INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BA)

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Introduction
The International Relations program at Canisius College is a multidisciplinary program that is anchored in History, Modern Languages, and Political Science but also includes courses in international business, economics, religious studies, philosophy, and other academic disciplines. The goals of the program are to provide the International Relations major with a basic understanding of the issues, functions and theories of the international system and to cultivate skills in research, writing, critical thinking, analysis, and oral presentation that are necessary for success in a career in the fields of international affairs, international business, law, education, and academia. Students majoring in International Relations must also satisfy a requirement for an International Educational Experience. Each student’s program is structured to maximize options after graduation. Completion of the major program will lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. For a more detailed description of the program, faculty, facilities, academic, and co-curricular opportunities please go to the International Relations website (https://www.canisius.edu/academics/programs/international-relations).

Qualifications
The International Relations major and minor are open to any student who has completed PSC 140 (Introduction to International Relations) with a minimum grade of C. A minimum overall average of 2.00 in all courses taken to complete the major or the minor, and a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, is required for program completion.

Advisement
All students should have an advisor in the major and should contact the department directly to have an advisor assigned if they do not already have one. Meetings with academic advisors are required prior to students receiving their PIN for course registration each semester. All majors should work closely with their advisor in discussing career expectations, choosing their major electives, developing their entire academic program and planning their co-curricular or supplemental academic experiences.

Note: Advisement is the responsibility of the Director of the International Relations Program, who may share this responsibility with other members of the International Relations Advisory Council. All International Relations majors and minors are expected to consult with their advisor in the program at least once each semester.

Double Majors
Students who wish to expand their educational opportunities may decide to declare a double major. The decision may be based on career goals or planned graduate studies. Before a student declares a double major, it is important to meet with the appropriate academic departments for advisement. Some double major combinations can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional coursework may be required. In order to declare a double major, the student must complete the appropriate double major request form and get the signature of each department chairperson and the appropriate associate dean. Please note that students will receive only one degree, regardless of the number of majors they complete.

Double majors have been developed between the International Relations Program and the Departments of History, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; and Political Science, as well as with the programs in European Studies, Latin American Studies, and International Business. It is also possible to pursue a double major with other academic programs such as Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, and Sociology/Anthropology. For further information on double majors, contact the director of the International Relations Program.

Students pursuing a dual major in International Relations and another major may double count as many courses as possible toward the satisfaction of International Relations major requirements.

Minors in other Disciplines
Minors provide students the opportunity to pursue additional interests but generally do not require as many courses as a major. Minors generally range from five to eight required courses. The minors page (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/minors) provides a complete list of minors and provides links to each minor. Some majors and minors can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional coursework may be required. Students must complete the appropriate minor request form.

Curriculum
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All undergraduate students must complete either the Canisius Core Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/core-curriculum) or the All-College Honors Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/core-curriculum/all-college-honors-program). Many schools refer to their college-wide undergraduate requirements as “general education” requirements. We believe that the core curriculum and the honors curriculum are more than a series of required classes, they provide the basis for a Jesuit education both with content and with required knowledge and skills attributes that are central to our mission.

Free Electives
Students may graduate with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Core Curriculum or Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum of 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Major Requirements
All International Relations majors must take a core of nine courses in history, political science and economics, including an upper-level course in international business, and seven electives that have been approved by the International Relations Program Advisory Council for major credit. In addition, all International Relations majors must demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language through the Intermediate High level according to guidelines established by the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages. All International Relations majors must also satisfy an international experience
Approved Major Elective Courses

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Select one of the following three regional history course groupings: 6
- HIS 213
- HIS 230

Students may substitute HIS 213 or HIS 230 for HIS 108. If students use one of these courses to fulfill the general requirements for the major, the same course may not be used as a major elective course.

Major Electives

All students must successfully complete a 300 or 400-level course in a modern foreign language (3 credits) as well as seven courses (21 credits) chosen from approved list in Economics, Finance, History, International Business, Modern Languages, Political Science, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.

Approved World Culture Electives

International Relations Majors are encouraged to satisfy their Core Curriculum requirements in Fields 1, 2, and 3 by taking courses that provide a cultural dimension to the study of international relations. Under the current IR major curriculum students may take one or two of these courses — depending upon the particular track they may be following — as IR major electives. Courses offered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (e.g., FRC, GER, SPA) require prerequisites and are generally taught in the language of study.
General rule, students must complete the International Relations Core of permission from the director of the International Relations Program. As a at a foreign university may be able to count more than three courses of the International Relations Program. Students who spend a year studying electives as long as these courses have been pre-approved by the director Poland, and Senegal. Students who spend a semester abroad at a foreign study at an accredited university abroad other than those with articulations. (https://www.canisius.edu/study-abroad-locations-1) list of sites with current articulations is available at the Study Abroad website Canisius College to set up and monitor study abroad programs for Canisius Relations Program works closely with the Director of Study Abroad at abroad studying at a foreign university. The Director of the International experience requirement by spending at least one semester. The International Relations Program strongly encourages its majors to fulfill the only way in which this requirement is satisfied, is by studying abroad. Under some circumstances a short-term study abroad experience may be desirable. Recent examples of opportunities available include programs in Argentina, Canada (Québec), Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Puerto Rico, and Spain, among others. Majors interested in these experiences should inquire with the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (or other sponsoring programs) for more information. Students also may inquire with the Study Abroad Office for summer programs at The Catholic University of Lille, France; IÉSEG, Paris, France; the Berlin School of Economics and Law, the Catholic University of Eichstaett, and the Technical University of Dortmund in Germany; the National University of Ireland, Galway; Lorenzo de’ Medici in Florence and Rome, Italy; the Universidad de Oviedo and the Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Spain; and the Sacred Heart University in Puerto Rico.

