

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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International affairs encompasses political, military, economic, legal, and cultural relations involving states, nations, international and nongovernmental organizations, and transnational groups. Study in this discipline explores how international actors, the international system, and states' domestic environments individually and collectively affect the prospects for conflict and cooperation. Academic work focuses in particular on foreign policy, national security, international law, international economic relations, and national political and economic development.

Often, this field of study is contained within a political science department. Lewis & Clark's freestanding Department of International Affairs provides an opportunity to study the multiple dimensions of international relations in greater conceptual and empirical depth and breadth. It also allows students to integrate courses and insights from other disciplines into the major.

The department offers a rigorous and challenging conceptually oriented curriculum that introduces students to core ideas in the study of international relations, as well as the tools and methods of the social sciences and other disciplines. Students gain the analytical and methodological skills necessary to make informed judgments about the sources, significance, and consequences of diverse developments, as well as a solid empirical grounding in the field.

The department sponsors several extracurricular activities for students interested in international relations. The annual International Affairs Symposium, a three-day event organized by students, hosts academic and policy experts who debate aspects of a chosen topic in the field. Majors also participate in an active Model United Nations. *The Meridian*, a student-run journal, offers students a forum in which to publish their own essays and photographs related to international affairs.

Resources for Nonmajors

An understanding of international affairs is important to each student's growth as an individual and as a citizen of an increasingly interdependent world. A number of courses in the department are accessible to nonmajors without prerequisites. Introduction to International Relations (IA 100) gives the best general introduction to the field as a whole. Nonmajors are welcome to participate in the department's extracurricular activities.

The Major Program

Majors in international affairs are required to take six core courses as well as an elective in each of five subject areas. Each student works with an advisor to construct a program appropriate to his/her intellectual interests and career goals.

IA 100 Introduction to International Relations should be taken early in the student's academic career. This course provides an overview of the central concepts used in understanding international relations and is a prerequisite for most of the courses in the department. Students are advised to complete ECON 100 Principles of Economics, POLS 102 Introduction to Comparative Politics or POLS 103 Introduction to American Politics, and IA 212 United States Foreign Policy, ideally by the end of their second year. These courses introduce students to important concepts and empirical information that inform upper-level courses. Normally, Research Methods and the three other subject area classes

should be completed in the third year. IA 310 International Relations Theories usually should be taken in the semester preceding the one in which the student takes IA 430 International Affairs Seminar. Students are urged to complete all other departmental requirements prior to enrolling in the seminar.

In addition to the course requirements, majors are encouraged to develop an academic program that enables them to study at least one foreign language beyond the 201 level, participate in an off-campus program, and take courses in other disciplines appropriate to individual intellectual interests and career goals. Majors also are encouraged to couple their coursework with practical learning that includes, for example, internships in Portland and elsewhere with government and nongovernmental organizations. These opportunities may be pursued during the academic year and/or the summer months.

The major's diverse course offerings and opportunities create many career paths. Some majors decide to pursue further academic study and enter graduate and professional programs. Others find employment in public service, journalism, education, business, humanitarian work, international organizations, and local and national government.

The international affairs curriculum is organized into the following core courses and subject areas. See appropriate department listings for course descriptions.

Core Courses International Affairs

IA 100	Introduction to International Relations
IA 212	United States Foreign Policy
IA 310	International Relations Theories
IA 430	International Affairs Seminar

Economics

ECON 100	Principles of Economics
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Political Science

POLS 102	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 103	Introduction to American Politics

Research Methods

Economics

ECON 103	Statistics
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International Affairs

IA 200	Research Methods for International Affairs
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Mathematics

MATH 105	Perspectives in Statistics
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Political Science

POLS 201	Research Methods in Political Science
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Sociology and Anthropology

SOAN 201	Quantitative Research Methods
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Comparative and Regional Perspectives International Affairs

IA 220	Global South
IA 230	African Politics
IA 231	Latin American Politics
IA 232	Southeast Asian Politics
IA 290	Middle East Politics

IA 320 Democratization

History

HIST 121 Modern European History
 HIST 142 Modern Latin American History
 HIST 217 The Emergence of Modern South Asia
 HIST 328 The British Empire

Political Science

POLS 250 Transitions to Democracy and Authoritarianism
 POLS 314 Russian Politics in Comparative Perspective
 POLS 325 European Politics
 POLS 435 Topics in Comparative Politics

Sociology and Anthropology

SOAN 266 Social Change in Latin America
 SOAN 270 Cultural Politics of Youth in East Asia
 SOAN 350 Global Inequality

**Global Security, Conflict and Diplomacy
International Affairs**

IA 257 Global Resource Dilemmas
 IA 262 Religion & Global Politics
 IA 312 Studies of Diplomacy
 IA 330 Global Security
 IA 342 Perception and International Relations
 IA 348 Global Order

