



## International Relations and Comparative Studies Concentration

International Relations affects our daily lives as global markets, business, technology, and travel result in a flood of ideas, people, products, and forms of governance across borders. The International and Comparative Studies track focuses on helping students understand both the governmental and non-state functioning of international politics. Students in this concentration learn about global problems: conflict, ethnic violence, refugee flow, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and how differing political systems and cultures seek to address these problems in an interdependent world.

Courses within the concentration range from understanding government structures of various regions of the world in an area studies focus to topical courses within broad themes of international security, international law and organizations, and the international relations theory that holds it all together. Courses are designed to enable students to analyze global problems in a manner that is theoretically-informed and conceptually rigorous. Focusing on current issues in global politics placed in historical context, the concentration is designed to prepare students for a variety of related careers in national government, international organizations, law, business, journalism, diplomacy, public service, and academics.

**CLEAR PATH – *Political Science:***  
***International Relations and Comparative Politics, B.S.***

Please see the [Courses](#) section of this catalog for complete course descriptions.

<b>Freshman Year</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with Academic Advisor two times each semester.</li> <li>Go to every class. Contact your instructor if you are absent and devote time to your studies.</li> <li>Become actively involved in at least one co-curricular activity.</li> <li>Create your PSPS portfolio and document required items and your best work this year.</li> </ul>			
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>
PSPS 1010	3	PSPS 1020	3
PSPS 1000	1	ENGL 1020 or HIST 200	3
ENGL 1010 or 1011	3-4	Non-Western Culture	3
Mathematics	3	FAH: Visual and Performing Arts	3
Behavioral and Social Sciences	3	Foreign Language	4
FAH: Thought, Values, and Beliefs	3		
	16-17		16
<b>Sophomore Year</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve yourself in learning opportunities that are challenging and relevant.</li> <li>Maintain your PSPS portfolio and document your best work and experiential learning.</li> </ul>			
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>
ECON 1010 or HIST 1030	3	Statistics	3
PSPS 2700 or 2800	3	PSPS 2000-level elective	3
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Foreign Language	4	FAH: Literature	3
Natural Sciences without Lab	3	Natural Sciences with Lab	4
	16		16
<b>Junior Year</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in study abroad, leadership opportunities, service learning, civic engagement, internships, research projects, and other learning opportunities.</li> <li>Develop your job or graduate school strategy.</li> <li>Maintain your PSPS portfolio and document your learning inside and outside of the classroom.</li> </ul>			
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>
PSPS 3000	3	Approved PSPS directed elective (3000)	3
PSPS 3700r, 3710 or 3810	3	PSPS 3700r, 3710 or 3810	3
PSPS 3010	1	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course (3000-4000 level)	3
Minor Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	3		
	16		15
<b>Senior Year</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete your portfolio and ensure all required elements are included.</li> <li>Seek additional learning activities aligned with your plans after graduation</li> <li>Implement the job or graduate school strategy you developed during your junior year.</li> <li>Complete your Graduation application with the Records Office.</li> </ul>			
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	<b>Hrs</b>
PSPS 4000-level elective	3	PSPS 4000-level elective	3
Approved PSPS directed elective 4000-level	3	PSPS 4000-level elective	3
Minor course (3000-4000 level)	3	Approved PSPS directed elective 4000	3
Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Minor Course (3000-4000 level)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		15

**One PSPS course must be designated theory:** PSPS 2051, 2450, 2820, 3052, 3053, 3054, 3055, 4050, 4051, or 4052.