All International Relations majors and minors planning international educational experiences, whether short-term or traditional Study Abroad, must consult in advance with the Study Abroad office, the Director of the International Relations Program, the Chair or Director of all relevant academic programs, and the student’s Associate/Assistant Dean to discuss whether courses completed abroad may satisfy academic requirements at Canisius College. Language credit may be awarded but this requires prior approval from the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

Foreign Language Requirement
The modern foreign language requirement in the International Relations major is not a course but a proficiency requirement that at Canisius is normally satisfied by successfully completing ML 215-216/217 plus at least one course at the 300 level or above. If students are not placed at the 215-216/217 level when they enroll at Canisius, it will take them two extra semesters in the foreign language to meet this requirement. In other cases students may already have taken the equivalent of these courses in high school and therefore do not have to take them at Canisius but should continue their language preparation with a 300-level course in the language they have studied in high school. Students who study abroad in a country where the spoken language is a language other than English and take courses in that language as part of their study abroad experience may use this to satisfy the modern language requirement in the International Relations major.

International Educational Experience
All students majoring in International Relations must satisfy a requirement for International Education Experience. The most popular, but by no means the only way in which this requirement is satisfied, is by studying abroad. The International Relations Program strongly encourages its majors to fulfill the international experience requirement by spending at least one semester abroad studying at a foreign university. The Director of the International Relations Program works closely with the Director of Study Abroad at Canisius College to set up and monitor study abroad programs for Canisius students at a wide range of universities throughout the world. A complete list of sites with current articulations is available at the Study Abroad website (https://www.canisius.edu/study-abroad-locations-1). Students may also study at an accredited university abroad other than those with articulations. Students doing this have recently studied at universities in Egypt, Jordan, Poland, and Senegal. Students who spend a semester abroad at a foreign university may count up to three courses as International Relations major electives as long as these courses have been pre-approved by the director of the International Relations Program. Students who spend a year studying at a foreign university may be able to count more than three courses as International Relations major electives, but this will require special permission from the director of the International Relations Program. As a general rule, students must complete the International Relations Core of nine courses at Canisius College. Exceptions to this rule may be approved by the International Relations Program Advisory Council.

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Additional Course Considerations
Within the International Relations major a student may pursue one of four distinct tracks in International Business, International History, International Politics, and Language and World Culture. A student may also opt to pursue none of these tracks but fulfill the program major requirements listed above without concentrating in any particular area of the program. If a student chooses to pursue one of these four tracks, this will affect his or her choice of major electives. A student pursuing one of these tracks would still be required to take a modern foreign language through the Intermediate High level (including at least one 300-level course in that language) and to satisfy the international experience requirement. For further information, contact the director of the International Relations Program. For further information on each of these tracks, please go to the International Relations website (https://www.canisius.edu/academics/programs/international-relations).

Roadmap
Recommended Semester Schedule for Major Course Requirements

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Learning Goals & Objectives

Student Learning Goal 1

International Relations Majors will demonstrate a basic knowledge of the components and dynamics of the international system.

Students will:

- Objective A: Demonstrate an understanding of the issues, functions, and theories of the international system;
- Objective B: Demonstrate an understanding of the role of history in international affairs;
- Objective C: Demonstrate an understanding of the role of geography in international affairs;
- Objective D: Demonstrate an understanding of the similarities and differences in political systems and economies;
- Objective E: Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the United States in the international system.

Student Learning Goal 2

International Relations majors will develop competence in the skills that are appropriate to the discipline and that are necessary for success.

Students will:

- Objective A: Demonstrate competence in the techniques of scholarly research in the field of International Relations;
- Objective B: Demonstrate competence in the techniques of scholarly writing in the field of International Relations;
- Objective C: Demonstrate competence at the ACTFL intermediate-high level in the use of a modern foreign language;
- Objective D: Be able to analyze an international problem or issue in a manner that demonstrates global or regional understanding and sensitivity to cultural difference.

Minor

A minor in International Relations consists of nine courses, of which two may be used to satisfy requirements in Fields 4 and 5 of the Canisius College core curriculum. A student pursuing a minor in International Relations must also demonstrate intermediate competence in a modern foreign language. Generally this proficiency is demonstrated by successful completion of a modern language through the 215 level.

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Total Credits 27

1. Students may substitute HIS 213 or HIS 230 for HIS 108. If students use one of these courses to fulfill the general requirements for the minor, the same course may not be used as an elective course.

2. International Relations minors must choose three courses from the list of Approved Major Elective Courses in the curriculum section of the major (p. 1).