**Global Governance
International Affairs**

IA 211 International Organization
 IA 296 Human Rights in International Relations
 IA 313 International Ethics
 IA 333 International Law
 IA 362 Politics of Humanitarian Intervention & Violence

**Economic Perspectives
International Affairs**

IA 238 Political Economy of Development
 IA 318 Multinational Corporations
 IA 340 International Political Economy
 IA 350 Social Justice in the Global Economy

Economics

ECON 232 Economic Development
 ECON 314 International Economics

Major Requirements

A minimum of 44 semester credits (11 courses), distributed as follows:

- IA 100 Introduction to International Relations
- IA 212 United States Foreign Policy
- IA 310 International Relations Theories
- IA 430 International Affairs Seminar
- ECON 100 Principles of Economics
- One of the following:

POLS 102 Introduction to Comparative Politics

POLS 103 Introduction to American Politics

- One elective course from each of the departmental subject areas: research methods, comparative and regional perspectives, global security, conflict and diplomacy, global governance, and economic perspectives.

A maximum of four courses from outside the IA department may be used toward the major. Special exception may be made by the department for courses from other institutions submitted by transfer students, and for courses taken on Lewis & Clark overseas programs.

Honors

The honors program is based on the thesis. All international affairs majors who have a GPA of 3.500 or higher in the major are eligible. Students whose theses are judged by department faculty to be of superior quality, originality, and insight will receive the award of honors on graduation.

Faculty

Elizabeth A. Bennett. Assistant professor of international affairs, director of the Political Economy Program. International political economy, global social movements, voluntary social/environmental regulation, international development global governance. PhD 2014, AM 2010 Brown University. MALD 2008 The Fletcher School, Tufts University. BA 2002 Hope College.

Kyle M. Lascuertes. Assistant professor of international affairs. International relations theory, international order and global governance, international security, American foreign policy. PhD 2012, MA 2006 University of Virginia. BA 2004 St. Lawrence University.

Bob Mandel. Professor of international affairs. Conflict and security, global resource issues, transnational studies, psychological aspects of international affairs, research methods, international relations theory. PhD 1976, MPhil 1975, MA 1974 Yale University. AB 1972 Brown University.

Cyrus Partovi. Senior lecturer in social sciences. Middle East politics, U.S. foreign policy, diplomacy, the United Nations. MALD 1969, MA 1968 The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. BA 1967 Lewis & Clark College.

Heather M. Smith-Cannoy. Associate professor of international affairs, chair of the Department of International Affairs. International law, international institutions, human rights, and human trafficking. PhD 2007, MA 2003 University of California at San Diego. BA 2000 University of California at Irvine.

Laura Thaut Vinson. Assistant professor of international affairs. African politics, ethnic/civil conflicts. PhD 2013, MA 2009 University of Minnesota. BA 2005 Whitworth University.

Courses

IA 100 Introduction to International Relations

Faculty: Bennett, Lascurettes, Mandel, Partovi, Smith-Cannoy
 Content: An introduction to a conceptual, analytical, and historical understanding of international relations. Emphasis on the international system and the opportunities and constraints it places on state and nonstate behavior. Cooperation and conflict, sovereignty, the rich-poor gap, determinants of national power, interdependence, the process of globalization, international institutions, and the role of transnational phenomena. Designed for students who have no previous background in the study of international relations.
 Prerequisites: None.
 Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 200 Research Methods for International Affairs

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty
 Content: The social scientific method and qualitative and quantitative methods. Topics include theoretical claims and expectations, research design, case selection, data collection and analysis, and writing up results. Students assess the benefits and drawbacks of different approaches to answering research questions.
 Prerequisites: IA 100.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 211 International Organization

Faculty: Lascurettes
 Content: Examines attempts at governance in the international system, including the birth of the modern state system, the United Nations, and other international organizations. Explores competing explanations for global cooperation in conflict management, economics, and human rights.
 Prerequisites: IA 100.
 Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 212 United States Foreign Policy

Faculty: Partovi
 Content: An overview of contemporary U.S. foreign policy from a historical and theoretical perspective. International, domestic, bureaucratic, and individual determinants of policy-making. New challenges and prospects for U.S. foreign policy in the post-Cold War era.
 Prerequisites: IA 100.
 Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 220 Global South

Faculty: Vinson
 Content: Explores important themes across countries in the Global South, including variation in conflict and peace, democracy and authoritarianism, wealth and poverty, and the strength or fragility of states. Examining similarities and differences across countries, students will explore compelling domestic, regional, and international explanations, while touching on the roles of identity and culture in the patterns observed across the Global South.
 Prerequisites: IA 100.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 230 African Politics

