



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The International Studies Option provides the knowledge and skills needed to understand how international leaders and policy-makers work together to keep the world running. With courses highlighting the politics of various regions of the world, this option not only includes comparative politics and international relations courses in political science, but also features an interdisciplinary component, through its classes in Economics, History and a Foreign Language. Political Science majors with this Option pursue careers not only in governmental and international organizations but also in multi-national corporations and non-governmental organizations.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES: 15 HRS

PLS 1003 Introduction to Comparative Politics
PLS 1153G American Government and Constitution*
PLS 2033 Research Methods in Political Science
PLS 2103 Introduction to Political Theory
OR PLS 2703 Introduction to Public Policy
PLS 2253G Introduction to International Relations*

POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELD REQUIREMENTS:

Students will take four courses (12 hours) from the Comparative Politics and International Relations group. Students will take one additional course from each of the other two subfields.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PLS 3100 Global Threats and Problems
PLS 3203 American Foreign Policy
PLS 3223 International Organizations
PLS 3233 International Terrorism
PLS 3253 Human Rights & International Law
PLS 3303 European Politics & Governments
PLS 3333 Politics of Latin America & the Caribbean
PLS 3343 Government & Politics of the Middle East
PLS 3353 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
PLS 3363 Government & Politics in Asia-Pacific Rim
PLS 3373 International Political Economy
PLS 3863A Special Topics in Political Science
PLS 4823 International Policy Issues

AMERICAN POLITICS, PUBLIC POLICY & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PLS 3603 State and Local Government
PLS 3653 American Indian Politics
PLS 3703 African American Politics
PLS 3713 Political Parties and Elections
PLS 3723 Political Behavior
PLS 3733 Interest Groups and Lobbying
PLS 3743 Congress
PLS 3753 The American Presidency
PLS 3863B Special Topics in Political Science
PLS 3903 Women & Politics
PLS 4763 Environmental Politics & Policy
PLS 4793 Civic & Nonprofit Leadership
PLS 4873 Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations
PLS 4893 Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations

PUBLIC LAW & POLITICAL THEORY

PLS 3513 Politics and the Legal Process
PLS 3523 Criminal Law
PLS 3543 Civil Liberties in America
PLS 3553 Federal Indian Law and Policy
PLS 3863D Special Topics in Political Science
PLS 4774 American Constitutional Law
PLS 4853 Contemporary Constitutional Development
PLS 4903 Classic Political Theory
PLS 4913 Contemporary Political Theory
PLS 4923 African American Political Thought
PLS 4933 Ideologies of the Developing World
PLS 4943 American Political Thought

APPLIED POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE:

Additionally, students complete 3 hours in an Applied Political Science Experience, which could entail study abroad, an internship, Moot Court, Model Illinois Government, an Independent Study, or for qualified students, Departmental Honors.

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CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT:

All Political Science majors with the International Studies Option will complete a capstone course (**PLS 4600**), taken after students have completed at least 75 hours, including all Core Introductory Political Science requirements, and at least nine hours of Field Requirements.

HISTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Students will complete two courses from the following list:

HIS 2560 Early Modern World History

HIS 3110 Britain 1688 to the Present

HIS 3210 History of the Modern Middle East

HIS 3250 African History from 1400

HIS 3260 Modern Latin America

HIS 3320 History of Modern China

HIS 3330 Modern East Asia in the Pacific Century

HIS 3350 Twentieth Century Russia

HIS 3450 Modern Germany

HIS 3555 Modern World History

HIS 3800 U.S. Diplomatic History

Or another appropriate world history course selected with approval of the Political Science academic advisor.

ECONOMICS REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Students will complete the following two courses:

ECN 2801G Principles of Macroeconomics*

ECN 2802G Principles of Microeconomics*

Although not required, students with an interest in taking upper-division courses in Economics are encouraged to select from the following:

ECN 3833 Economic Development of Modern Europe

ECN 3860 International Economics

ECN 4511 Comparative Economic Systems

ECN 4570 Economic Problems of Developing Countries

ECN 4813 Transition Economies

ECN 4861 International Economic Problems

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students must show proficiency in a foreign language (of their choosing) at the intermediate level or completion of foreign language courses at the intermediate level.

SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION: 51

NOTE: Students are encouraged to take electives, minors, or a double-major in fields that complement their interests, including other social sciences, foreign languages, humanities, and business. Existing prerequisites for all courses must be satisfied.

*Honors sections offered