

# Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Security

The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Security analyzes the nature of modern global relationships and provides you with an improved understanding of diplomacy, foreign policy analysis, international organizations, global development, and international relations theory. This online bachelor's degree explores the interconnectedness of global economies, societies, and cultures. You will focus on civic engagement and social responsibility while developing broad critical thinking skills in politics, economics, culture, and history. This online program provides an excellent foundation for those interested in fields encompassing government agencies, the diplomatic service, international organizations, world trade and finance, and international media.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Distinguish the political, economic, social, and security theories, methods, and historic patterns of international relations as applied to contemporary issues and actors within the world system.
- Explain the process and implications of interdependence among individuals, groups, states, and regions in the context of globalization.
- Analyze the theories, assumptions, and causes of conflict within international systems as related to the institutions of international law, diplomacy, and world order, including the prospects for sustainable peace.
- Assess the unique principles, structure, organization, and impact of international organizations and other non-state actors within the international system of states.
- Evaluate the multidimensional effects of globalization and integration as applied to issues in human security, conflict resolution, and sustainable economic development.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	18
	Select one of the following concentrations:	24
	Comparative Politics and Area Studies (p. 3)	
	Globalization and Human Security (p. 3)	

International Studies (p. 4)	
Middle Eastern Studies (p. 4)	
Peacekeeping (p. 4)	
Final Program Requirements	3
Elective Requirements	45
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

## Degree Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH240	Survey of Photography	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop®	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI212	Jazz and Rock	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	

RELS101	Introduction to the Study of Religion	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	

**Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup>**

Select 2 courses from the following: 6

ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	
ECON101	Microeconomics	
ECON102	Macroeconomics	
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210	International Relations I	
LITR212	Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210	American Government I	
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	
RELS250	Death and Dying	
RELS260	Race & Religion	
RELS270	Hope and Resilience	
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	

**Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)**

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	3

**History (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following: 3

HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	

HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	

**Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following: 3

ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH112	Pre-Calculus	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	

**Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following: 3

BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines	

Total Semester Hours 30

<sup>1</sup> All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

**Major Required (18 semester hours)**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS210	International Relations I	3
IRLS211	International Relations II	3
IRLS214	American Foreign Policy	3
IRLS301	International Organizations	3
IRLS302	International Development	3
IRLS402	International Law and Regimes	3
Total Semester Hours		18

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from either the Concentration in Comparative Politics and Area Studies, Concentration in Globalization and Human Security,

Concentration in International Studies, Concentration in Middle Eastern Studies, or Concentration in Peacekeeping.

## Comparative Politics and Area Studies (24 semester hours)

Takes an in-depth look at politics in systematic and comparative terms by focusing on domestic politics in various countries. Explores the political history, social background, culture, and institutions of those countries; the roles of various actors in developing and implementing domestic and international policy; and globalization's impact on public policies.

Students in this concentration undertake an in-depth examination of cross-national analysis. Students will learn how to think about politics in systematic and comparative terms by focusing on the domestic politics in a variety of countries.

### Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Comprehend the roles of various actors in the development and implementation of both domestic and international policy.
- Explore the political history, social background, culture, and institutions of various countries.
- Identify the various manifestations of globalization and its impact on various public policies as they relate to cultural, economic, political, and social institutions.

### Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS213	Political Geography	3
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	3
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	3
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARAB200	Arabic III	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
HIST230	History of East Asia	
IRLS322	African Politics	
IRLS331	Asian Politics	
IRLS343	Government and Security of Russia	

IRLS344	European Politics
IRLS355	Latin American Politics
IRLS460	Government & Security in the Middle East
IRLS463	Arab-Israeli Conflict: Contemp. Politics & Dipl.
SPAN100	Spanish I
SPAN101	Spanish II
SSGS495	Internship Program

Total Semester Hours 24

## Concentration in Globalization and Human Security (24 semester hours)

Takes an historical look at human rights topics and discusses how human rights and human security are intertwined. Delves into environmental security threats such as climate change, water scarcity, consumption patterns, urbanization, food security, and globalization. Some courses in this concentration may lead to eligibility to obtain a certificate of completion from the United Nation's Peace Operations Training Institute.

### Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Identify the major security threats and opportunities facing the global civil society.
- Describe the interconnected political, social, cultural, and economic forces that affect human security.
- Analyze the various methods designed to increase human security.

### Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	3
IRLS400	Human Rights	3
IRLS405	National and Transnational Justice	3
IRLS409	Environmental Security	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
INTL411	International Criminal Organizations	
INTL451	Terrorism and U.S. National Security	
IRLS413	International Conflict Resolution	
IRLS414	Principles of Peacekeeping	
IRLS417	International Civil Order	
SSGS495	Internship Program	

Total Semester Hours 24

## Concentration in International Studies (24 semester hours)

Takes an historical look at human rights topics and discusses how human rights and human security are intertwined. Delves into environmental security threats such as climate change, water scarcity, consumption patterns, urbanization, food security, and globalization. Some courses in this concentration may lead to eligibility to obtain a certificate of completion from the United Nation's Peace Operations Training Institute.

### Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Comprehend various theories about the nature of conflict and cooperation in the post-Cold War era.
- Explore the norms and purposes of international structures and regimes.
- Identify the various manifestations of globalization and its impact on various political, economic and social systems.

### Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
INTL434	Threat Analysis	3
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	3
IRLS413	International Conflict Resolution	3
SCMT319	Global Terrorism	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
INTL411	International Criminal Organizations	
INTL451	Terrorism and U.S. National Security	
IRLS400	Human Rights	
IRLS405	National and Transnational Justice	
IRLS417	International Civil Order	
IRLS491	Special Topics in International Relations	
TLMT442	International Trade and Regulations	
SSGS495	Internship Program	
Total Semester Hours		24

## Concentration in Middle Eastern Studies (24 semester hours)

Provides a comprehensive understanding of Middle Eastern societies, cultures, religions, history, politics, and conflicts. Topics include essential tenets and central practices of different cultures within Middle Eastern societies, as well as ethnic, cultural, and religious divides

that exist in the Middle East and their impact on internal and regional stability.

### Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze the development of political and economic institutions.
- Describe how political, economic, social and military structures work within the region.
- Determine how conflict and shifting alliances shaped the politics of the region.
- Summarize the challenges facing Middle Eastern countries individually and as a region.
- Compare and contrast the different cultures and religions within the Middle East.
- Evaluate existing cooperation efforts and the long-term viability of those efforts for success.
- Analyze the role religion plays in the political, social, and economic fabric of the region.

### Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS260	Middle Eastern Culture	3
IRLS360	Global Politics of Islam	3
IRLS460	Government & Security in the Middle East	3
IRLS468	Politics and Security in the Persian Gulf	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARAB200	Arabic III	
ARAB201	Arabic IV	
RELS330	Religions of the Middle East	
RELS353	Islam	
HIST350	History of the Middle East	
IRLS463	Arab-Israeli Conflict: Contemp. Politics & Dipl.	
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	
Total Semester Hours		24

## Concentration in Peacekeeping (24 semester hours)

Traces the principles and foundations of peace operations within the context of international and regional mechanisms. Topics include the nature of conflict and diplomatic negotiations in the post-Cold War era, and the role of UN and regional peacekeeping initiatives in

specific peacebuilding and peacekeeping operations in conflict areas. Completion of this concentration may lead to eligibility to obtain a certificate of completion from the Peace Operations Training Institute.

### Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Understand the nature of conflict and diplomatic negotiations in the post-Cold War era.
- Identify the evolving theory and practices of United Nations peacekeeping operations.
- Describe the role of UN and regional peacekeeping initiatives in specific peacebuilding, peacemaking, and peacekeeping operations in conflict areas.

### Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	3
IRLS414	Principles of Peacekeeping	3
IRLS415	Peacekeeping Logistics	3
MILH422	History of Peacekeeping: 1988-Present	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
IRLS405	National and Transnational Justice	
IRLS409	Environmental Security	
IRLS413	International Conflict Resolution	
IRLS416	The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	
IRLS417	International Civil Order	
SSGS495	Internship Program	
Total Semester Hours		24

### Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS492	Senior Seminar in International Relations (to be taken as the last course before graduation)	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

### Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select any courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.		
Total Semester Hours		45