

International Relations BA Degree



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Dear Prospective Major,

Thank you for requesting information about the Department of Political Science at California State University, Chico. We have an exciting curriculum, with numerous options to meet a host of academic interests, and a distinguished faculty, committed to excellence in teaching and in scholarship. Three of the University's recent Outstanding Teachers and two of its Outstanding Professors, as well as several Outstanding Advisers are from this department. Our faculty have authored more books than faculty in any other department! I hope you give serious consideration to one of our programs as your major.

We offer degree options in the areas listed below. Each has a specially trained adviser who can help make course planning efficient and productive. They can also provide career planning, indicating the rich opportunities for students from our programs.

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Professor Teodora DeLorenzo	Legal Studies Internship Coordinator
Professor Diana Dwyre	Political Science Undergraduate & POLS Internship Coordinator
Professor James Jacob	International Relations Coordinator
Professor Ryan Patten	Criminal Justice Coordinator
Professor Jonathan Caudill	Criminal Justice Internship Coordinator
Professor Diane Schmidt	Public Administration Coordinator
Professor Donna Kemp	Master of Public Administration (MPA) Coordinator
Professor Matthew Thomas	MA Coordinator & MPA Internship Coordinator

Our majors are an excellent choice for a liberal arts education, with an emphasis on writing skills and analytical thinking. But there are many specific career options as well. Our graduates are members of Congress and the State Legislature; city and county managers; lawyers and judges; police and correctional officers; lobbyists and campaign consultants; diplomats and international business executives; teachers and college professors.

Students also have extensive opportunities for internships. The largest is our Community Legal Information Center, where approximately 200 students a semester in thirteen programs—Consumer Protection, Tenant's Rights, Environmental Protection, to name but a few—provide legal information to fellow students and members of the community. Students also have opportunities in local government and law enforcement agencies, at the State Capitol and in Washington, D.C. Many of our students take on significant responsibilities in political campaigns, including serving as delegates to our national political conventions.

Included in this handbook are the requirements for the specific program in which you have expressed interest, an indication of how you can achieve this degree in the next four years and a listing of our faculty. If you have any questions, we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Again, we look forward to seeing you here next year and wish you the best in your studies.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Turner

Charles C. Turner, Chair
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The Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations

The International Relations major at CSU, Chico emphasizes a varied interest in politics, history, geography, languages, economics, and culture (art, music, and literature). The major is designed to prepare the student for an entry-level administrative position in government, business, or the non-profit sector. Many International Relations majors combine the degree with other majors and minors. Typically, these are foreign languages and area studies, although a minor in International Business is becoming increasingly popular as a related skill. International Relations majors who are particularly successful go to graduate school. An internship in Washington, D.C. is highly recommended, ideally in the semester following completion of academic course work. International Relations majors at CSU, Chico are encouraged to spend a semester or year studying at another institution. These schools may be in the United States, through the national Student Exchange Program, or abroad, through International Programs.

Requirements for the B.A. in International Relations

1. **Total number of units required for the B.A. in International Relations: 124 units**
2. **General Education Requirements: 48 units. See “General Education Requirements” in the University Catalogue and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.**
3. **Minimum number of units required for the International Relations major: 36 units**
4. **Course Requirements for the Major: 38-55 units
The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.**

Core Program for the B.A. in International Relations: 26-27 units

3 courses required:

POLS 341	International Relations	3.0	FS
POLS 342	International Politics: Methods Analysis (Prerequisites: POLS 141/341)	3.0	S
POLS 441	International Politics: Theory & Concepts (Prerequisites: POLS 141/341; ENGL 001/130 or its equivalent with a grade of C- or better)	3.0	F (WP)

1 course selected:

ECON 102	Principles of Macro Analysis or (the following course may be substituted for the above course)	3.0	FS
ECON 103	Principles of Micro Analysis	3.0	FS

1 course selected:

POLS 413	Politics of Developing Nations	3.0	S
POLS 417	Politics of Industrial Societies	3.0	F

2-3 units selected from:

POLS 340	Model United Nations (Prerequisites: POLS 442)	1.0	F
POLS 340B	Model United Nations (Prerequisites: POLS 340, POLS 442)	2.0	S
POLS 391E	Simulation: International Relations	1.0	FS
POLS 398	Special Topics	1.0 – 3.0	FS
POLS 399	Special Topics	1.0 – 3.0	FS

9 units selected from:

POLS 302	Politics of Third World Nations	3.0	FS	*NW
POLS 340	Model United Nations (Prerequisites: POLS 442)	1.0	F	
POLS 344	US Foreign Policy in the Nuclear Age	3.0	FS	
POLS 415A	Comparative Government: Middle East	3.0	FS	
POLS 415B	Comparative Government: Africa	3.0	F	
POLS 415C	Comparative Government: Latin America	3.0	F	
POLS 415D	Comparative Government: Asia	3.0	S	
POLS 415E	Comparative Government: Russia and Eastern Europe	3.0	S	
POLS 415F	Comparative Government: Western Europe	3.0	FS	
POLS 415G	Comparative Government: Canada	3.0	S	
POLS 442	International Organizations	3.0	F	
POLS 443	International Law	3.0	FS	
POLS 446A	International Relations of the Middle East	3.0	F	
POLS 446B	International Relations of Africa	3.0	S	
POLS 446C	Inter-American Relations	3.0	S	
POLS 446D	International Relations: Pacific Basin (This course is also offered as INST 446D & POLS 346)	3.0	S	
POLS 446E	Contemporary Russian Foreign Policy	3.0	F	
POLS 446F	International Relations of Western Europe	3.0	F	
POLS 446G	Canadian Foreign Policy	3.0	INQ.	
POLS 447	Vietnam and Foreign Policy	3.0	S	
POLS 448	Politics of Terrorism	3.0	S	
POLS 449	Pro-seminar in International Relations	3.0	INQ.	
POLS 475	National Strategic Intelligence	3.0	S	
POLS 498	Special Topics in International Relations	1.0 – 3.0	FS	

Language Requirement: 0-16 units

Two years of a foreign language or the equivalent of the fourth semester of a college-level program (e.g., Spanish 202). Language units may be waived with demonstrated proficiency in a language.

