

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

undergraduate program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs will prepare you for careers in fields like international affairs, comparative politics, public policy, international law, international business, international political economy, and international development.*

Employment Opportunities:

Attorney / Lawyer
CIA / FBI Agent / Intelligence Analyst
Conflict Resolution Mediator
Corporate Executive
Corporate Legislative Issues Manager
Demographer
Diplomat
Economist
Editor
Event Coordinator
Foreign Service Officer
Global Environmental Policy Analyst
Government Official / Civil Servant
Human Rights Advocate
Humanitarian Relief Worker
Immigration Lawyer
International Development Expert
International Lawyer / Judge
International Marketing Specialist
International Public Health Expert
International Security / Cybersecurity Agent
International Trade Negotiator
Journalist / Foreign Affairs Correspondent
Lecturer
Legal Assistant / Paralegal
Legislative / Congressional Aide
Lobbyist / Organizer / Political Activist
Non-Profit Executive Director
Peace Corps / AmeriCorps / Vista Volunteer
Policy Analyst
Political Consultant
Political Scientist
Politician / Elected Official
Public Administrator
Public Opinion Analyst / Pollster
Public Relations Specialist
Regional Specialist / Translator
Researcher / Writer
Study Abroad Coordinator
Teacher / Teaching Fellow

* Some occupations will require additional training, certification, and/or education



International Affairs majors at Pitt-Bradford take core courses in Political Science and Economics, with additional specialization via electives in Comparative Politics, International Relations, and International Political Economy. Students are required to gain intercultural competency and foreign language proficiency.

International Affairs majors

are encouraged to participate in study abroad as well as applied service-learning, internship, and research experiences that are multicultural or international in scope. International Affairs majors may be interested in careers and graduate study in fields such as international affairs, international relations, comparative politics, public policy, diplomacy, global environmental policy, human rights, international law and organization, international business, international political economy, international trade, international development, peace and conflict resolution, international service, and international humanitarian relief.

Required Skills:

- Critical Analysis
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Diplomacy & Problem Solving
- Foreign Language Proficiency
- Global Worldview & Experience
- Initiative & Curiosity
- Interdisciplinary Thinking
- Leadership & Teamwork
- Organizational Skills
- Planning & Decision Making
- Research & Writing Abilities

Possible Employers:

- Electoral Campaigns & Political Parties
- Federal, State, & Local Government
- Interest Groups, Nonprofits, & Thinktanks
- Intergovernmental Organizations
- International Non-Governmental Organizations
- Law Firms & Legal Profession
- Multinational Corporations
- Public Opinion & Consulting Firms
- Research Foundations
- Schools & Universities
- Travel & Tour Services

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Economic Association	www.aeaweb.org
American Political Science Association	www.apsanet.org
International Political Science Association	www.ipsa.org
International Studies Association	www.isanet.org

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Career Services	www.upb.pitt.edu/career
Global Jobs	www.globaljobs.org
Government Jobs	www.usajobs.gov
Government Jobs	www.governmentjobs.com
Intergovernmental Organization Jobs	http://unjobs.org
International Affairs Graduate Programs	www.apsia.org/graduate-schools-programs
International Affairs Jobs	www.apsia.org/careers/international-career-guide
Nonprofit Jobs	www.idealist.org



International Affairs (BA) – Curriculum Guide

Student Name: _____

Advisor: _____

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES

(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)

- FS 0102 Freshman Seminar *(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)*

WRITING

- ENG 0101 English Composition I
 ENG 0102 English Composition II

MATHEMATICS

- MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher*

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Students are required to complete two courses designated as Global

- (see major)*
 (see major)

ARTS & LETTERS

(ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)

- Literature *(see major)*
 Arts *(see major)*
 Literature, Arts, Language *(see major)*

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES

(Two different categories must be represented))

- Political Science *(see major)*
 Political Science or Economics *(see major)*
 Economics *(see major)*

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)

- History *(see major)*
 Culture or Philosophical Inquiry *(see major)*
 History, Culture, or Philosophical Inquiry *(see major)*

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE course must be a Life Science and ONE course must include a lab)

- Physical Science
 Life Science
 Physical, Life & Computational Sciences
 Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Physical Education

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

- PS 0103 Comparative Politics (GE/Global)
 PS 0110 Introduction to International Affairs (GE/Global)
 PS 1307 Liberalism, Conservatism, and Socialism (GE)
 PS 1366 Public Policy Analysis
 HIST 1317 Contemporary U.S. History, 1941-Present (GE)
 ECON 0102 Introduction to Microeconomics (GE)
 ECON 0103 Introduction to Macroeconomics (GE)
 ECON 1301 Poverty and Society (GE)
 PS 1449 Capstone I: Research Methods **OR** ECON 0204 Econ Stats (GE)
 PS 1451 Capstone II: Political Science **OR** ECON 1451 Capstone: Economic Systems

ELECTIVES IN COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (Refer to course catalog/website)

Three courses, including at least two courses at the 1300 level or above:

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ELECTIVES IN ECONOMICS, FINANCE, MANAGEMENT, OR MARKETING (Refer to course catalog/website)

Three courses, including at least one course at the 1300 level or above:

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INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES (Refer to course catalog/website)

Three courses, in at least TWO disciplines:

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INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY

Students are required to gain intercultural competency by participating in an approved study abroad program or international field experience, a directed research, directed study, or internship experience that is international in scope.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY

Students are required to demonstrate foreign language competency. This requirement can be met via any of the following credit-bearing options:

- 1 semester of language study during a study abroad program
 2 semesters of elementary-level language study in one language
 2 semesters of language study of two different languages (1 semester in each language)
 Student who has passed at least 1 semester of language study at the intermediate level or higher (students may also count such intermediate or advanced language courses as interdisciplinary electives for the International Affairs major)

This requirement can also be met via any of the following non-credit-bearing options, by permission of the program director:

- Bilingual student if testing in at intermediate level
 Student who has studied at a secondary-level institution or university outside the United States, in a non-English language

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have earned _____ credit hours (for the 120 credit hours required for graduation).

You will have earned _____ credit hours of Upper Level course work (for the 30 credit hours required for graduation).

NOTES: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar's Office with questions or concerns. * MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus.