












## 2024 - 2025 Major Map


### International Relations, BA

School/College: [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)  
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Term 1 0 - 14 Credit Hours <b>Critical course signified by</b> 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) OR SGS 101: Thinking Globally (GCSI OR SB & G)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required for all first-year students.</li> <li><b>ASU Language Placement:</b> Only true beginners are eligible for 101-level courses. All other students are required to take a placement exam, regardless of prior credit earned.</li> <li>Activate your <b>Handshake</b> account and build out your profile.</li> </ul>
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
LIA 101: Student Success in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	1		
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MATH OR MA)	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Term hours subtotal:	14		
Term 2 14 - 30 Credit Hours <b>Critical course signified by</b> 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) OR SGS 101: Thinking Globally (GCSI OR SB & G)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a <b>student club</b> or professional organization.</li> <li>Create a first draft <b>resume</b>.</li> <li>Related Area Courses: Any course from the subjects in the list below the major map will apply to the Related Area requirement.</li> </ul>
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
Related Area Course	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	16		
Term 3 30 - 44 Credit Hours <b>Critical course signified by</b> 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 INR 205: Perspectives on International Relations	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A <b>study abroad</b> experience enhances cross-cultural awareness and may expand career opportunities.</li> <li>Develop your <b>skills</b>.</li> </ul>
International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C	
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
 Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.			
Term hours subtotal:	14		
Term 4 44 - 60 Credit Hours <b>Critical course signified by</b> 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes

 <b>Related Area Course</b>	3	C
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following:		
* Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV.	4	C
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3	
Quantitative Reasoning (QTRS)	3	
Term hours subtotal:	16	



- International Relations Track Electives: students may choose any combination of courses from the three different track lists at the bottom of the major map.
- Explore an **internship**.

<b>Term 5 60 - 75 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by </b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Minimum Grade</b>	<b>Notes</b>
 POS 301: Empirical Political Inquiry (SOBE OR SB)	3	C	
Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
Elective	2		
Term hours subtotal:	15		



- Thinking about graduate school? Consider registering for a grad school **test prep course**.

<b>Term 6 75 - 90 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by </b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Minimum Grade</b>	<b>Notes</b>
 Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Complete 2 courses:			
Upper Division Related Area Course	6	C	
Complete 2 courses:			
Upper Division Elective	6		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- International Relations Track Electives: students may choose any combination of courses from the three different track lists at the bottom of the major map, so long as at least 12 of the 18 credit hours are upper division.
- Complete an in person or virtual **practice interview**.

<b>Term 7 90 - 105 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by </b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Minimum Grade</b>	<b>Notes</b>
 Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
American Institutions (AMIT)	3		
Complete 3 courses:			
Upper Division Elective	9		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- Gather **professional references**.

<b>Term 8 105 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by </b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Minimum Grade</b>	<b>Notes</b>
 Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Sustainability (SUST)	3		
Complete 3 courses:			
Upper Division Elective	9		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- Apply for **full-time career opportunities**.

- For the International Relations Track Electives, students may choose any combination of courses from the three different track lists, so long as at least 12 of the 18 credit hours are upper division.
- Students must complete 12 credit hours in courses drawn from related areas, so long as at least six of those credit hours are upper division. Any course beginning with one of the subject codes below may be used.

Hide Course List(s)/Track Group(s)

Intelligence, Diplomacy, and Security Track Electives	International Law, Economy, and Institutions Track Electives	Culture, Politics, and Identity Track Electives
POS 348: Do You Want to Build a Nation? (CIVI OR L)	POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) or SGS 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G)
POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SOBE OR SB)	POS 351: Democratization (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 260: Current Issues in International Politics (GCSI OR (L or SB) & G)
POS 394: Democratic Resilience in the Digital Age	POS 356: European Union (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 300: Contemporary Global Controversies (GCSI OR SB & G)
POS 394: The Politics of Cyberspace	POS 361: American Foreign Policy	POS 352: European Democracies
POS 466: Migration, Environment and Global Security	POS 367: World Politics and Global Inequalities (GCSI OR G)	POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East
POS 467: International Security (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 359: African Politics and Society (SB & G)
POS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio I or SGS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio I	POS 480: Global Justice (GCSI OR G)	POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights
POS 494: Spies, Intelligence, & National Security	POS 486: International Political Economy (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 378: Religion, War and Peace (CIVI OR L)
SGS 204: Professional Global Career Development	SGS 303: Global Trends (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics (CIVI)
SGS 494: International Criminal Tribunals & Global Security	SGS 321: International Institutions and Global Governance	SGS 107: Religion and Globalization (GCSI OR HU & G)
	SGS 323: International Development	SGS 370: Geopolitics (GCSI)
	SGS 330: Globalization and the Environment: Problems and Solutions (SUST)	
	SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights (GCSI)	
	SGS 341: Humanitarian Crisis and International Intervention	
	SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization	
	SGS 379: The Resource Curse	
Related Area Course		
AFR OR AIS OR ASB OR ASM OR COM OR ECN OR FAS OR GCU OR GIS OR GPH OR HST OR JUS OR PHI OR PSY OR REL OR SOC OR SOS OR TCL OR WST Elective		

- **Total Hours:** 120
- **Upper Division Hours:** 45 minimum
- **University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements**

#### Notes:

Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

Please keep in mind that the applicability of a specific transfer course toward an ASU degree program depends on the requirements of the department, division, college or school in which you are enrolled at ASU. Transfer agreements that guarantee the completion of university level requirements do not necessarily meet college and major requirements. Please consult with an advisor for more information.

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.