INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (BA)

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Introduction

The International Relations program at Canisius College is a multidisciplinary program that includes courses in political science, history, modern languages, 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. This decision may be based on career goals, planned graduate studies, and/or other student interests. Before a student declares a double major, it is important to meet with the appropriate academic departments for advisement. 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.

Per college policy, each additional major requires a minimum of 15 credits that do not apply to the student’s first or subsequent major. Some double major combinations can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in other cases additional course work may be required. 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 (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/history/), Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures-cultures/), and Political Science (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/) as well as with the programs in European Studies, (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/european-studies/) Latin American Studies (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/latin-american-studies/), and International Business (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/wehle-school-business/international-business-programs/). It is also possible to pursue a double major with other academic programs such as Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, and Sociology. 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 a bachelor’s degree with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Canisius Core Curriculum or All-College Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum number of credits required for graduation. The number of credits required to complete a bachelor’s degree may vary depending on the student’s major(s) and minor(s).

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, which at Canisius College typically requires
successful completion of at least one 300-level foreign language course. All
International Relations majors must also satisfy an international experience
requirement that includes but is not limited to study abroad in a foreign
university or an approved short-term program.

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Total Credits: 51-57

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 major,
the same course may not be used as a major elective course.

2 Students must complete at least one language course at the 300
level. The number of courses required depends upon the student’s
background when they enter Canisius.

Students must choose seven courses from the Major Electives and/or
Approved World Culture Electives (only two of the seven may come from
the World Culture Electives).

**International Relations Electives**

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**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.

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general rule, students must complete the International Relations Core of
permission from the director of the International Relations Program. As a
of the International Relations Program. Students who spend a year studying
electives as long as these courses have been pre-approved by the director
university may count up to three courses as International Relations major
Poland, and Senegal. Students who spend a semester abroad at a foreign
study at an accredited university abroad other than those with articulations.
(list of sites with current articulations is available at the
Canisius College to set up and monitor study abroad programs for Canisius
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The International Relations Program strongly encourages its majors to fulfill
the only way in which this requirement is satisfied, is by studying abroad.
All students majoring in International Relations must satisfy a requirement
International Educational Experience

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.

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 Eichstätt, 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.

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.