

International Relations Major

Total Major hours: 46
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

Fall Semester 1 IR 155 Comparative Politics ^{1, 2} or IR 175 International Politics ^{1, 2} Foreign Language Competency <i>CORE 101: First Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First-Year CATC options-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> 	Spring Semester 1 IR 155 (Comparative) ^{1, 2} or IR 175 (International) ^{1, 2} PSCI 135 American Government & Politics ^{1, 2} or PSCI 145 Political Philosophy ^{1, 2} Foreign Language Competency <i>First-Year CATC options</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i>	Summer 1 Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, Wheaton in Washington (WiW) or International Study Program (ISP)
Fall Semester 2 IR elective ³ Foreign Language beyond proficiency ⁴ Supporting Course ⁴ <i>Core Competency Courses</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i>	Spring Semester 2 IR elective ³ Supporting Course ⁴ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i>	Summer 2 Opportunity to fulfill Internship Requirement, IR 496 Consider study, internship or research options
Fall Semester 3 IR elective ³ Supporting Course ⁴ <i>Consider semester off campus or abroad (fulfill language requirement beyond proficiency)</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?* (4-8)</i>	Spring Semester 3 IR elective ³ <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>Thematic Core Course (4-8)</i>	Summer 3 Opportunity to fulfill Internship Requirement, IR 496* Consider study, internship or research options
Fall Semester 4 IR 494 Senior Seminar* (2) IR elective ³ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC coursework</i>	Spring Semester 4 IR 494 Senior Seminar* (2), if not complete IR elective ³ <i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC coursework</i>	Summer 4

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#] Offered every other year

¹Courses that meet CATC tags (with a max of 3 from your major eligible toward graduation): PSCI 135 (SI), PSCI 145 (SI, PI), IR 155 (SI, GP), IR 175 (SI), and the following major electives- PSCI 344 (DUS), PSCI 361 (AAQR), PSCI 363 (DUS), PSCI 374 (SIP), IR 347 (HP), IR 348 (GP, HP), IR 375 (GP, SI)

²Majors must take IR 155 and IR 175 and *either* PSCI 135 or PSCI 145. All four are offered every semester.

³A total of 16 hours of electives are required. All must be at the 300-level or higher. 4 hours may be from PSCI courses.

⁴Majors must take 12 hours of supporting courses. Completion of 4 hours of Foreign Language learning *beyond competency* is a requirement. The other 8 hours must come from two out of the four following areas: Economics, Foreign Language, History, or Research. See the Course Catalog for more information.