

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

International Relations, B.A.

Spring 2026

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	CWP 099 or SAT Score over 400 or ACT Score 17 or higher
Intro to Government & Politics*	PSC 101	
GE23 course (recommended U.S. History and Civic Engagement) (GE23 Courses)**	Varies	Varies
GE23 course (recommended Natural Sciences and Scientific Reasoning) (GE23 Courses)	Varies	Varies
GE23 course (recommended Humanities) (GE23 Courses ***)	Varies	Varies

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Intro to International Relations*	PSC 104	
GE23 course (recommended Math and Quantitative Reasoning) (GE23 Courses)****	Varies	Varies
GE23 course (recommended Arts) (GE23 Courses)	Varies	Varies
GE23 course (Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice) (GE23 Courses)*****	Varies	Varies

Notes and recommendations:

You should attend at least one faculty office hour, visit Academic Commons, and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works this year.

*PSC 101 and PSC 104 can be used to satisfy both the major requirement and GE23 Social Science courses.

** Recommended U.S. History and Civic Engagement course: PSC 102: Introduction to American Government and Politics

***Recommended Humanities courses: PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy, PHI 102: Introduction to Ethics, PHI 110 Meaning of Life, PHI 111 Ethics for Scientists, PHI 112 Professional Ethics, PHI 113 Environmental Ethics, or PHI 115 Minds and Machines.

**** Recommended Math and Quantitative Reasoning course: PHI 103 Introduction to Logic or PHI 107 Introduction to Mathematical Logic (prereq: CWP 102).

***** Recommend Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice courses: PLN 215: Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Political Analysis	PSC 203	PSC 101 or PSC 102
Area Studies Elective (IR Course List)*	Varies	Varies
Foreign Language**	XXX 101	
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Political Statistics	PSC 204	PSC 101 or PSC 102 & PSC 203
IR Elective (IR Course List)	Varies	Varies
Foreign Language	XXX 102	XXX 101
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor or second major. Suggested minors: Anthropology, Business Administration, Business Economics, Ethics and Justice (see PHI), History, Intelligence Analysis (see CRJ), Political Science, Speech, Urban and Regional Planning, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Considering Law School – LSAT Preparation over summer between second and third year and throughout third year.

*PSC 340: Politics of Developing Countries and PSC 337: Politics of Globalization can be used to satisfy both the major’s area studies requirement and GE23 World History and Global Awareness course.

**Any of the following language courses: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish can be used to satisfy both the major’s foreign language requirement and GE23 World Languages course.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
IR Elective (IR Course List)	Varies	Varies
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Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
History of Political Thought II*	PSC 352	PSC 101 or PSC 102
IR Elective (IR Course List)	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center to develop cover letter and resume and discuss career options; if interested in internship as capstone course, speak with GPP department's internship coordinator or director of International Relations major; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options; Apply to attend the GPP Department Trip to Washington D.C. in the Spring.

Summer: Prelaw – complete LSAT by August; Grad School – complete GRE by August; All Students - Consider Local Internship - PSC488

*PSC 352: Political Thought II can be used to satisfy both the major's core requirement and GE23 World History and Global Awareness course.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Research Skills*	PSC 399	PSC 203 & PSC 204
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

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Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Seminar -OR- Internship	PSC 470 -OR- PSC 497	PSC 203 & PSC 204 & PSC 399; & Permission of the Internship Coordinator (if enrolling in PSC 488)
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies
Minor Core or Elective, 2 nd Major Core or Elective, or Elective	Varies	Varies

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Department to have your resume reviewed; Apply to attend the GPP Department Trip to NYC in the Fall.

*PSC 399 can be used to satisfy the major requirement, the Core Competency-Critical Thinking Reasoning course, and the Core Competency- Information Literacy course.