

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Madison's major in International Relations trains students to think imaginatively, and in depth, about the problems of world society and about the opportunities for solving them. By design, it is a sophisticated program: its graduates have gone on to careers in the foreign service, politics, international organizations, academics, law (including international law), public relations, lobbying, economic development work, intelligence gathering and analysis, the news media, and international business. It is also, of course, an excellent preparation for law school and for graduate study in international affairs or international business.

The outstanding features of the curriculum are its breadth and depth. It is organized around the following themes: international security and conflict resolution; international political economy; global governance; foreign policy of the United States and other countries; and comparative, regional and cultural studies.

The International Relations curriculum encourages students to think creatively about a variety of issues: What constitutes "national security"? What are the social consequences of modernization? What are the causes and likely consequences of ethno-nationalism? How does the U.S. arrive at foreign policy decisions? How is that different from how foreign policies are made in other countries and which is better? What is the impact of protectionist foreign trade policies? How do national, regional and international political, social, and economic actors interact in the transition to a post-Cold War global order? What is the impact of the U.N. and other international organizations? What effects do weapons and communications technologies have on world politics? By what means have national defense policies been implemented since the end of World War II? Some classes will use case studies in which students will be examining real or hypothetical foreign policy dilemmas and developing solutions to them. Others will evidence the importance of theories and models for comprehending and influencing world events.

### **Requirements for a major in International Relations:**

#### **All of the Following Courses (13 credits):**

MC 220: International Relations I: World Politics and International Security (4 cr.)

MC 221: International Relations II: The Politics of International Economic Relations (4 cr.)

MC 492: Senior Seminar in Int'l Relations (5 cr.)

#### **Four (4) of the Following Courses (16 credits): at least one from the first three categories – no course may be counted twice**

Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis: (select one but not more than two)

MC 318: Chinese Foreign Policy

MC 321: The Cold War

MC 322: International Security

MC 323: Japanese Foreign Policy

MC 326: U.S. Foreign Policy

MC 327: Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy

MC 328: Russian Foreign Policy

MC 329: European Security

MC 441: Islam and World Politics

MC 482: Gender and Violent Conflict

MC 390/1/5: must have Major approved IR content

International Political Economy & Global Governance: (select one but not more than two)

MC 320: Politics, Society, & Economy in the Third World

MC 324e: Regional Politics, Cooperation & Conflict: Europe

MC 361: Political Economy & Comparative Policymaking

MC 362: Public International Law

MC 363: Global Governance

MC 430: Applied International Development

MC 445: Socio-Economics of Conservation Ecology

MC/FW 450: International Environmental Policy

MC 390/1/5: must have IR approved IR content

Comparative, Regional and Cultural Studies: (select one but not more than two)

MC 320: Politics, Society, & Economy in the Third World  
MC 321: The Cold War  
MC 324a: Regional Politics, Cooperation & Conflict: The Middle East  
MC 324b: Regional Politics, Cooperation & Conflict: Sub-Saharan Africa  
MC 324c: Regional Politics, Cooperation & Conflict: Latin America & the Caribbean  
MC 324d: Regional Politics, Cooperation & Conflict: Asia  
MC 325: State and Society in Comparative Perspective  
MC 331: Encounters with Post-Communism  
MC 332: Literature and Politics in a Comparative Perspective  
MC 335: Israeli Politics, Culture and Society  
MC 358: Politics Of the USSR and its Successor States  
MC 365: Islam & Development in Southeast Asia  
MC 377: Culture, Politics & Post Colonialism  
MC 385: Comparative Race & Ethnicity  
MC 386: Women & Power in Comparative Perspective  
MC 387: Jews & Anti-Semitism  
MC 441: Islam and World Politics  
MC 482: Gender and Violent Conflict  
MC 390/1/5: must have IR approved IR content

New Perspectives in IR: (may select one - not required)

MC 272\*: (Only Marxist Theories of Revolution)  
MC 319: Asian American History  
MC 337: Global Public Health  
MC 369: Global Issues in Citizenship  
MC 372: Comparative Black Political Thought  
MC 376: Modern Political Thought in the Muslim World  
MC 390: Asian Political Thought  
MC 390/1/5\*: must have IR approved content  
MC/FW 481: Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife

**One (1) Course from the Department of Economics (3 credits):**

EC 340: Survey of International Economics (3 cr.)  
EC 440: International Trade (3 cr.)  
EC 441: International Finance (3 cr.)

**Two (2) Courses from A & B in sequence (6-8 credits):**

Course A:

- I. MC 295: Research Design and Quantitative Analysis in Public Policy (4 cr.)
- II. SOC 281: Methods of Social Research I (4 cr.)
- III. STT 421: Statistics I (3 cr.)
- IV. STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (4 cr.)
- V. PLS 201: Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (4 cr.)
- VI. STT 200 or 201: Statistical Methods (3 cr.)
- VII. EC 420: Intro. To Econometric Methods (3 cr.)
- VIII. STT 315: Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Business (3 cr.)
- IX. MC 293: Methods of Strategic Analysis of Public Affairs (4 cr.)