Faculty: Vinson
 Content: Introduces students to political, social, and economic issues facing African states (primarily sub-Saharan), covering both domestic and international dimensions. The course explores the historical origins and contemporary dynamics of challenges associated with democratization, civil conflict, and underdevelopment, as well as emerging opportunities and prospects. Students gain specific country expertise, and are also equipped to make sense of the variation in the experiences of a range of African countries.
 Prerequisites: None.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 231 Latin American Politics

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty
 Content: Comparative analysis of politics in South and Central America. Specific emphases vary, but usually include role of the peasantry, Catholic Church and Catholicism, changing political roles of women, international linkages, causes and effects of social revolutions, military rule, transitions to democracy. Emphasis on theories attempting to explain patterns of Latin American politics.
 Prerequisites: IA 100.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 232 Southeast Asian Politics

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty
 Content: Political and economic context of contemporary Southeast Asian states using a comparative perspective. Topics may include the effects of colonial and Cold War legacies on state development; the relationships among ethnicity, religion, and conflict; political transition and democratization; economic development policy; regional environmental issues; and Southeast Asian economic integration.
 Prerequisites: None.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 238 Political Economy of Development

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty
 Content: Introduction to theories on the role of the state in economic development. How politics affect the state's role and impact. Why are some countries poor while others are rich? How does government policy contribute? How does poverty affect political development and governmental stability? Organized according to major economic and political problems affecting developing countries. The theoretical debates surrounding the role of government in addressing problems of development. Focus is on thinking critically about the complexity of these problems in countries where the state apparatus is itself new, transitional, or developing.
 Prerequisites: IA 100. ECON 100.
 Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.
 Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.
 Semester credits: 4.

IA 244 IA Practicum/Internship

Faculty: IA Faculty, Mandel (International Affairs Symposium)

Content: Field learning experience combining theoretical concepts and skills learned in the classroom with practical work in on- and off-campus organizations. Students may participate in individually arranged opportunities or the International Affairs Symposium: Guided readings on the topic of the College's annual International Affairs Symposium. Focus on key issues of controversy within contemporary international relation. Recent topics have included global terrorism, arms transfers, migration, disease, and humanitarian intervention. Discussion of the substantive issues involved, preparation of written materials, and training and guidance to shape sessions and the ways to create an effective symposium. The International Affairs Symposium section must be taken in a fall-spring sequence; it may not be started in the spring, and students enrolling in the fall must take it in the spring. It may be taken up to four times.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 1-4.

IA 257 Global Resource Dilemmas

Faculty: Mandel

Content: Exploration of the controversies surrounding global resource and environmental problems. Topics include the "limits to growth" and "lifeboat ethics" debates; global population, food, water, and energy problems; environment and development; and international resource conflict.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 262 Religion & Global Politics

Faculty: Vinson

Content: Introduces students to the often-overlooked role of religious actors and politics in international affairs. While commonly associated with radicalism or terrorism, religious actors and ideas have played significant roles in democratization, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, humanitarianism, the evolution of human rights, and foreign policy. The course also explores relevant religious histories, the recent "resurgence" of Islam and Christianity, and definitions of "religion" and "secular."

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 290 Middle East Politics

Faculty: Partovi

Content: Analysis and explanation of the historical forces that shaped the complexities of this region, placing the area in its proper setting and perspective.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 296 Human Rights in International Relations

Faculty: Smith-Cannoy

Content: Tensions surrounding sovereignty, or nonintervention, in the face of increasingly severe human rights abuses. Overview of the philosophical underpinnings of human rights as well as prominent debates in the human rights literature. Critical examination of the doctrine of sovereignty in international relations theory and practice. Analysis of the international community's ways of preventing human rights violations, including political and judicial enforcement of human rights norms.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 299 Independent Study

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty

Content: Opportunities for well-prepared students to design and pursue a substantive course of independent learning. Details determined by the student and the supervising instructor. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: None.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing and consent required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 1-4.

IA 310 International Relations Theories

Faculty: Lascurettes

Content: Contending theories of international relations, specifically those that explain the evolution and content of world politics by reference to transnational, international, state-specific, and/or individual factors. Emphasis on the conceptual, analytical, and methodological aspects of and debates in international relations theory.

Prerequisites: IA 100. Two 200-level international affairs courses.

