International Affairs Degree Requirements Checklist 2021-22

INTA majors must complete a total of 42 semester hours of required and elective coursework from political science, history, economics, geography, as well as additional 10-12 hours of advanced foreign language courses beyond the A&S requirement, all with a 2.0 GPA or higher. For program description and list of INTA courses offered go to: https://www.artsci.uc.edu/undergradprograms/majors/international-affairs.html.


I. General Education Courses needed for INTA major but not included in the major:

A. Social Science (6 hours): POL 1081, 2086; ECON 1001-1002; GEOG 1004, 1021


C: Quantitative Reasoning (QR) (6 hours): 1 STAT course (3 credits from STAT 1031, 1034 or 1035) and POL 3001C (3 credits). Exceptions can be granted with UG Director’s permission.

II. International Affairs Core:

A. Introductory Courses in Political Science (12 hours): POL 1060 (Comparative Politics), POL 1080 (International Relations) and any two of the following three courses: POL1010 (American Government), 1040 (Political Theory), or POL 1090 (Law, Politics and Society).

B. Political Inquiry: Approaches and Methods (3 hours): POL 1001 (unless POL 3000 was completed prior to Fall 2016)

III. INTA Capstone & Groupings Requirement: 27 semester hours including at least one class from each of the fields below. Each course counts only once, but some are listed under multiple headings. Fulfillment of the capstone requirement described in Section IV below counts toward the total of 27 semester hours, as do any electives from Sections V and VI.

A. International Politics and Political Theory:  
   POL: 2036, 2037, 2038, 2040, 2045, 2080, 2085, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2096, 3032, 3033, 3041, 3043, 3062, 3080, 3082, 3083, 3084, 3086, 3089, 3090, 3091, 3093, 4040*, 4041, 4080*, 5132, 5164, 5177, 5180, 5183, 5184, 5186, 5189, 5190, 5193;  
   GEOG: 3047, 4048; HIST 2018, 4002

B. Foreign Policy, History, and Diplomacy:  
   POL: 2035, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2087, 2097, 3085, 5035C, 5131, 5185, 5197, HIST: 2015, 2024, 2031, 2032, 2083, 2084, 2090, 2100, 2101, 2102, 3004, 3009, 3022, 3023, 3035 3050, 3051-3052, 3056, 3078, 3082, 3085, 3088, 3089, 3102, 3104, 3190, 4002, 4010, 4027, 4065, 4066, 4088, 4090;  
   WGS: 4041, 4042; HIST 3079, 5127

C. International Economics:  
   POL: 2031, 2081, 2086, 3081, 5181; ECON: 4040, 4082, ANTH: 2066, 3065, 4070, 4074, AIST: 3083, 3084; GEOG: 2061, 3041, 4061, 6041; WGS: 4041, 4042; HIST 3079, 5127

* Subject to department’s approval; please check in with Undergraduate Director for further details.
D. Comparative Studies:


E: Optional INTA electives (not required):

POL: POL 1013, 1021, 1089, 3046, 4004, 4081*, 4090*, 4091*, 5115, 5136; AFST: 2081, 3066, 4014; AIST: 2081, 2082, 3050; ARAB: 3010; GRMN: 1081, 1082; JUDC: 2046, 3025, 3026, 3027, 3030, 3082; SOC: 2076, 2087, 2160, 5003; WGS: 3037, 3040, 4043, 4046, and 4047; SPAN: 3082, 3083

IV. Capstone: This requirement can be fulfilled in three different ways:

A. By taking any of the following classes: POL: 5035C, 5131, 5132, 5135, 5136, 5161, 5164, 5165, 5168, 5176, 5177, 5180, 5181, 5183, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5189, 5190, 5193, 5197; GEOS: 5000 or 5007; AIST: 5091. No HIST or ECON capstone is allowed. 3 credits from any 6000-level POL class count once toward the 27-credit hour total; the class also fulfills an INTA Groupings requirement in the respective sub-category (e.g. International Politics, Comparative Studies) while satisfying the capstone requirement. Students can complete multiple 5100/6000-level classes; only one will serve as a capstone.

B. By completing Senior Thesis: POL 5000+5001*

C. By completing successfully a 7000-level POL graduate seminar with focus on international affairs (see advisor for details). Fulfillment of capstone counts toward 27 hours under Section III above.

V. Foreign Language Requirement for International Affairs (10-12 credits)

The School of Public and International Affairs strongly encourages proficiency in one language -- options 1 or 2, rather than option 3, introductory work in 2 languages. (Note that 3000-level literature and humanities classes taught in a foreign language could also meet Gen Ed requirements.)

Select one of the following two options.

1. 10 credits beyond the A&S requirement in Arabic, Chinese, or Japanese
2. 10-12 credits in German (GRMN 2001, 2002, 2003 and 3001 or 3002)
3. 12 credits beyond the A&S requirement in French, Hebrew, or Spanish
4. Meet the A&S requirement in any two of the following languages, pending availability:

   Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, or Swedish.

VI. Washington Center Internship (up to 6 credits): see program director when planning for Washington Center, as up to 6 semester credits can be applied toward major requirements.

VII. Special Courses: POL Individual Work (4060, 4080); Internship Practicum (POL 4090, INT 3001); Honors Special Topics and Honors Individual Study (e.g. HNRD 3098, 3099) and others. No more than 3 credit hours each of Individual Work or Internship Practicum, nor a total of more than 9 hours in all “special” course work listed in this section, will normally be applied toward major requirements.