

*University of Indianapolis – Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences*  
**2025-2026 Curriculum Guide for International Relations Majors (IREL)**  
 Bachelor of Arts

**Year I**

- **HIST 105** Freshman Seminar in History, Political Science & International Relations (1)
- **IREL 100** World Regional Geography (3)
- **IREL 101** Introduction to International Relations (3)
- **HIST 102/202** World History since 1700 (3)

**Year II**

- **PSCI 201** Writing in Political Science (3)
- **PSCI 301** Research Design and Methods (4)

**Year II, III & IV\***

- **IREL 345** International Relations Theory (4)
- **IREL ELEC** International Relations Electives

\*For optional concentration in Global Experience (IRGE) please contact the department for details. Study abroad options and course approvals are typically determined/arranged during a student's sophomore (second) year for completion during the junior (third) year.

**Year IV**

- **IREL 475** Capstone Research Project (4)

**Additional Requirement**

- **FREN/GERM/SPAN** Any 300 level course **OR**
- **IREL 300-400** Take one 300-400 level class

There is no specific sequence in which the elective courses must be taken. Each student should consult her/his advisor or the Academic Catalog for individual course prerequisites. Courses numbered 300 or above are not open to freshmen.

**International Relations Electives:** 12 hours from the following:

- **IREL 335** Comparative Politics (4)
- **IREL 336** Political Development (4)
- **IREL 343** Foreign Policy Analysis (4)
- **IREL 346** US Foreign Policy: Decision-Making and Process (4)
- **IREL 347** International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (4)
- **IREL 348** International Organizations and Interdependence (4)
- **IREL 352** International Political Economy (4)
- **IREL 354** Terrorism: Past, Present, and Future (4)
- **IREL 438** Politics of South Asia (4)
- **IREL 480** Special Topics in International Relations (4)

**Applied International Relations:** Minimum 2 hours from the following:

- **IREL 300** Model United Nations (1)
- **IREL 302** Model European Union (1)
- **IREL 450** Internship in International Relations (1-15)

**Foreign Language:** 4 hours of a modern language beyond the Bachelor of Arts requirements, or evidence of fluency or native ability in one language other than English.

**NOTES:**

- The International Relations Major requires a total of 41 credit hours. No more than 4 hours of internship credit may apply to the International Relations major.
- A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the International Relations Major.
- The Bachelor of Arts Degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.
- See the General Education Core Guide for additional course requirements.
- A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.

**REMEMBER:** If you have any questions about the Political Science Major and its requirements, contact a faculty advisor from the History & Political Science Department (Dr. Edward Frantz Department Chairperson: 788-4906, Good Hall Room 203G) or your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.