

International Affairs

“Our students love being International Affairs majors. Not only do we study and talk about major issues that are front page news, but the interdisciplinary nature of the major lets students explore the same issue from many different perspectives and viewpoints.”



Dr. Jack Kramer, chair

New students considering a major in international affairs should select **PSCI 101A** and **ECON 201B** in the first semester and an appropriate foreign language course. They should then select **PSCI 102A**, **ECON 202B**, and the next course in the language sequence in the next semester. Students majoring in international affairs should also be aware that there is an additional foreign language requirement beyond the General Education requirements. Students must either A) complete two languages through the intermediate level, or B) earn at least six credits in one language at the advance level (beyond 202).

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Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for an international affairs major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	SS
2. SPAN 101** - Beginning Spanish (3)	Major, LANG
3. FSEM 100C3 - Imagining Africa (3)	FSEM
4. ECON 202B - Principles of Microeconomics (3)	Major, SS

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
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1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	SS
2. FSEM 100B8 - Ethics and Literature (3)	FSEM
3. FREN 101** - Beginning French (3)	Major, LANG
4. ECON 201B - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	Major, SS
5. PHYS 101 - General Physics with Lab (4)	NSL

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	SS
2. ECON 201B - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	Major Prerequisite, SS
3. GEOG 101 - World Regional Geography (3)	SS, DGP*
4. ARAB 101** - Beginning Arabic (3)	Major, LANG
5. PHYD 406 - Intercollegiate Cross Country - Men (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Diverse and Global Perspectives (DGP) attribute. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*