

International Relations at the University of Delaware

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.

International Relations

The study of behavior that occurs across the boundaries of states, the broader relationships of which such behavior is a part, and the institutions (private, state, nongovernmental, and intergovernmental) that oversee those interactions.

International Relations Quick Facts:

-  International Relations majors can easily add minors or a double major
-  Small class sizes for individualized attention
-  Study abroad with our faculty for four weeks during the winter session
-  Earn academic credit for internships anywhere around the globe
-  Everyone can graduate in four years
-  All faculty teach undergraduate courses
-  Opportunities for undergraduate research
-  You can earn an Honors Degree in International Relations

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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!

1 – 3 Years After Graduation

- ★ Account Executive, Yelp
- ★ Associate Bank Secrecy Act Analyst
Bridgehampton National Bank
- ★ Auction Manager, Sports Marketing
- ★ Business Technology Analyst, Deloitte
- ★ Council on International Educational
Exchange, English Teacher, Madrid,
Spain
- ★ Constituent Advocate, U.S. Senate
- ★ Deputy Campaign Manager for John
Carney for Governor
- ★ Deputy Communications Director,
Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Financial Advisor at Bank of America
- ★ General Electric: Edison Engineering
Development Program in renewable
energy
- ★ Global Data Analyst, Bloomberg
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Air Force
- ★ International Business Development
Coordinator, Delaware Department
of State
- ★ Journalist, Amman, Jordan
- ★ Legislative Assistant, Pennsylvania
House of Representatives
- ★ OADP Anti-Money Laundering Analyst
at J.P. Morgan
- ★ Peace Corps, Dominican Republic
- ★ Staff Assistant, U.S. House of
Representatives
- ★ Targeting Analyst, Central Intelligence
Agency
- ★ United Nations Online
Communications, Copenhagen,
Denmark

4 -6 Years After Graduation

- ★ Associate, Halloran and Sage LLP,
Hartford, CT
- ★ Campaign Manager, Kathleen Rice for
Congress
- ★ Fundraising Associate, Flanagan,
Fulkerson & Company, Washington,
D.C.
- ★ Policy Analyst, Securing America's
Future Energy, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Senior Account Executive, MSLGROUP
Public Relations and
Communications
- ★ Staff Assistant, U.S. Senate
- ★ Statewide Director and co-founder of
Delaware Right to Marry Political
Action Committee
- ★ Supply Chain Planner, Dr. Reddy's
Laboratories
- ★ Transportation Planner, Tennessee
Department of Transportation
- ★ U.S. Foreign Service Officer

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.”¹

Mid-Career Professionals

- ★ Advanced Modeling Specialist, NPD Group
- ★ Assistant Director of Events, The Brookings Institution
- ★ Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University
- ★ Associate, Weir and Partners LLP, Philadelphia, PA
- ★ Budget Analyst, State of Maryland
- ★ Business Development, Moody's Financial Services
- ★ Chemical Demilitarization Analyst, Barbaricum, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Client Development Strategist, Spark451 Inc. Marketing and Advertising
- ★ Country Director, Burundi at One Acre Fund, Burundi
- ★ Delaware Press & Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives
- ★ Doctors Without Borders Field Project Coordinator
- ★ Field Communications Manager, Vaccines, GlaxoSmithKline
- ★ Global Human Resources Manager, Corporation Service Company
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Air Force
- ★ Legislative Liaison, Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Policy Director, Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Senior Director, Enrollment Services Communication at Arizona State University

Advanced Career Professionals

- ★ Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court
- ★ Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Commerce
- ★ Foreign Service Officer, Havana, Cuba
- ★ Foreign Service Officer, Jerusalem, Israel
- ★ McCain Presidential Campaign Manager
- ★ Obama Presidential Campaign Manager
- ★ Senator, United States
- ★ Vice President, United States

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

Architecture, Economics, Education, English as a Second Language, Entrepreneurship & Design, Finance, Geography, Global Inclusion and Social Development, International Affairs, Interior Design, Law, Medicine, Political Communication, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Health, Religion, Social Work, Terrorism and Homeland Security Policy, U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy.

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%⊙
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★ 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%◇
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★ 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%◇
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★ 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.

International Relations Plan of Study

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.

