washington (WiW), or International Study Program (ISP)</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>IR elective³ Foreign Language beyond proficiency^{4,5,6} Supporting Course⁴</p> <p>Core Competency Courses BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>IR elective³ Supporting Course⁴</p> <p>Thematic Core Course BITH 315: Christian Thought* Advanced Integrative Seminar*</p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p>Opportunity to fulfill Internship Requirement, IR 496⁷</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>IR elective³ Supporting Course⁴</p> <p>Consider a semester off campus or abroad (fulfill language requirement beyond proficiency)</p> <p>Advanced Integrative Seminar* (4-8) (if not already taken)</p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>IR elective³ Supporting course⁴</p> <p>Advanced Integrative Seminar* (if not already taken) Thematic Core Course (4-8)</p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p>Opportunity to fulfill Internship Requirement, IR 496⁷</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 4</p> <p>IR 494 Senior Seminar* (2) IR elective³, supporting Course 4, Internship IR 496 if not completed</p> <p>Thematic Core Course Complete CATC coursework</p>	<p>Spring Semester 4</p> <p>IR 494 Senior Seminar* (2), if not complete IR elective³ Supporting course</p> <p>Thematic Core Course Complete CATC coursework</p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#] Offered every other year

¹ Courses that meet CATC tags (with a max of 3 from your major eligible toward graduation): PSCI 135 (SI), PSCI 145 (SI, PI), IR 155 (SI, GP), IR 175 (SI), and the following major electives- PSCI 324 (DUS, PI), PSCI 328 (DUS, SI), PSCI 344 (DUS), PSCI 361 (AAQR), PSCI 363 (DUS), PSCI 374 (SIP), IR 347 (HP), IR 348 (GP, HP), IR 375 (GP, SI).

² Majors must take IR 155 and IR 175 and *either* PSCI 135 or PSCI 145. All four are offered at least 3 times in 4 semesters.

³ A total of 16 hours of electives is required. All must be at the 300-level or higher. 4 hours may be from a PSCI course at the 300-level or higher, and 8 credits may come from department-approved GPS electives.

⁴ Majors must take 12 hours of supporting courses. Completion of 4 hours of Foreign Language learning *beyond competency* is a requirement. The other 8 hours must come from two out of the four following areas: Economics, Foreign Language, History, or Research. See the Course Catalog for more information.

⁵ Students who plan to complete the language requirement off campus, who are bilingual, or who have advanced proficiency in a second language other than English, should see the Politics and IR Department for detailed guidelines about meeting the foreign language requirement.

⁶ International students from non-English speaking countries and for whom English is not their first language may take 4 additional hours of International Relations or Political Science courses.

⁷ International Relations majors may substitute MSCI 401, LAW 496, or HNGR 496 for the PSCI 496 requirement.