

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SF STATE SCHOLAR ROADMAP

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) ¹	3
I R 104	Introduction to International Relations: Politics, Economics, Environment, and People (Major Core, D1, ES, GP, SJ)	3
GE Area A ²		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) ^{3,4}		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ⁵		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁶		3-4
GE Area C ⁴		3
GE Area E		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ⁵		3
Units		15-16
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) ⁶		3-4
GE Area C ⁴		3
GE Area D: U.S. History (D2)		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁵		6
Units		15-16
Spring Semester		
I R 208	Fundamentals of International Relations Theories, Issues, and Perspectives (Major Core)	4
GE Area C ⁴		3
GE Area F [±]		3
GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities		3

U.S. and California Government (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Units		16
Third Year		
Summer Semester		
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁵		6
Units		6
Fall Semester		
I R 310	U.S. Foreign Policy (Major Core, UD-D, AERM, GP)	4
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One ⁷		4
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ⁵		3
Units		14
Spring Semester		
I R 309GW	International Relations Analysis and Application - GWAR (Major Core)	3
I R 312	Introduction to International Political Economy (Major Core)	4
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take Two ⁷		8
Units		15
Fourth Year		
Summer Semester		
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁵		6
Units		6
Fall Semester		
I R 550	Senior Thesis in International Relations (Major Culminating Requirement)	6
I R 725	The Analysis of Foreign Policy (Master's Core)	3
The International System and its Problems ⁸		3
Comparative Foreign Policies ⁹		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take Two ⁷		8
Graduate Emphasis - Take Two ¹⁰		6
Units		14
Fifth Year		
Summer Semester		
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ⁵		3
Units		3

Fall Semester

I R 720	Theory and Approaches in International Relations (Master's Core)	3
I R 751	Data Analysis and Evaluation Research in International Relations (Academic Emphasis)	3
or Professional Emphasis Course		
Graduate Elective ¹¹		3
Units		9

Spring Semester

I R 728	International Political Economy (Master's Core)	3
I R 750	Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (Master's Emphasis)	3
Select One (Master's Culminating Experience):		3
I R 892	Sponsored Graduate Internship in International Relations	
I R 898	Master's Thesis	
Units		9
Total Units		152-154

¹ ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

² To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

³ To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at mathadvising.sfsu.edu (<https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

⁴ **Recommended GE Courses:**

GE Area B4

I R 112/HIST 112/LCA 112/PHIL 112/PLSI 112 Quantitative Reasoning for Civic Engagement (3 units) (B4)

GE Area C2

I R 260/PRSN 260 History and Cultures of Iran (3 units) (C2, GP, SJ)

GE Area E

I R 259 Children and Youth in International Relations (4 units) (E, GP, SJ)

⁵ **Complementary Studies**

Twelve units of Complementary Studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than I R, and not cross-listed with I R.

International Relations majors are offered several pathways toward completing this requirement, each of which is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner. International Relations majors may, with the approval of an International Relations advisor, elect to apply 12 units in a single foreign language of their choosing, courses taken in an approved study abroad program (e.g., CSU Study Abroad), courses taken as part of a second major, a minor, or a certificate, and courses in a related discipline. Related disciplines typically include: political science, sociology, anthropology, environmental studies, geography, global health, or journalism.

Up to six units of a single language or six upper-division units of Complementary Studies may, with the approval of a departmental advisor, also be counted as International Relations electives in fulfillment of major requirements.

Note: Courses fulfilling the IR major core requirement may not be taken on a CR/NC basis.

⁶ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

⁷ **Electives (18 Units)**

Students are required to complete 18 elective units related to international relations. At least 12 units of coursework must be upper-division I R courses (300-level or above) or be cross-listed with I R. Six additional units may be taken outside of the department upon the approval of a major advisor. Lower-division language courses taken in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and 200-level IR courses can be used for these 6 units; otherwise, upper-division courses are required.

⁸ Select a course in the range I R 730 to I R 739

⁹ Select a course in the range I R 740 to I R 749

¹⁰ Select one emphasis for the following options:

Academic Emphasis (15 units)

I R 750 Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (3 units)

I R 751 Data Analysis and Evaluation Research in International Relations (3 units)

Select 6 units of Electives in international relations or related disciplines

I R 898 Master's Thesis (3 units)

Professional Emphasis (15 units)

I R 750 Methods and Thesis Selection in International Relations (3 units)

Thematic combination of courses (total nine units) in international relations or related fields of inquiry and training such as: public administration; international business, management, or finance; international environmental studies, or other fields related to international careers. Approval of graduate advisor required for courses in other departments.

I R 892 Sponsored Graduate Internship in International Relations (3 units)

¹¹ Select one additional class from either of the above series (I R 730 to I R 739 or I R 740 to I R 749)

± Given catalog rights, fall 2023 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.