

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 careers in government agencies, the diplomatic service, international organizations, world trade and finance, and international media careers.

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
	Asian Studies (p. 3)	
	Comparative Politics (p. 3)	

European Studies (p. 3)	
Globalization and Human Security (p. 4)	
International Studies (p. 4)	
Latin American Studies (p. 5)	
Peacekeeping (p. 5)	
Final Program Requirements	3
Elective Requirements	45
Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
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	
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	

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)¹

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
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
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
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

¹ 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 Asian Studies, Concentration in Comparative Politics, Concentration in European Studies, Concentration in Globalization and Human Security, Concentration in International Studies, Concentration in Latin American Studies, or Concentration in Peacekeeping.

Concentration in Asian Studies (24 semester hours)

Evaluates various sociological, historical, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events within Asia. Assesses ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Asia and their impact on internal and regional stability.

Objectives

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

- Compare and contrast the history, essential tenets, and central practices of different cultures within various Asian societies.
- Explain the historical, sociological, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events within Asia.
- Discuss the key issues that lie ahead for Asian relations within the regions, but externally as well.
- Assess the ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Asia and their impact on internal and regional stability.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 8 courses from the following:		24
HIST230	History of East Asia	
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	
IRLS331	Asian Politics	
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	
SSGS495	Internship Program	
TLMT442	International Trade and Regulations	
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in Comparative Politics (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.

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
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.	
SSGS495	Internship Program	
Total Semester Hours		24

Concentration in European Studies (24 semester hours)

Explores various sociological, historical, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events within Europe. Topics include essential tenets and central practices of different cultures within various European societies, as well as ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Europe and their impact on internal and regional stability.

Objective

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

- Compare and contrast the history, essential tenets, and central practices of different cultures within various European societies.

- Explain the historical, sociological, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events within Europe.
- Discuss the key issues that lie ahead for European relations within the regions, but externally as well.
- Assess the ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Europe and their impact on internal and regional stability.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	3
IRLS344	European Politics	3
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	3
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS343	Government and Security of Russia	
IRLS416	The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	
RUSS100	Russian I	
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 Latin American Studies (24 semester hours)

Explores the history, tenets, and central practices of Latin American cultures, as well as various sociological, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events. Also discusses ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Latin America, their impact on internal and regional stability, and key issues that lie ahead for relations within regions.

Objectives

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

- Compare and contrast the history, essential tenets, and central practices of different cultures within various Latin American societies.
- Explain the historical, sociological, economic, geographic, political, and defense factors as they relate to current events within Latin America.
- Discuss the key issues that lie ahead for Latin American relations within the regions, but externally as well.
- Assess the ethnic, tribal, cultural, and religious divides that exist in Latin America and their affect on internal and regional stability.

Concentration Requirements (24 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
IRLS300	Comparative Political Systems	3
IRLS355	Latin American Politics	3
IRLS392	Globalization and the Market Economy	3
IRLS412	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
HIST360	History of Latin America	
IRLS213	Political Geography	
IRLS310	Introduction to Human Security	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
SSGS495	Internship Program	
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
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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
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Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)

Select any courses that have not been used to fulfill major requirements. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.