

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TRACK

This track is ideal for students interested in **an international career, whether in the U.S. (working on international or global issues or with people from or in other countries) or abroad.** It also will prepare you for graduate education specializing in International Relations or related fields. (Keep in mind that completion of these courses alone does not fulfill degree requirements.)

Possible careers include working in/at:

- a U.S. government department or agency working on foreign policy or global issues, for example
 - in the U.S. at the Department of State, Department of Defense, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Department of Commerce, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency
 - abroad as a Peace Corps volunteer, Foreign Service officer (State Dept.), or USAID Foreign Service officer
- Congress, as staff working on international issues
- a nongovernmental organization or foundation working on international issues or projects or programs in other countries (e.g. on issues of development, humanitarian issues, human rights, or the environment)
- an international business (a multinational corporation or any business with trade or clients or offices abroad)
- a newspaper, magazine, film, television, or other media, working on international or global issues
- a think tank, research organization, or consulting firm working on international or global issues
- education (as a teacher, professor, or working on international programs or with students from abroad)
- a foreign embassy or consulate in the US
- an international organization (e.g. United Nations, World Bank, World Health Organization)

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Recommended courses for track:

From the Core (when possible, take before other courses in the same series):

PLSI 120. International Politics

PLSI 140. Approaches to Comparative Politics

Electives (choose from the following):

International Relations

PLSI 121. American Foreign Affairs

PLSI 122. Politics of Foreign Aid
PLSI 125. Russian Foreign Policy
PLSI 126. International Law and Organization
PLSI 128T. Topics in International Relations [topic courses include Global Governance and Human Rights]

Comparative Politics

PLSI 141. Russian Politics
PLSI 142T. Area Studies in Western Europe
PLSI 143T. Area Studies in Eastern Europe
PLSI 144T. Area Studies in Africa and Middle East
PLSI 145T. Area Studies in Asia
PLSI 146T. Area Studies in Latin America
PLSI 147. East Asian Politics
PLSI 148. Latin American Politics
PLSI 149T. Seminar in Comparative Government
PLSI 183. Comparative Administration

In addition to the above courses, a **study abroad experience and foreign language courses** (or foreign language skills), as well as writing, communication, and analytical skills will be helpful for a career in this field. Some of the careers above may require further education in the form of a Master's or Ph.D. degree.

For more ideas on careers in International Affairs, see <https://apsia.org/careers/international-career-guide/>, <https://www.globaljobs.org>, <http://www.intjobs.com>

For complete information on course and unit requirements to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science, refer to the course catalogue and the department's website at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/polisci/degrees/index.html>.

Pursuing any track is optional, and you may switch tracks if your interests or career goals change.