

BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

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Political Science

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Type of Program Proposal:

Major

Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

Is this a pilot program?

No

Delivery Format:

Fully Face to Face

Title of the Program:

BA in International Relations

Designation: (degree terminology)

Bachelor of Arts

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:

In the past several years, we have added several new POLS courses that count for the International Relations (IR) major. These courses are in the catalog and the current catalog notes that electives “must be selected from Government courses numbered from 130 through 149. Students may also include POLS 118, POLS 119A, POLS 127, POLS 162, and POLS 166 as electives.” However, in order for the registrar to recognize these electives and for them to appear as such in students’ records, each course needs to be separately listed. We are thus submitting a Form B to actualize these additions.

In that process, and given the numbers of new faculty offering new courses on campus, we decided to revisit which electives from outside of our department should be listed for the major and consulted with several programs on these modest changes. SOC 102 was removed after a review of the syllabus showed it does not cover international issues, which is a requirement for the major; we do not anticipate major impacts on this course as a result of this change, as it has not received much enrollment from IR majors in the past.

We have also taken this opportunity to update our program description and learning outcomes to better reflect our current foci.

University Learning Goals**Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines
 Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world
 Intellectual and practical skills
 Personal and social responsibility
 Integrative learning

Program Learning Outcomes**Program Learning Outcomes****Learning Outcome**

- 1) Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively about international relations and comparative politics,
- 2) Locate, identify and evaluate information related to international relations and comparative politics,
- 3) Critically examine arguments, claims, and alternative explanations found within the field of international relations and comparative politics,
- 4) Explain and apply key concepts and knowledge in the areas of international relations, international political economy, and comparative politics,
- 5) Analyze quantitative data and write up research findings.

Learning Outcomes Display

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5
POLS 1					
POLS 100					
POLS 111					

POLS 110					
POLS 112					
POLS 130					
POLS 136					
POLS 140					
POLS 35					
POLS 118					
POLS 119A					
POLS 127					
POLS 131					
POLS 132					
POLS 133					
POLS 134					
POLS 135					
POLS 137					
POLS 138					
POLS 138B					
POLS 139A					
POLS 139B					
POLS 139C					
POLS 139E					
POLS 139G					
POLS 139S					
POLS 141					
POLS 142					
POLS 143					
POLS 144					
POLS 145					
POLS 146					
POLS 147					
POLS 148					
POLS 149A					
POLS 149R					
POLS 162					
POLS 166					
POLS 195A					

POLS 199					
ANTH 105					
ANTH 145					
ANTH 161					
ANTH 181					
ASIA 110					
ANTH 173					
ASIA 111					
ASIA 151					
ECON 190					
ECON 192					
ECON 193					
ETHN 137					
GEOG 127					
GEOG 128					
GEOG 133					
HIST 105					
HIST 118A					
HIST 118B					
HIST 134					
HIST 137A					
HIST 138A					
HIST 138B					
HIST 141					
HIST 142					
HIST 143B					
HIST 143D					
HIST 149					
IBUS 180					
IBUS 190					
SOC 162					
SOC 129					
SOC 163					
SOC 164					
WGS 121					
WGS 125					

WGS 139					
WGS 147					

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Do these changes impact the Smart Planner roadmap?

No

Catalog Description:

Units required for Major: 42

Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The International Relations major complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of comparative government and global politics. The major is structured to provide students with a background in the discipline of political science with an emphasis on the fields of Comparative Politics and International Relations, and to fortify that learning with a range of interdisciplinary course offerings that include thematic areas such as globalization, global governance, identity, and security studies as well as regional concentrations on Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.

Minimum GPA Requirement

Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (3 Units)		
POLS 1	Essentials Of Government ¹	3
Required Upper Division Courses (15 Units)		
POLS 100	Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLS 111	Political Thought II	3
or POLS 110	Political Thought I	
or POLS 112	Current Political Thought	
POLS 130	International Politics	3
POLS 136	International Political Economy	3
POLS 140	Comparative Politics	3
Electives (24 Units)		
Select 24 units ⁵		24
POLS 35	World Politics ²	
POLS 118	Just War, Natural Right, and the Law of Nations	
POLS 119A	Socialism Marxism-Communism	
POLS 127	International Law	
POLS 131	International Organization	
POLS 132	War and Peace in the Nuclear Age	
POLS 133	American Defense and National Security	
POLS 134	War, Peace and the Mass Media	
POLS 135	United States Foreign Policy	
POLS 137	Nationalism	
POLS 138	UN Simulation ³	
POLS 138B	UN Simulation Practicum ⁴	
POLS 139A	Globalization	

