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International Relations, BS

School/College: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
LAINRBS

Term 1 - A 0 - 7 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	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">ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students.
ASU 101-LA: The ASU Experience	1		
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	
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 1 - B 7 - 13 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">View ASU Online first-year student registration information here.Activate your Handshake account and build out your profile.
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 2 - A 13 - 19 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	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">Join a student club or professional organization.
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	
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 2 - B 19 - 25 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Sustainability (SUST)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a first draft resume.
Elective	3		
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 3 - A 25 - 31 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes

 INR 205: Perspectives on International Relations	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop your skills.
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 3 - B 31 - 38 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
International Relations Track Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A study abroad experience enhances cross-cultural awareness and may expand career opportunities.International Relations Track Electives: students may choose any combination of courses from the three different track lists at the bottom of the major map.
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
 Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.			
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 4 - A 38 - 44 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Related Area Courses	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Science and Society course list and more information about the requirement can be found here.Related Area Courses: Any course from the subjects in the list at the bottom of the major map will apply to the Related Area requirement.
Science and Society Elective	3	C	
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 4 - B 44 - 51 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore an internship.
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 5 - A 51 - 57 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 301: Empirical Political Inquiry (SOBE OR SB)	3	C	
 Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 5 - B 57 - 63 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thinking about graduate school? Consider registering for a grad school test prep course.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 6 - A 63 - 69 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ POS 401: Political Statistics (QTRS OR CS)	3	C	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 6 - B 69 - 75 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an in person or virtual practice interview.
Upper Division Science and Society Elective	3	C	
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 7 - A 75 - 81 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 7 - B 81 - 87 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
American Institutions (AMIT)	3		
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 8 - A 87 - 93 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
International Relations Track Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related Area Courses: Any course from the subjects in the list below will apply to the Related Area requirement.
Related Area Courses	3	C	
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 8 - B 93 - 99 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division International Relations Track Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather professional references.
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 9 - A 99 - 105 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Complete 2 courses:

Upper Division Related Area Courses

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Term hours subtotal:6

Term 9 - B 105 - 111 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Complete 2 courses:

Upper Division Elective

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Term hours subtotal:6

Term 10 - A 111 - 117 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Upper Division Elective

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Term hours subtotal:6

- Apply for full-time career opportunities.

Term 10 - B 117 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Upper Division International Relations Track Elective

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Term hours subtotal:3

- For the International Relations Track Electives, students may choose any combination of courses from the three different track lists, so long as at least 15 of the 21 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 hours are upper division. Any course beginning with one of the subject codes below may be used.
 - All students pursuing a BS or BSP degree in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must complete two courses from the Science and Society list found at <https://thecollege.asu.edu/student-resources/science-society>. At least one of the two courses must be upper-division and students must earn a C or better in the courses. Both Science and Society courses (i.e., all six credits) may count towards any major, minor, related fields, and ASU General Studies requirements.

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

<div>Intelligence, Diplomacy, and Security Track Electives</div> <div> <div>POS 348: Do You Want to Build a Nation? (CIVI OR L)</div> <div>POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SOBE OR SB)</div> <div>POS 394: Democratic Resilience in the Digital Age</div> <div>POS 394: The Politics of Cyberspace</div> </div>	<div>International Law, Economy, and Institutions Track Electives</div> <div> <div>POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G)</div> <div>POS 351: Democratization (GCSI OR SB & G)</div> <div>POS 361: American Foreign Policy</div> </div>	<div>Culture, Politics, and Identity Track Electives</div> <div> <div>POS 260: Current Issues in International Politics (GCSI OR (L or SB) & G)</div> <div>POS 300: Contemporary Global Controversies (GCSI OR SB & G)</div> <div>POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights (GCSI OR G)</div> </div>
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POS 466: Migration, Environment and Global Security	POS 367: World Politics and Global Inequalities (GCSI OR G)	POS 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics (CIVI)
POS 467: International Security (GCSI OR SB & G)	POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G)	SGS 370: Geopolitics (GCSI)
POS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio I or SGS 494: Diplomacy/PolicyDesignStudio I	POS 486: International Political Economy (GCSI OR SB & G)	
SGS 204: Professional Global Career Development	SGS 303: Global Trends (GCSI OR SB & G)	
SGS 494: International Criminal Tribunals & Global Security	SGS 321: International Institutions and Global Governance	
	SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights (GCSI)	
	SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization	
	SGS 379: The Resource Curse	

Related Area Courses
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.