All International Relations majors take eight core courses including introductory courses on American Politics, Global Politics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and World Regional Geography, an upper-level language course, and a choice of Western History and regional history courses.

All International Relations majors choose a topical concentration and a regional specialization. Many students complete two of their three regional specialization courses during abroad trips.

As an interdisciplinary major students complete many of their requirements with courses offered outside the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Majors take at least three economics courses, at least one language course and courses in other fields like Anthropology, Philosophy, History, Geography, Sociology, Applied Economics and Statistics, and Women and Gender Studies.

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.

Department Course Offerings

Introductory

POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics
POSC 220 Introduction to Public Policy
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics
POSC 270 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POSC 285 Introduction to Political Theory
POSC 300 Research Methods for Political Science

American Politics

POSC 301 State and Local Government
POSC 317 Gender and Politics
POSC 318 Public Opinion
POSC 319 Topics in Politics and Broadcast Journalism
POSC 320 Parties and Interest Groups
POSC 322 Politics and the African-American Experience
POSC 324 Voting and Elections
POSC 340 Politics and the Media
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment
POSC 355 Urban Politics
POSC 368 Politics of Difference
POSC 380 Introduction to Law
POSC 401 Topics in Law and Politics
POSC 402 The First Amendment
POSC 403 Civil Liberties
POSC 404 The Judicial Process
POSC 405 Constitutional Law
POSC 407 American Presidency
POSC 411 Politics and Poverty
POSC 413 Topics in American Politics
POSC 421 Political Psychology
POSC 423 Congress
POSC 425 Advanced Topics in Politics and Broadcast Journalism
POSC 447 National Agenda
POSC 452 Topics in Urban Politics
POSC 457 Political Science Careers and Practice
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics
POSC 462 Climate Change: Policy, Equity and Mitigation
POSC 471 Polling Research and Analysis
POSC 476 Election Law
POSC 480 Topics in Environmental Politics
POSC 483 Washington D.C. Policy Practicum

Comparative Politics

POSC 304 Islam, Identity and Governance
POSC 309 Political Culture By Country
POSC 310 European Politics
POSC 311 Politics of Developing Nations
POSC 312 Politics of East Asian Development
POSC 317 Gender and Politics
POSC 330 Political Terrorism
POSC 339 European Union
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment
POSC 377 Arab-Israeli Politics
POSC 426 Latin American Politics
POSC 427 Politics of China
POSC 430 Intermestic Relations of Islam and America
POSC 433 African Politics
POSC 436 Politics and Literature
POSC 439 Topics in African Politics
POSC 440 Comparative Public Opinion
POSC 441 Contemporary Politics by Country
POSC 442 Topics in European Politics
POSC 450 Topics in Latin American Politics
POSC 453 Comparative Political Economy
POSC 458 Post-Soviet Union
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics
POSC 480 Topics in Environmental Politics
POSC 482 America in the Middle East

Political Theory

POSC 308 Theories of Sexuality and Gender
POSC 333 Contemporary Political Ideologies
POSC 361 Feminist Political Theory
POSC 387 American Political Thought
POSC 434 Political Thought I
POSC 435 Political Thought II
POSC 438 Topics in Political Theory
POSC 459 Sexuality and Law
POSC 472 Democratic Theory
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law

International Relations

POSC 313 American Foreign Policy
POSC 316 International Political Economy
POSC 329 International Migration
POSC 330 Political Terrorism
POSC 362 Diplomacy
POSC 363 International Law
POSC 368 Politics of Difference
POSC 408 International Organization
POSC 409 Topics in World Politics
POSC 410 Islam in Global Affairs
POSC 414 Topics in American Foreign Policy
POSC 415 Force and World Politics
POSC 416 Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution
POSC 417 National Security Policy
POSC 419 International Relations History
POSC 420 International Crimes, Criminals, and Courts
POSC 428 Topics in Asian Politics
POSC 429 Southeast Asia and the World
POSC 430 Intermestic Relations of Islam and America
POSC 443 China and the World
POSC 444 Global Agenda
POSC 445 Human Rights and World Politics
POSC 446 International Human Rights on Film
POSC 448 Theories of International Relations
POSC 449 Ethics and Politics
POSC 463 United Nations
POSC 475 Model United Nations
POSC 482 America in the Middle East