POLS 139B	International Politics and International Development
POLS 139C	Critical Writings in International Relations
POLS 139E	International Conflict and Ethnicity
POLS 139G	Intelligence and Espionage
POLS 139S	Topics in Human Security
POLS 141	Politics of the African Diaspora 🌐
POLS 142	Government and Politics in Africa
POLS 143	Causes of War, Causes of Peace
POLS 144	European Politics
POLS 145	Asian Politics
POLS 146	US-China Relations
POLS 147	Latin American Government and Politics
POLS 148	Governments and Politics in the Middle East
POLS 149A	Original Research in Comparative Politics ✍️
POLS 149R	Comparative Revolutions
POLS 162	American Film and Culture in the Nuclear Age
POLS 166	Gender and Politics
POLS 195A	Internship ⁴
POLS 199	Independent Studies ⁴

Up to 3 classes (9 Units) of Electives may be taken from the following approved list of classes in other departments: ⁵

ANTH 105	Anthropology of War
ANTH 145	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
ANTH 161	African Cultures and Societies
ANTH 181	Anthropology of Human Rights
ASIA 110 or ANTH 173	Anthropology of Contemporary Asia Anthropology of Contemporary Asia
ASIA 111	Asian Diaspora and Migration 🌐
ASIA 151	Genocide in Southeast Asia
ECON 190	International Trade
ECON 192	International Finance
ECON 193	Development Economics
ETHN 137	Race and Ethnicity in Latin America and Caribbean
GEOG 127	Geography Of Africa
GEOG 128	Geography Of Europe
GEOG 133	Geography of the Middle East
HIST 105	Great Ages and Issues in Modern European History ✍️
HIST 118A	World War I: Causes, Conduct, Consequences
HIST 118B	World War II: Causes, Conduct, Consequences
HIST 134	The Rise and Fall of European Colonial Empires
HIST 137A	Latin American Revolutions in the Twentieth Century ✍️
HIST 138A	Colonial Latin America
HIST 138B	Modern and Contemporary Latin America
HIST 141	History of Africa Since 1800
HIST 142	History of Women in Africa
HIST 143B	The Modern Middle East
HIST 143D	The Arab-Israeli Conflict ✍️
HIST 149	The Making of Modern Southeast Asia
IBUS 180	Sustainability Business in Global Economy
IBUS 190	International Business
SOC 162	Middle Eastern Societies and Culture
SOC 129	Social Change and Migration in Latin America
SOC 163	Conflict, Oil and Development in the Middle East
SOC 164	Sociology of Globalization
WGS 121	Women Of The Middle East
WGS 125	Sex & Gender in South Asia
WGS 139	Violence Against Women

WGS 147	Women & Globalization	
Total Units		42

- ¹ POLS 150 or a score of 3 or higher on the AP United States Government and Politics exam may be used in place of POLS 1 to satisfy the requirement.
- ² A score of 3 or higher on the AP Comparative Government and Politics exam may be used in place of POLS 35 to satisfy the requirement.
- ³ Students may count up to 6 units of elective credit toward the major from POLS 138.
- ⁴ Students may receive no more than 3 units of elective credit toward the major in total from among the following three courses: POLS 138B (UN Simulation Practicum), POLS 195A (Internship), and POLS 199 (Independent Studies). An approved internship for credit (POLS 195A) should emphasize comparative or international political experience.
- ⁵ Electives may include Political Science courses numbered in the range from 130 through 149, as well as POLS 35, POLS 118, POLS 119A, POLS 127, POLS 162, and POLS 166. In addition, up to 9 units of work from the listed classes in other departments may be used to satisfy the 24 units of electives.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (10 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	0
Area C: Arts and Humanities (9-12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²	0 - 3
Area D: The Individual and Society (3-6 Units)		
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course ²	0
	Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ²	0 - 3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
	Area E Course	3
Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)		
	Area F Course	3
Total Units		37-43

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (3-6 Units)		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government ²	0
	Writing Intensive (WI) ³	0 - 3
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9-12 Units)		
	English Composition II	3

Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) ⁴	0 - 3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ⁵	6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

³ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take POLS 149A, HIST 105, HIST 137A, or HIST 143D they will meet the Writing Intensive (WI) Graduation Requirement.

⁴ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take POLS 141 or ASIA 111 they will meet the Race and Ethnicity (RE) Graduation Requirement.

⁵ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

We consulted with Asian Studies, Business, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, and Sociology. I am affirming here as Director of Asian Studies that we were consulted. Unfortunately, the courses in Environmental Studies did not match our criteria, so they were not ultimately included at this time.

Attach a copy of correspondence with these units:

Sociology Consultation.pdf

History Consultation.pdf

Business Consultation.pdf

Environmental Studies Consultation.pdf

Geography Consultation.pdf

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

No financial impact

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

Faculty currently teach the new offerings, no financial impact.

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

None

Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:

N/A

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