

# 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.

Lori Weber	Political Science Coordinator
Lori Beth Way	Criminal Justice Coordinator
Matthew Thomas	CJ, PA, and MPA Internship Coordinator
Mahalley Allen	Legal Studies Coordinator
Teodora DeLorenzo	Legal Studies Internship Coordinator
Diane Schmidt	Public Administration Coordinator
Jim Jacob	International Relations Coordinator
Donna Kemp	MPA 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,

Diana Dwyre

Diana Dwyre, Chair

Department of Political Science

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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:**

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

**9 units selected from:**

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

**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 US Foreign Policy

### **14 units selected from:**

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

**Please contact your IR Coordinator in...**

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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 gives 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.

# Department of Political Science

## Tenure and Tenure-Track Faculty

Gabriel Aguilera, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Harvard University

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

Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., Princeton University

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

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

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

Diana Dwyre, 1997, Professor, Department Chair, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Alan Gibson, 2001, Professor, Ph.D., Notre Dame University

George C. Grosscup III, 1988, Professor, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts

Robert M. Jackson, 1970, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Oregon

James Jacob, 1995, Professor, International Relations Coordinator, Ph.D. Cornell University

Donna R. Kemp, 1985, Professor, MPA Program Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Idaho

Margaret Leigey, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., University of Delaware

Stephanie Mizrahi, 2005, Asst. Professor, ABD, Washington State University, J.D., McGeorge School of Law

Charles R. Ostrom, 1967, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School

Sally Parker, 2007, Asst. Professor, J.D., McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Ryan Patten, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Washington State University

Sherrow Pinder, 2006, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., New School for Social Research

Diane E. Schmidt, 1998, Professor, P.A and P.A.: Option in C.J. Coordinator, Ph.D., Washington University

Robert H. Stanley, 1989, Professor, Ph.D., University of Virginia

Matthew O. Thomas, 2001, Assoc. Professor, CJ, PA & MPA Internship Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Maryland

Charles C. Turner, 2000, Assoc. Professor, Dept. Vice Chair & MA Coordinator, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate Univ.

Lori Beth Way, 2000, Assoc. Professor, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Lori Weber, 1999, Assoc. Professor, POLS Undergrad Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Colorado