

*University of Indianapolis - College of Arts & Sciences***2024-2025 Curriculum Guide for International Relations Major (IREL)/MA in International Relations 4+1 Program**
Bachelor of Arts**Year I**

- **IREL 100** World Regional Geography (3)
- **IREL 101** Introduction to International Relations (3)
- **HIST 102/202** World History since 1700 (3)

Year II

- **IREL 345** International Relations Theory (4)
- **PSCI 301** Research Design and Methods (4)

Year IV

- **IREL 475** Capstone Research Project (4) - Consult with the advisor to select appropriate semester
- FREN/GERM/SPAN 300-level course **OR**
- **IREL XXX** Take one 300-400 level course
- 3 Graduate Elective courses (12 hours)

Year V – Graduate Course Work

- Comprehensive Exam Option - 39 credits total
 - 8 cr. core (Year II and III) **and**
 - 12 cr. graduate electives (Year IV) **and**
 - 16 cr. electives **and**
 - 3 cr. comprehensive exams
- Thesis Option - 38 credits total
 - 8 cr. core (Year II and III) **and**
 - 12 cr. graduate electives (Year IV) **and**
 - 12 cr. electives **and**
 - 6 cr. thesis proposal/thesis hours

There is no specific sequence in which the elective courses must be taken. Each student should consult her/his advisor or the Academic Catalog for individual course prerequisites. Courses numbered 300 or above are not open to freshmen.

IREL Elective Courses: 12 credits required

International Relations Electives: 12 hours from the following:

- **IREL 309** Economic Geography and Globalization (4)
- **IREL 335** Comparative Politics (4)
- **IREL 336** Political Development (4)
- **IREL 343** Foreign Policy Analysis (4)
- **IREL 346** US Foreign Policy: Decision-Making and Process (4)
- **IREL 347** International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (4)
- **IREL 348** International Organizations and Interdependence (4)
- **IREL 354** Terrorism: Past, Present, and Future (4)
- **IREL 438** Politics of South Asia (4)
- **IREL 480** Special Topics in International Relations (4)
- **IBUS 201** International Business (3)

Applied International Relations: Minimum 2 hours the following:

- **IREL 300** Model United Nations (1)
- **IREL 302** Model European Union (1)
- **IREL 450** Internship in International Relations (1-15)

History Electives: 4 hours from the following:

- **HIST 303** Modern Europe (4)
- **HIST 331** History of Latin America (4)
- **HIST 353** Modern Africa (4)
- **HIST 416** The Third Reich: Rise, Fall and Aftermath (4)
- **HIST 419** Modern Imperialism (4)
- **HIST 423** Modern Britain (4)
- **HIST 427** Modern Russia (4)
- **HIST 465** The United States and the World since 1945 (4)
- **HIST 481/482** Special Topics in History (4)

MA in IR Degree**Summary of Course Requirements****Comprehensive Exam Track - 39 credits**

- **REL 545** International Relations Theory (4)
- **PSCI 501** Research Design and Methods (4)
- **IREL ***** International Relations Electives (24 cr.)
- **HIST ***** History Electives (4 cr.)
- **IREL 595** Comprehensive Examinations (3)

Thesis Track - 38 credits

- **IREL 545** International Relations Theory (4)
- **PSCI 501** Research Design and Methods (4)
- **IREL ***** International Relations Electives (20 cr.)
- **HIST ***** History Elective (4 cr.)
- **IREL 589** Thesis Proposal (3) **and**
- **IREL 590** Thesis (3)

International Relations Core Courses

- **IREL 501** Research Design and Methods (4)
- **IREL 545** Theory of International Relations (4)

International Relations Electives

- **IREL 530** Foreign Policy Analysis (4)
- **IREL 535** Introduction to Comparative Politics (4)
- **IREL 536** Political Development (4)
- **IREL 546** US Foreign Policy: Decision-making and Process (4)
- **IREL 547** International Conflict and Conflict Resolution (4)
- **IREL 548** International Organizations and Interdependence (4)
- **IREL 538** Politics of South Asia (4)
- **IREL 575** Graduate Internship* (1 - 4)
- **IREL 552** International Political Economy (4)
- **IREL 554** Terrorism: Past, Present, and Future (4)
- **IREL 580** Special Topics in International Relations (2 - 4)

- **IREL 585** Directed Readings (.05 - 4)
- **IREL 589** Thesis Proposal (3)
- **IREL 590** Thesis (3)
- **IREL 595** Comprehensive Examination (3)

*Internship hours will not be counted towards the 38/39 hours required for completion of the degree.

History Electives

- **HIST 516** The Third Reich: Rise, Fall, and Aftermath (4.5)
- **HIST 519** Modern Imperialism (4.5)
- **HIST 522** History of the British Isles to 1714 (4.5)
- **HIST 523** Modern Britain (4.5)
- **HIST 527** Modern Russia (4.5)
- **HIST 553** Modern Africa (4.5)
- **HIST 560** War in the Modern World (4.5)
- **HIST 564** U.S. Diplomatic History to 1945 (4.5)
- **HIST 565** The U.S. & the World since 1945 (4.5)
- **HIST 570** Strategic Culture and Ways of War
- **HIST 580** Special Topics (*if topic concerns modern world or U.S. foreign policy) (2-4)

Department Contact Information:

If you have any questions about the International Relations Major and its requirements, contact a faculty advisor from the History and Political Science Department or the Department Chairperson: 317-788-2196 Good Hall, Room 203.