International Relations at UD: A Distinctive Experience

The University of Delaware provides opportunities to study politics you will not find at other institutions. In addition to our award-winning faculty you will have many unique opportunities and resources:

The Center for Political Communication

The CPC offers speakers series featuring national political figures, guest lectures, undergraduate research, state-wide candidate debates, film series, Election Night Central celebration and more!

A Small State Equals Big Opportunities

Delaware’s state-wide officials are frequent guests in our classrooms bringing Washington and Dover to Newark. UD Political Science majors secure internships in Delaware and Washington, D.C. and some are promoted to paid staff positions.

Legislative Fellows Program

Legislative Fellows spend a semester working in the Delaware General Assembly for representatives and committees. Students gain valuable insight into state and local politics, make valuable employment connections and earn a stipend.

Biden Domestic Policy Institute

A new institute that will deliver even more resources and opportunities to students.

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David Redlawsk, Professor and Chair
Jason Mycoff, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies
**International Relations Student**

**Career Success**

International Relations develops important skills like communications, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and data analysis. International Relations students find jobs in politics, government, business, and the non-profit sector. Since nobody knows what the job market will look like in four years, we provide a broad skill set that helps our students get placed in any economy and enjoy career advancement. Check out our students’ jobs below!

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93 percent of employers say that “a demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than [a candidate’s] undergraduate major.”

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Our students pursue graduate and professional degrees at prestigious universities in many exciting fields. Political Science prepares students for success in post-graduate education.

**Fields of Study**


**Law Programs**

American University; Brooklyn Law; Drexel University; Emory University; Fordham University; George Mason University; George Washington University; Georgetown University; Indiana University; John Marshall Law; Pace University; Northeastern University; University of Richmond; Rutgers University; St. Johns University; Seton Hall University; Syracuse University; Suffolk University; UCLA; University of Maryland; University of Pennsylvania; Vanderbilt; Villanova; Washington University in St. Louis; Weidner; Yale; and more.

**Graduate Programs**

Aarhus University; American University; Augsburg University; Hertie School of Governance, Berlin; London School of Economics and Political Science; Michigan State University; St. Andrews University; Thomas Jefferson University; University College London; University of Edinburgh; University of Maryland; University of Massachusetts, Boston; University of Minnesota; University of Rochester; Wilmington University; and more.
Employer Priorities for Most Important College Learning Outcomes

★ Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World
✓ • Knowledge and understanding of democratic institutions and values 87%○
✓ • Broad knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences 78%○
✓ • Intercultural skills and understanding of societies and cultures outside the US 78%○

★ Intellectual and Practical Skills
✓ • Oral communication 85%✦
✓ • Teamwork skills in diverse groups 83%✦
✓ • Written communication 82%✦
✓ • Critical thinking and analytic reasoning 81%✦
✓ • Complex problem solving 70%✦
✓ • Information literacy 68%✦
✓ • Innovation and creativity 65%✦
• Technological skills 60%✦
✓ • Quantitative Reasoning 56%✦

★ Personal and social responsibility
✓ • Problem solving in diverse settings 96%○
✓ • Civic knowledge, skills, and judgment essential for contributing 86%○
✓ • Ethical judgment and decision making 81%✦

★ Integrative applied learning
✓ • Applied knowledge in real-world settings 80%✦

Note: These data are taken from Falling Short? College Learning and Career Success, a 2015 report on findings from a survey of employers and a survey of college students conducted for AAC&U by Hart Research Associates. For a full report on this survey and earlier reports on employer views, see www.aacu.org/leap.

○ Indicates percentage of employers who “strongly agree” or “somewhat agree” that, “regardless of a student’s chosen field of study” every student should attain this area of knowledge or skill.
✦ Indicates percentage of employers who rate this outcome as very important (8-10 on a ten point scale) for recent graduates entering the job market.
✓ Indicates a skill or knowledge political science and international relations majors work on in and out of class through projects, simulations, written assignments, debates and other course activities.
The interdisciplinary International Relations major at UD is designed to give majors flexibility in both plan of study and course selection. Students can take a wide variety of courses from different departments to satisfy major requirements. See page seven for a full list of department course offerings.

International Relations Major Requirements:

- 24 Credits  Core Courses
- 18 Credits  Topical Concentration
- 9 Credits  Regional Specialization

Internships and undergraduate research can count towards major requirements.

Topical Concentrations

- Development
  Students study the politics and economics of developing nations around the globe and their relations with each other and the developed world.
- Diplomacy and World Order
  Students study diplomacy, the rule of international law and the role international organizations play.
- International Political Economy
  Students study politics, economics, the interplay of corporations and government in both international and comparative perspectives.
- U.S. Foreign Policy
  Students study American foreign policy and the foreign policy apparatus, national security, force and politics and international economics.

Regional Specializations

Students choose a specialization in one of five regions around the globe: Africa; Asia; Europe; Latin America; and the Middle East. Each major will develop a deep understanding of politics and history in their respective region.
## Minors and Related Programs

### Minors in our Department

**Political Science**

We offer a 15 credit minor in Political Science. Minors complete two introductory-level courses and three upper-level courses across at least two of the traditional political science subfields. This minor cannot be paired with a major in Political Science or International Relations.

**Political Communication**

Political Communication minors learn about leading edge concepts of political communication and digital technology found in political campaigns and public policy debate at all levels of politics. Minors complete 18 credits of Communication and Political Science course work. We offer this minor in cooperation with the Department of Communication.

### Minors in Affiliated Programs

**Area Studies**

Students can minor in the study of seven areas including: African Studies, Asian Studies; Islamic Studies; Jewish Studies; Latin American and Iberian Studies; and Global Studies.

**Legal Studies**

Students have the opportunity to explore the law from an interdisciplinary perspective. The law is central to theories and research in the social sciences, humanities, business, and public policy.

**Women and Gender Studies**

Students take an interdisciplinary approach to studying sexuality and gender, women in a global perspective and domestic violence.

### Other Majors and Minors

International Relations students also commonly add minors or second majors in Black American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, History, Foreign Languages, Sociology, and many more disciplines.
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- POSC 403 Civil Liberties
- POSC 404 The Judicial Process
- POSC 405 Constitutional Law
- POSC 407 American Presidency
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### Political Theory

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- POSC 333 Contemporary Political Ideologies
- POSC 361 Feminist Political Theory
- POSC 387 American Political Thought
- POSC 434 Political Thought I
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