INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities
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Fully Offered
• Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers
• Government, including Diplomacy, Departments of State, Commerce, Defense, and Homeland Security, National intelligence and security agencies
• Law
• Business, including Finance, Communication, Multi-national corporations
• International Organizations, such as the United Nations and its affiliated agencies
• Non-governmental organizations in such areas as Human rights, Economic development and Immigration

Description
The Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations empowers students to make a difference on a global scale. Whether students are interested in human rights, economic development, international law, peacebuilding, climate change, or some other global question, the program encourages them to understand international problems from a range of perspectives and see more clearly how they can make an impact on them.

The major is interdisciplinary, which enables students to explore issues from such perspectives as political science, economics, and geography, as well as history, literature, and pan-African studies. IR students also engage in advanced language study, enhancing their ability to communicate globally, and they are encouraged to study abroad if they are able. The program has permanent arrangements for study in Florence or Geneva, and more customized opportunities are also possible.

Because of their broad exposure to global issues and their language training, IR majors go on to rewarding careers in almost every imaginable sector, including international organizations, non-profit agencies, business, law, and government. To all of those areas, they bring a multifaceted understanding of the global system, and wherever they go, they make a difference.

Admission Requirements
The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:
All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of global economics, politics, geography, literature and societies.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one foreign language through intermediate II.

University Requirements
All students in a bachelor’s degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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<td>Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)</td>
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Kent Core (see table below) 36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) 1 course

Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.

Upper-Division Requirement 39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.

Total Credit Hour Requirement 120
Some bachelor’s degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP) 6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) 6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) 9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) 6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) 6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL) 6
Total Credit Hours: 36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Foreign Language 1 6-8

Global Societies Elective, choose from the following: 3

AFS 33130 GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA
AFS 37020 THE MODEL AFRICAN UNION (ELR)
ECON 22061 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (KSS)
ECON 32084 ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT
ECON 42075 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS
ECON 42076 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECON 42079 EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ISSUES
GEOG 31070 POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
GEOG 41066 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE
GEOG 44010 GEOGRAPHIES OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT 2
POL 30003 POLITICAL ECONOMY
POL 30810 POLITIES OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY
POL 40540 POLITIES OF DEVELOPMENT (DIVG)

Global Politics Elective, choose from the following: 3

GEOG 17063 WORLD GEOGRAPHY (DIVG) (KSS)
GEOG 32080 POLITICS AND PLACE (DIVG)
HIST 31030 NATION: THE ENDURING ALLIANCE
HIST 31035 THE GLOBAL COLD WAR
HIST 31071 U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS THROUGH 1898
HIST 31072 U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS, 1898-1945
HIST 31073 U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS SINCE 1945
HIST 31119 THE SIXTIES: A THIRD WORLD VIEW
HIST 31120 COMPARATIVE THIRD WORLD REVOLUTIONS
HIST 31124 HIGHLIFE HISTORIES: MODERN AFRICAN URBAN EXPERIENCE
HIST 41060 COMPARATIVE FASCISM
PACS 32030 INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION (DIVG)
PACS 32040 CROSS-CULTURAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVG)
PACS 41010 RECONCILIATION VERSUS REVENGE: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (DIVG) (WIC) 2
POL 10500 WORLD POLITICS (DIVG) (KSS)
POL 30511 PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
POL 30820 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW
POL 30840 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
POL 39592 GENEVA INTERNSHIP (ELR)
POL 40112 POLITICS AND THE MASS MEDIA
POL 40530 POLITICS OF WAR
POL 40560 HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (DIVG)
POL 40591 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-COMPARATIVE POLITICS (WIC) 2
POL 40620 POLITICS OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (DIVD)
POL 40840 COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY
POL 40930 U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Global Societies Elective, choose from the following: 3

AFS 15200 INTRODUCTION TO WEST AFRICAN CULTURES
AFS 22000 INTRODUCTION TO THE AFRICAN ARTS
AFS 23310 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES
AFS 24407 INTRODUCTION TO CARIBBEAN STUDIES (DIVG)
AFS 33310 Afro-Latinx Communities in the U.S. (DIVD)
AFS 34000 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN WORLD VIEW (DIVG)
AFS 34100 ISLAMIC WEST AFRICA
AFS 35200 AFRICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS
ENG 31060 WORLD ENGLISHES (DIVG) (WIC) 2
ENG 33013 PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN’S LITERATURE (DIVG)
ENG 33015 AFRO-LATINX COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. (DIVD)
or AFS 37100 AFRICAN WOMEN’S LITERATURE (DIVG)
ENG 33015 or AFS 32050 AFRICAN LITERATURES (DIVG)
ENG 34005 BRITISH AND IRISH LITERATURE, 1900-PRESENT
ENG 34011 WORLD LITERATURE IN ENGLISH (DIVG)
GEOG 37040 GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA (DIVG)
GEOG 37045 GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
GEOG 37066 GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE (DIVG)
GEOG 37070 GEOGRAPHY OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA (DIVG)
GEOG 37072 GEOGRAPHY OF CHINA
GEOG 37084 GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTH AMERICA (DIVG)
GEOG 37085 GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (DIVG)
HIST 31055 POLITICS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF 20TH-CENTURY EUROPE
Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

**Global Economics, Global Politics and Global Societies Upper-Division Electives (30000 and 40000 level)**

- HIST 31112: CHINESE CIVILIZATION
- HIST 31113: HISTORY OF JAPAN
- HIST 31114: TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
- HIST 31115: INDIA SINCE 1526
- HIST 31118: VIETNAM WAR
- HIST 31123: HISTORY OF POST COLONIAL AFRICA
- HIST 31130: HISTORY OF PRE-COLONIAL AFRICA TO 1880
- HIST 31140: MODERN LATIN AMERICA (DIVG)
- HIST 31141: EARLY MODERN LATIN AMERICA (C. 1450-1820) (DIVG)
- HIST 41020: NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE
- HIST 41024: MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1914-1945
- HIST 41025: MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY: 1945-PRESENT
- HIST 41041: HISTORY OF GERMANY, 1871-PRESENT
- HIST 41044: IMPERIAL RUSSIA, 1899-1917
- HIST 41045: MODERN RUSSIA, 1917-PRESENT
- HIST 41129: THE HOLOCAUST: THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, 1938-1945
- HIST 41132: HISTORY OF COLONIAL AFRICA, 1880-1994
- HIST 42142: AFRO-LATIN AMERICA
- POL 10004: COMPARATIVE POLITICS (DIVG) (KSS)
- POL 30002: POLITICAL THOUGHT
- POL 30520: EUROPEAN POLITICS (DIVG)
- POL 30530: ASIAN POLITICS (DIVG)
- POL 30540: AFRICAN POLITICS (DIVG)
- POL 30550: LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS (DIVG)
- POL 30560: MIDDLE EAST POLITICS (DIVG)
- POL 30570: PALESTINE AND ISRAEL
- REL 11020: INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)

**Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)**

- UC 10097: DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

- Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)

- College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences)

- College General Requirements (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences)

- Kent Core Composition

- Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning

- Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)

- Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)

- Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)

- Kent Core Additional

- General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)

**Minimum Overall GPA:**

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**Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.**

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.

To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
   - Intermediate I of the same language, or ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.
Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

### Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

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120