Restrictions: Junior standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 312 Studies of Diplomacy

Faculty: Partovi

Content: A reading of diplomatic history and the rules governing the conduct of diplomacy. The tools of statecraft through case studies including the strategy and tactics of negotiating across cultures, diplomatic law, and multilateral diplomacy.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 313 International Ethics

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty

Content: An overview of different theoretical perspectives concerning moral argumentation in IR theory; ethical dimensions of poverty, population growth, climate change, terrorism, migration, moral standing of states and borders, use of force, ethics of humanitarian intervention, individual vs. group morality, origin and meaning of human rights, global governance, and just world order. Discussion of cosmopolitanism, patriotism, and nationalism; just war theory; nuclear ethics; global distributive justice; climate ethics; and the responsibilities and duties of citizens, soldiers, leaders, and collectives.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 318 Multinational Corporations

Faculty: Mandel

Content: Causes of growth of the multinational corporation, its impact on host states and home states, and international responses to its emergence.

Prerequisites: IA 100. ECON 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Every fourth year, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 320 Democratization

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty

Content: The international spread of democracy in the contemporary period. How variations in national institutional design and national context impact outcomes. Particular attention is given to the transition to and consolidation of democracy, instances of limited democratization, and the question of political accountability in nondemocracies.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 330 Global Security

Faculty: Mandel

Content: Analysis of the major theories covering human, state, and international security. Emphasis on developing a probing conceptual understanding of ongoing challenges emanating from both state and nonstate sources. Explores military, economic, environmental, political, cultural dimensions. Cross-cultural security perspectives relevant to both Western and non-Western societies.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 333 International Law

Faculty: Smith-Cannoy

Content: The political setting of international law, its changing content, its influence on the foreign policies of states, the special problems of regulating war, and developing and implementing human rights. Focus on insights from social science theories and perspectives, not on technical understanding of international law.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Alternate Years, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 340 International Political Economy

Faculty: Bennett

Content: The relationship between politics and economics in international relations. History of the modern international political economy, and theories to explain how political factors affect the content and evolution of international economic systems. Focus on trade, monetary, financial, and production relations.

Prerequisites: IA 100. ECON 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 342 Perception and International Relations

Faculty: Mandel

Content: Processes and patterns of intergroup and international perception, views of enemies, perception in foreign policy-making and deterrence, ways of reducing perceptual distortions. Students analyze and theorize about the role of misperception–distortions in one state's perception of other states–in international relations.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 348 Global Order

Faculty: Lascuresses

Content: Exploration of the origins and development of the modern state system in world politics, focusing on the different and most productive ways to think about how international relations have been or could be organized. Topics include the origins of state sovereignty and alternatives to it; important material, ideological, and political trends in international affairs in the seventeenth through twentieth centuries; the ingenuities and weaknesses of the American-led international order of the postwar era; the rapid development of international courts and tribunals, particularly since the end of the Cold War; and the prospects for and desirability of a non-Western-dominated global order emerging over the coming century.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 350 Social Justice in the Global Economy

Faculty: Bennett

Content: Examines the concepts of social justice, environmental sustainability, and fair trade within the context of the international political economy (IPE). How have these concepts been fostered or limited in the twentieth and twenty-first century IPE? How have states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector promoted or challenged further incorporation of concepts in the IPE? Focuses on empirical problems and analysis of existing and potential solutions, with special attention to voluntary, ethical certification systems such as fair trade.

Prerequisites: IA 100. IA 238, IA 340 or ECON 232.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 362 Politics of Humanitarian Intervention & Violence

Faculty: Vinson

Content: Introduces major debates surrounding the militarization of relief, politicization of aid, and armed interventions. Addresses tensions surrounding the appeal to “care for distant strangers,” management of violence, and the response of various actors, from NGOs and international institutions to individuals, media, celebrities, and businesses. Students will become familiar with the key actors, agencies, and ideas in the development of modern humanitarianism, explore lessons from major past and present crises, and engage with the stories of people affected.

Prerequisites: IA 100.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Alternate Years, fall semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 430 International Affairs Seminar

Faculty: Bennett, Smith-Cannoy

Content: Advanced research in international affairs. Students are expected to develop, research, write, and present a methodologically rigorous and analytically oriented analysis of some dimension of international relations. Topics and explanations are to be informed and guided by the relevant international relations literature. Normally taken during spring semester of senior year.

Prerequisites: IA 310. One course from the Research Methods list.

Restrictions: Sophomore standing required.

Usually offered: Annually, spring semester.

Semester credits: 4.

IA 444 Practicum

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty

Content: Field-learning experience combining theoretical concepts and skills learned in the classroom with practical work in on-campus and off-campus organizations such as the World Trade Center, World Affairs Council, or U.S. Department of Commerce in Portland. Students must be well prepared prior to enrollment, consult the faculty supervisor about the program in advance, and write a report on the practicum experience. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: None.

Restrictions: Junior standing and consent required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 2-4.

IA 499 Independent Study

Faculty: International Affairs Faculty

Content: Same as IA 299 but requiring more advanced work. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: None.

Restrictions: Junior standing and consent required.

Usually offered: Annually, fall and spring semester.

Semester credits: 1-4.