

International Affairs, B.A.

Program Description

The program of study in International Affairs leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The degree plays an integral role in the School of Government and International Affairs. In this interdisciplinary major, the student must complete four required upper division major courses followed by six courses of upper division major electives. This is followed by five classes of interdisciplinary Related Studies. It is within this area that we encourage students to complete a certificate or minor or to participate in a coop/internship program or study abroad. This degree prepares graduates for careers in business, nonprofit organizations, law, or government service.



This program is a part of the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Admissions Requirements

This program does not have specific admission requirements and only admission to Kennesaw State University is required. For more information, please visit the Admissions section of the Catalog.

Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION. Additionally, all IA Majors are required to take the International Affairs Exit Exam immediately before they petition to graduate.

Program Course Requirements

Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

Note: FL 2001 and FL 2002 must all be taken in the same foreign language.

- FL 2001: Intermediate Foreign Language and Culture I

or

- DATA 1501: Introduction to Data Science
- FL 2002: Intermediate Foreign Language and Culture II

or

- POLS 2280: Research Methods
- POLS 2238: Introduction to International Political Economy
- POLS 2240: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 2250: Introduction to International Relations
- POLS 2285: Applied Research Design in International Affairs

Major Requirements (39 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

Lower-Division Career Program (6 Credit Hours)

- POLS 2230: Careers in International Affairs
 - WLC 1002: Elementary World Language and Culture II
- or
- POLS 2401: Global Issues

Upper-Division Major Core (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- POLS 3350: American Foreign Policy
- POLS 4430: International Law and Organization
- POLS 4436: Politics of Developing Areas
- POLS 4437: Global Security
- POLS 4440: Comparative Democratization

Upper-Division Regional and Thematic Requirements (21 Credit Hours)

Select 21 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- POLS 3850: Introduction to Nongovernmental Organizations and Development
- POLS 4100: Directed Applied Research
- POLS 4202: Politics of the U.S. Intelligence Community
- POLS 4431: Politics of International Terrorism
- POLS 4433: European Union Politics
- POLS 4439: Political Economy of Russia and Central Asia in Transition
- POLS 4448: Russian Politics and Culture

- POLS 4449: Russian Foreign Policy
- POLS 4452: Politics of East Asia
- POLS 4453: Latin America: Democracy and Development
- POLS 4454: Politics of the Middle East
- POLS 4455: International Relations of Africa
- POLS 4456: International Environmental Policy
- POLS 4457: South Asian Politics: A Comparative Perspective
- POLS 4460: Politics of NATO
- POLS 4490: Special Topics in Political Science Students should seek adviser approval prior to enrolling in POLS 4490.
- POLS 4447: Arctic Politics, Policy, and Security in a Changing Environment

Major Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

Related Studies (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the following prefixes: ANTH, ASIA, BLAW, CRJU, ECON, EURO, FL, GEOG, HIST, MGT, MKTG, PAX, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, WLC or NURS 4423. Students are encouraged to complete a minor and/or certificate. Students are also encouraged to pursue internships in order to gain career experience within the field of International Affairs. Students should work closely with their academic adviser and the SGIA internship coordinator in order to receive academic credit for their internships.

Note:

1. Students may substitute upper-division courses from other disciplines with adviser approval,
2. Students may also complete an "Applied Global Experience" of ten weeks or more in order to receive 15 credit hours in this category. Full-time status will be based upon the criteria set by the host institution. Courses must be pre-approved by your International Affairs adviser and by the SGIA school director prior to departure.

University Electives (9 Credit Hours)

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Free Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Select 9 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Program Total (120 Credit Hours)

Embedded Certificate

Upon completion of the degree requirements and selection of specific elective courses students may declare the following certificate. Consult with an academic advisor regarding declaration of a certificate. International Law Certificate- Embedded