Course B:

- I. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or  
PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)
- II. SOC 282: Methods of Social Research II (4 cr.) or MC 293 Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or  
MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.) or  
STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.)
- III. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or STT 422: Statistics II (3 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.)  
or EC 420: Intro. To Econometric Methods (3 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.)
- IV. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or STT 442: Probability and  
Statistics II: Statistics (3 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.)

- V. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.)
- VI. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.)
- VII. MC 293: Strategic Analysis (4 cr.) or MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or STT 441: Probability and Statistics I: Probability (3 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.)
- VIII. MC 364: Policy Evaluation (4 cr.) or EC 420: Intro. to Econometric Methods (3 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.)
- IX. MC 295: Research Design (4 cr.) or PHL 330: Formal Reasoning (4 cr.) or PLS 201: Methods of Political Analysis (4 cr.) or SOC 281: Social Research (4 cr.) or STT 421: Statistics or STT 441: Probability and Statistics (3 cr.)

### **Related Area Requirement**

Students also complete the equivalent of one year of integrated college level coursework from one of 4 groups: History, Economics, Political Theory, or other related coursework (such as advanced foreign language) selected in consultation with their academic advisors (6-8 crs.):

#### Group 1: History

- HST 205A: The Ancient Mediterranean from 3000 BCE to 400 CE (4 cr.)
- HST 205B: Europe in the Middle Ages from 400 to 1500 (4 cr.)
- HST 206: Europe in the Modern Age (4 cr.)
- HST 325: History of U.S. Foreign Relations to 1900 (3 cr.)
- HST 326: History of U.S. Foreign Relations since 1900 (3 cr.)
- HST 337: Intellectual History of Modern Europe (17th, 18th, and early 19th century) (3 cr.)
- HST 338: Intellectual History of Modern Europe (1830 to Present) (3 cr.)
- HST 390: History of International Relations (3 cr.)

#### Group 2: Economics

- EC 302: Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 cr.)
- EC 306: Comparative Economic Systems (3 cr.)
- EC 405: Development of the American Economy (3 cr.)
- EC 406: Economic Analysis of the Soviet Union (3 cr.)
- EC 410: Principles of Economic Development (3 cr.)
- EC 411: Issues in Economic Development (3 cr.)
- EC 412: Economic Analysis of Latin America (3 cr.)
- EC 413: Economic Analysis of Asia (3 cr.)
- EC 414: Economic Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa
- MC 340: Economic Growth (4 cr.)
- MC 341: Politics and Markets (4 cr.)

#### Group 3: Political Theory

- MC 270: Classical Republicanism (4 cr.)
- MC 271: Liberalism and Democracy (4 cr.)
- MC 370: Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy (4 cr.)

#### Group 4:

Other related area coursework selected in consultation with and approved by a Madison advisor.

In addition to the above coursework, students are responsible for the following requirements: Integrative Studies, Math, Language, Economics, Field Experience and Electives.

**TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120**

## **Examples of International Relations Senior Seminars (MC 492)**

Political Economy and New Capitalism - Capitalism and economic theory have been challenged as a result of recent economic and financial crises. Citizens of a number of countries, particularly in Latin America and in the euro zone, have replaced or considered replacing governments embracing capitalism with those promoting socialism. What are the limits of capitalism? What is the role of government in modern capitalist economies? Are the new challenges that have arisen minor or fundamental? This course aims to capture this debate, drawing on a variety of fields, cases, and sources. In addition to the United States, examples may include Brazil, Britain, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Russia, and South Africa. In addition to the economic dimensions of crises, the political and social dimensions of crises will also be a focus of the course, especially in drawing comparisons to the Great Depression and other periods of economic crisis.

U.S. National Security: Strategy, Process, and Policy - This seminar will focus on the development and application of U.S. national security policy. It will consider the continuities and changes that have occurred based on the evolution of the United States' capabilities, interests, and position in a world that has changed dramatically over the last 200 years. We will examine the changes that have occurred since the end of the Cold War and after 9/11 in light of earlier patterns of behavior. We will also examine how America's national security institutional infrastructure has been adapted over time to meet new conceptions of threat. Throughout the course, we will focus on the interaction between the development of strategic visions, the development and execution of policy options, and the process of national security policy making.

Global Poverty and Inequality - This seminar explores the issue of global poverty and inequality, with a focus on the role of foreign aid and development assistance. What is poverty? What is inequality? What is the relationship between poverty and inequality? What are the sources of global poverty and inequality? Can foreign aid reduce poverty? What role do international organizations play in dealing with global poverty and inequality?

We begin with a critical analysis of the concepts of poverty and inequality as well as different theoretical approaches for explaining their causes. We examine the major debates that surround the effectiveness of foreign aid in alleviating poverty. We then focus on critically assessing the role of a variety of international actors, including major international organizations (U.N., World Bank, regional development banks) as well as bilateral donors (USAID), large NGOs and foundations (Save the Children, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), in addressing poverty around the globe. We also explore the impact of new donors, such as China, on the global aid regime.

Water, Energy & Commerce: Resource Scarcity, Sustainability & Environmental Impacts - This seminar will examine comparatively the experience of states undergoing rapid economic, political, social and environmental change since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It provides an interdisciplinary analysis of the progress made and challenges faced in post-socialist era Europe, Russia, and the Eurasian successor republics to the former Soviet Union with a focus on sustainable development. It will examine the philosophical debates underlying international trade and business trends and policy, economic development and reform efforts, and the evolution of political and economic institutions. It will also examine the feasibility of alternative policy strategies in a changing and increasingly interdependent global economy. An important focus will be on the comparative analysis of natural resource challenges and conflicts, particularly as they relate to the energy-water nexus in Eurasia.

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This is a checklist for students in the International Relations major who began in IR Fall 2018 or after. Transfer students who are still taking courses at other institutions should choose classes that may be applied toward MSU's Integrative Studies requirements, such as MSU's math requirement, if necessary, or Madison's foreign language and economics requirements.

### Integrative Studies:

MC 111 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 201 \_\_\_\_\_ ISP \_\_\_\_\_ IAH-(201-210) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MC 202 \_\_\_\_\_ ISB \_\_\_\_\_ IAH (211 or higher) \_\_\_\_\_ +MATH \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lab \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Economics: 201 \_\_\_\_\_ or 251H \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 202 \_\_\_\_\_ or 252H \_\_\_\_\_

Field Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ MC 400 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 401 \_\_\_\_\_

### International Relations Core Program:

All of the following: Methods: Two courses - one from each  
 MC 220 \_\_\_\_\_ Course A Course B  
 MC 221 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 295 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or MC 364 or PHL 330 or STT 441 \_\_\_\_\_  
 MC 492 \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 281 \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 282 or MC 293 or MC 364 or PHL 330 or STT 441 \_\_\_\_\_  
 EC 340 or EC 440 \_\_\_\_\_ STT 421 \_\_\_\_\_ STT 422 or MC 293 or MC 364 or EC 420 or PHL 330 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or EC 441 STT 441 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or MC 364 or STT 442 or PHL 330 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Writing Portfolio \_\_\_\_\_ PLS 201 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or PHL 330 or MC 364 \_\_\_\_\_  
 STT 200/1\* \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or PHL 330 or MC 364 \_\_\_\_\_  
 EC 420 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or MC 364 or STT 441 or PHL 330 \_\_\_\_\_  
 STT 315 \_\_\_\_\_ MC 293 or MC 364 or EC 420 or PHL 330 \_\_\_\_\_  
 MC 293 \_\_\_\_\_ EC 420 or MC 295 or PHL 330 or PLS 201 or  
 SOC 281 or STT 421 or STT 441 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*STT 200/1 may not double count for University MTH requirement

Four of the following: at least one from first three categories - no course may be counted twice.

Security Studies and <u>Foreign Policy Analysis</u>	International Political Economy <u>and Global Governance</u>	Comparative Regional and Cultural Studies	New Perspectives in IR
<b>Select one but not more than two</b>	<b>Select one but not more than two</b>	<b>Select one but not more than two</b>	<b>May select one - not required</b>
MC 318 _____	MC 320 _____	MC 320 _____	MC 272** _____
MC 321 _____	MC 324e _____	MC 321 _____	MC/HST 319 _____
MC 322 _____	MC 361 _____	MC 324a _____	MC 337 _____
MC 323 _____	MC 362 _____	MC 324b _____	MC 369 _____
MC 326 _____	MC 363 _____	MC 324c _____	MC 372 _____
MC 327 _____	MC 365 _____	MC 324d _____	MC 376 _____
MC 328 _____	MC 430 _____	MC 325 _____	MC/FW 481 _____
MC 329 _____	MC 445 _____	MC 331 _____	MC 390/1/5* _____
MC 441 _____	MC 446 _____	MC 332 _____	
MC 482 _____	MC/FW 450 _____	MC 335 _____	
MC 390/1/5* _____	MC/390/1/5* _____		

\*MC 390, MC 391, or MC 395 when course has Field-approved IR content (or additional MC 492)

\*\*MC 272 Only Marxist Theories of Revolution

### Related Area:

Two related courses (6-8 credits), in sequence from one of the groups: History, Economics, Political Theory, or other related area coursework (such as third year foreign language) with the approval of the academic advisor. For example:

<u>History</u>	<b>OR</b>	<u>Economics</u>	<b>OR</b>	<u>Political Theory</u>	<b>OR</b>	<u>Other Discipline</u>
HST 205 (A,B) _____		EC 302 _____	EC 412 _____	MC 270 _____		_____
HST 206 _____		EC 306 _____	EC 413 _____	MC 271 _____		_____
HST 325 _____		EC 405 _____	EC 414 _____	MC 370 _____		
HST 326 _____		EC 406 _____	MC 340 _____			
HST 337 _____		EC 410 _____	MC 341 _____			
HST 338 _____		EC 411 _____				
HST 390 _____						

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 120**

Minimum number of MC credits required: 51. For transfer and teacher education students: 41.

+A minimum score of 19 on MSU Placement exam or selected MTH or STT course(s)

-Teacher Education: GEO and HST requirements for all majors are listed in the MC handbook under Teacher Education

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