Area of Concentration: 12 units

12 units selected: Courses selected in consultation with and approved by the International Relations Adviser.

Geographical areas of concentration include: Africa, Asia, Europe, Canada, Latin America, Middle East, or Pacific Rim.

Conceptual Areas of concentration include: Developmental, Environmental, Trade Policy, or Security.

Course Requirements for the Minor: 20 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for the minor.

2 courses required:

POLS 341 International Relations

POLS 344 U.S. Foreign Policy

14 units selected from:

Any International Relations courses. These courses must be approved by the International Relations Adviser.

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International Relations Major

Student-to-faculty ratio: 8 to 1

Average class size: 25

Student profile:

Average student GPA: 2.8 Higher than the average, the major attracts students who have been successful in their high school and community college courses. International Relations majors continue this success at CSU, Chico because the major emphasizes a varied interest in politics, history, geography, languages, economics, and culture (art, music, and literature).

Many International Relations majors combine the degree with other majors and minors. Typically, these are foreign languages and area studies, although a minor in International Business is becoming increasingly popular as a related skill. Area studies at CSU, Chico include Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Positions upon graduation

The major is designed to prepare the student for an entry-level administrative position in government, business, or the non-profit sector. Some recent examples are: County Officer in the Baltics with AID (US Agency for International Development), Corporate Paralegal (Computer Sciences Corporation), Research Assistant (Arms Control and Disarmament Agency), International Coordinator (Iceland's Financial Supervisory Authority), Professor at the United States Military Academy (West Point), Executive Assistant (Association of International Educators), Document Control Administrator at Microsystems (Silicon Valley), Outreach Coordinator for a California State Senator, Director of Political Communications (Washington D.C., public relations firm), and Assistant Vice-President of International Specialty Operations (Global risk management company).

International Relations majors who are particularly successful go to graduate school. Recent examples include: the University of California, Riverside; the University of California, Santa Barbara; The Monterey Institute of International Studies; and the American Graduate School of International Management.

International Relations majors at CSU, Chico are encouraged to spend a semester or year studying at another institution. These schools may be in the United States, through the national Student Exchange Program, or abroad, through International Programs. International Programs give students the opportunity to study in Europe, Asia, Latin America, Australia, the Middle East, and Africa.

An internship in Washington, D.C. is highly recommended, ideally in the semester following completion of academic course work. CSU, Chico has an excellent internship program which allows the student to choose the place of work (a bureau, Capitol Hill, a "think Tank," etc.). The student is guaranteed the work will enhance executive skills (problem solving, coordination, communication, etc.), as opposed to clerical skills. In most cases, the internship is followed by job offers in the Washington D.C. area, which is an ideal starting point for careers in International Relations.

International Relations Four-Year Plan

Year one (32 units)

First Semester (16 units)

Language
ECON 102 or 103
POLS 155 or HIST 130
General Education Course
General Education Course

Second Semester (16 units)

Language
POLS 155 or HIST 130
General Education Course
General Education Course
General Education Course

Year Two (32 units)

First Semester (16 units)

Language
General Education Course
General Education Course
General Education Course
General Education Course

Second Semester (16 units)

Language
POLS 341
General Education Course
General Education Course
General Education Course

Year Three (32 units)

First Semester (16 units)

POLS 417 or POLS 413
POLS 342
Three-unit IR elective
One-unit IR elective
General Education Course
General Education Course

Second Semester (16 units)

Three-unit IR elective
Three-unit IR elective
Three-unit IR elective
One-unit IR elective
General Education Course
General Education Course

Year Four (30 units)

First Semester (15 units)

Three-unit IR elective
Three-unit IR elective
Three-unit IR elective
Elective
Elective

Second Semester (15 units)

POLS 441
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective

It is crucial that the student meet early with the International Relations Adviser. Because the Schedule of Classes is produced on a year-to-year basis, specific courses cannot be determined more than a year ahead of time. However, the Adviser can plan a four-year program with the student, based on the outline and knowledge of anticipated course offerings.

The first three semesters should be taken as outlined above. The specific course distribution for the remaining semesters will vary depending on each student's individual program (Study Abroad, second major, minor, etc.). Again, meet with the International Relations Adviser early.

Study Abroad programs usually can be accommodated to this plan to enable the student to graduate in four years while also spending a semester or year abroad.

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Mahalley Allen, 2005, Asst. Professor, Legal Studies Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Kansas, J.D., Univ. of Missouri

Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Professor, Department Vice Chair, Ph.D., Princeton University

Dane A. Cameron, 1981, Asst. Professor, J.D., Golden Gate University

Jonathan Caudill, 2010, Asst. Professor, CJ Internship Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Texas at Dallas

Michael Coyle, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Arizona State University

Teodora C. DeLorenzo, 1982, Professor, Legal Studies Internship Coord., J.D., New College of California

Diana Dwyre, 1997, Professor, Political Science and POLS Internship Coord., Ph.D., Syracuse University

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