

International Relations and Political Science, Minor

The Minor in International Relations and Political Science

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Overview

Sponsored by the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology (CMIST) (<https://www.cmu.edu/cmist/>), the International Relations and Political Science (IRPS) minor is for students who want to learn how to think systematically and develop foundational knowledge about international and domestic politics. It examines international relations, comparative politics, and domestic politics from the discipline of political science. The minor emphasizes the importance of political institutions, decision making by leaders in shaping policy, and contemporary challenges to the international system.

Students wrestle with a wide range of issues including the future of democracy, the relationship between technology and politics, the drivers of war and peace, domestic politics across countries, and the formulation of effective foreign policies. Core courses for the IRPS minor establish a strong foundation in the study of political science and enable students to better understand the workings of political institutions, political behavior across countries, the decision-making of political leaders, the making of national and international policy, and prevailing challenges to the international system, among other topics. A rich set of electives allows students to investigate issues in security and technology, grand strategy and national security, cybersecurity and international conflict, military strategy and doctrine, the politics of key regions of the world, international political economy and economic policy, representation and voting rights, climate change and development, repression and human rights, international law and diplomacy, political psychology and public opinion, and social change and revolution.

Curriculum

A maximum of two courses may double count between the minor in International Relations and Political Science and another major or minor. Unlimited double counting is permitted with general education requirements.

Minor in International Relations and Political Science 63 units

Core Courses 36 units

Students must take all of the following courses:

	Units
84-101 Introduction to Political Science	9
84-110 The Economics of Politics and Technology	9
or 73-102 Principles of Microeconomics	
or 73-103 Principles of Macroeconomics	
or 73-104 Principles of Microeconomics Accelerated	

In addition, students must take **two** of the following three courses. If all three of the above courses are taken, the third may count as an elective.

84-104 Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-226 International Relations	9
84-275 Comparative Politics	9

Electives 27 units

Students select three courses (27 units) from any of the elective sequences below. Two courses (18 units) must be taken from the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology and have an 84-number.

CMIST Electives

84-120	Introduction to US Constitutional Law	9
84-200	Security War Game Simulation	3
84-252	Briefing in the Policy World	6
84-274	An Introduction to Technology and War	9
84-280	Popcorn and Politics: American Foreign Policy at the Movies	12
84-285	Introduction to Legal Education and the Legal Profession	9
84-301	Policy & Persuasion	6
84-303	International Human Rights	6
84-304	Analysis of Current US National Security Priorities	6
84-306	Latin American Politics	9
84-309	American Political Divides and Great Debates	9
84-310	Policy in a Global Economy 1: International Trade and Trade Policy	6
84-311	Policy in a Global Economy 2: International Macroeconomics and Finance	6
84-312	Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa	6
84-314	Politics, Technological Change, and Economic Growth	9
84-315	Rise of the Asian Economies	9
84-319	Civil-Military Relations	9
84-322	Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution	9
84-323	War and Peace in the Contemporary Middle East	9
84-324	The Future of Democracy	9
84-325	Contemporary American Foreign Policy	9
84-327	Who Really Runs America?: Subnational Governance and Policymaking	9
84-328	Military Strategy and Doctrine	9
84-329	Asian Strategies	6
84-330	Race for the Future: US-China Tech Competition	6
84-331	Technology, Law, and Democracy	6
84-333	Law of US Democracy	9
84-341	Transnational Criminal Networks & International Security	6
84-343	Offensive Cyber: Law & Policy	6
84-345	Hackers, the Law, & Policy Responses	6
84-347	Congress & National Security	9
84-349	Digital Diplomacy: Cybersecurity Challenges and Global Governance	9
84-350	A Strategist's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	9
84-352	Representation and Voting Rights	9
84-353	US-China Strategic Stability	6
84-355	Democracy's Data: Analytics and Insights into American Elections	9
84-356	Applied Political Data Analytics	9
84-358	Money, Connections, and Power: Interests and Influence in the US	9
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9
84-363	Click. Hack. Rule: Understanding the Power & Peril of Cyber Conflict	9
84-365	The Politics of Fake News and Misinformation	9
84-366	The 21st-Century Presidency: Expanding Powers, New Challenges	9
84-367	The Politics of Antisemitism	9
84-368	Technology Ethics	9
84-369	Decision Science for International Relations	9
84-370	Nuclear Security & Arms Control	9
84-371	International Governance of Artificial Intelligence	9
84-373	International Law	9
84-375	Geopolitics of Innovation	9
84-380	US Grand Strategy	9
84-383	National Cyber Policy & Strategy	6
84-386	The Privatization of Force	9

84-387	Remote Systems and the Cyber Domain in Conflict	9
84-389	Terrorism and Insurgency	9
84-393	The US Congress: Legislative Progress or Paralysis?	9
84-402	Judicial Politics and Behavior	9
84-405	The Future of Warfare	9
Additional Electives		
19-452	EPP Projects II	12
70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
70-365	International Trade and International Law	9
70-430	International Management	9
73-332	Political Economy	9
76-318	Communicating in the Global Marketplace	9
79-203	The Other Europe: The Habsburgs, Communism, & Central/Eastern Europe, 1740-1990	9
79-205	20th Century Europe	9
79-223	Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War	9
79-227	Modern Africa: The Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid	9
79-229	The Origins of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, 1880-1948	9
79-230	The Arab-Israeli Conflict and Peace Process Through 1948 to Present	9
79-257	Germany and the Second World War	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-264	Tibet and China: History and Propaganda	9
79-265	Russian History: Game of Thrones	9
79-266	Russian History and Revolutionary Socialism	9
79-267	The Soviet Union in World War II: Military, Political, and Social History	9
79-275	Introduction to Global Studies	9
79-288	Bananas, Baseball, and Borders: Latin America and the United States	9
79-302	Killer Robots? The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Drones and A.I. in War	9
79-313	"Unwanted": Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Patterns of Global Migration	6
79-314	How Do We Remember? The Politics and Cultures of Memory	9
79-318	Sustainable Social Change: History and Practice	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9
79-343	Education, Democracy, and the Arts	9
79-377	Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating	9
79-385	Out of Africa: The Making of the African Diaspora	9
80-135	Introduction to Political Philosophy	9
80-136	Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9
80-249	AI, Society, and Humanity	9
80-335	Social and Political Philosophy	9
80-348	Health, Human Rights, and International Development	9
80-447	Seminar in Global Justice	9
82-3xx	or 82-4xx: Advanced Level Modern Languages Class	
88-234	Negotiation: International Focus	9
88-281	Topics in Law: 1st Amendment	9
88-284	Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights	9
88-411	Rise of the Asian Economies	9