

Major Map: International Studies Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science
Bulletin Year: 2023-2024

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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Critical		Hours		GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semest	er One (15-17 Credit Hours)	_					
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
	POLI 101 Introduction to Global Politics	3			CC-GSS		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3			PR/CC		
	or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴						
Semest	er Two (15-16 Credit Hours)						
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW	C or better in	
					CC-INF	ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
	POLI 201 American National Government	3			CC-VSR		
	History ⁵	3			CR		
Semest	er Three (15 Credit Hours)						
	POLI 105 Introduction to Politics	3	С		MR		
	POLI 315 International Relations	3	С		MR		
	or POLI 316 Comparative Politics				CC-INT		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	С		PR		
	Foreign language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semest	er Four (15-16 Credit Hours)	,					
	POLI 315 International Relations	3	С		MR		
	or POLI 316 Comparative Politics				CC-INT		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	С		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	POLI 303 Modern Political Theory	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC		
Semest	er Five (15 Credit Hours)	3 4			00		
Jennest	International Studies Major Course ⁷	3	С		MR		
	International Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3	C		CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Samast	er Six (15 Credit Hours)	J			CC/I IX		
Semest	International Studies Major Course ⁷	3	С		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3	C		CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁸	_			CC/PR		
		3			CC/PR		
2	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
semest	er Seven (15 Credit Hours)				MB		
	International Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semest	er Eight (13 Credit Hours)						
	International Studies Major Course ⁷	3	С		MR		
	Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	1			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	24	49-64	35-44	2.000

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 6. The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- 7. 15 hours in approved international focused courses, to be chosen from POLI courses, numbered 300-level or higher from the international relations or comparative politics fields *only*, and /or from the list of approved non-POLI courses for the international studies major (visit the Bulletin for the list of approved non-POLI major courses). At least six hours *must* be selected from the approved POLI courses:

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Comparative Politics:		International Relations:			
	POLI 380, 381, 383, 416, 448, 480, 481, 483, 487, 488, 489	POLI 330, 340, 341, 342, 417, 420, 421, 430, 432, 433, 437, 440, 442,			
		443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 449			

8. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- International Studies majors may choose to complete an intensive major. In addition to the requirements for the International Studies major, Intensive majors must earn a minimum grade of B in all major courses, as well as complete the following: 1) an additional 6 hours of International Studies-related courses (approved by the major advisor); 2) POLI 499 Senior Thesis; and 3) Demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by earning a rating of "intermediate high" on the ACTFL/ETS examination or a "1+" rating on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) examination. (In those languages for which such testing is not available within a foreign language department, proficiency will be demonstrated by passing with a C or better a minimum of 15 hours of one foreign language.)
- The Departmental Undergraduate Research Track is available to students majoring in International Studies who wish to participate in significant research activities of the major field in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. In addition to the requirements for the International Studies major, "B.A. with Distinction" majors must complete the following: 1) prerequisites of 3.60 major GPA and 3.30 cumulative GPA; 2) POLI 301 The Political Science Discipline, POLI 498 Research Experience, and POLI 499 Senior Thesis; 3) Public presentation of the Senior Thesis (at an annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association, a regular or special session of the Political Science Research Workshop, sessions scheduled for the Political Science Awards Day activities, USC Discovery Day, or submission to a professional journal); and 4) a written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor to be placed on file in the department or college office.
- Utilizing elective hours, many International Studies majors pursue an additional major and/or multiple minors to create a unique degree program that
 reflects their intellectual interests and future academic and/or professional goals.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website

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Codes:						
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy			
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course			
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy			
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core - Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility			
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement			
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement			
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement			
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences					

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.