

# SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES B.A.

## Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: International Studies

*The Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership offers the following four-year degree plan for earning a B.A. in international studies. Please note: One's path to graduation may vary slightly based on factors such as college credit earned in high school, choice of general education electives, and placement in English and mathematics. For questions about international studies, please contact us at [psc@nku.edu](mailto:psc@nku.edu) or 859.572.5321.*

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p>Join groups on campus with an international flair: Model UN, human rights groups or any political group.</p> <p>Have a good time, but get up and go to class!</p> <p>Don't get behind on your general education or core major requirements or the foreign language requirement. These are the most common reasons for falling behind in your four-year program.</p>	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society; ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or ECO 200 Principles of Macroeconomics or GEO 101 World Regional Geography or LDR 160 Leadership around the World or HIS 111 Global Viewpoints or PSC 102 Comparative Politics or REL 200 World Religion and Culture or SOC 101 Global Inequalities <sup>1,2</sup>	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society; ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or ECO 200 Principles of Macroeconomics or GEO 101 World Regional Geography or LDR 160 Leadership around the World or HIS 111 Global Viewpoints or PSC 102 Comparative Politics or REL 200 World Religion and Culture or SOC 101 Global Inequalities <sup>1,2</sup>
Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints, PSC 103 International Politics		3	Foreign Language 102 <sup>3</sup>	3
Gen Ed: Communication; Written <sup>1</sup>		3	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral <sup>1</sup>	3
Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity; Foreign Language 101 or Elective <sup>1,3</sup>		3	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II <sup>1</sup>	3
Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with or without lab <sup>1</sup>		3-4	Gen Ed: Self and Society: Individual and Society <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
SECOND YEAR		Fall Semester		Spring Semester
<p>Plan on finishing all INT core requirements except PSC 470 by the end of your second year.</p> <p>Keep up your grades to join an honor society. Xi Omega is the political science honor society that INT students may qualify to join.</p> <p>Consider a minor in political science, a foreign language, or regional (such as European, African, Asian, or Latin American and Caribbean minors) studies.</p>	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society; ANT 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or ECO 200 Principles of Macroeconomics or LDR 160 Leadership around the World or GEO 101 World Regional Geography or HIS 111 Global Viewpoints or PSC 102 Comparative Politics or REL 200 World Religion and Culture or SOC 101 Global Inequalities <sup>1,2</sup>	3	General Education: Self and Society; Individual and Society <sup>1</sup>	3
	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism <sup>1</sup>	3	Foreign Language 202 <sup>3</sup>	3
	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with or without lab <sup>1</sup>	3-4	INT Politics and Policy Area Secondary Elective <sup>4</sup>	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity <sup>1</sup>	3	INT elective <sup>4</sup> (1)	3
	Foreign Language 201 <sup>3</sup>	3	Minor or AoC elective <sup>5</sup> 300-level or above	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	INT Culture and Ideas Secondary	3	INT Elective <sup>4</sup> (3)	3

Plan a study abroad experience during your third year. PSC 470 is offered every fall semester. Taking winter intersession and summer courses may allow you to graduate in fewer than four years.	Area Elective <sup>4</sup>			
	INT Elective <sup>4</sup> (2)	3	INT Development Secondary Area Elective	3
	PSC 470 <sup>3</sup> or Elective (100-400 level courses)	3	Minor or AoC Elective <sup>5</sup> (100-400 level courses)	3
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b> Attend career, graduate, and law school information events. Be sure to submit a degree program certification for each major, minor, and focus you have. These are due two semesters before you intend to graduate (March for December graduation; September for May graduation).	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
	INT Business Secondary Area Elective <sup>4</sup>	3	INT Elective <sup>4</sup> (5)	3
	PSC 470 <sup>3</sup> or Elective (100-400 level courses)	3	Minor or AoC Elective <sup>5</sup> (100-400 level courses)	3
	INT Elective <sup>4</sup> (4)	3	Minor or AoC Elective <sup>5</sup> (100-400 level courses)	3
	Minor or AoC Elective <sup>5</sup> (100-400 level courses)	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS</b>			<b>120</b>

**Notes:** Following this plan will allow you to complete your B.A. in International Studies in four years (eight semesters), assuming you meet performance expectations in all courses. If you choose to earn your degree over a period longer than four years, the basic sequence of courses shown above will still apply in most cases.

<sup>1</sup> Meets university general education requirement

<sup>2</sup> INT core course that meets university general education requirement. Note: Only two INT courses with the same prefix may apply toward fulfilling general education requirements.

<sup>3</sup> INT core course requirement. INT students must also complete a foreign language through 202-level competencies.

<sup>4</sup> The international studies B.A. requires 27 hours of secondary requirements. Students may choose courses across options, or focus on one of the following options:

Business and Economics: ANT 386, BIS 440, CTE 316, ECO 340, FIN 415, GEO 303, MGT 355, MGT 360, MKT 333, MKT 360, PSC 410

Culture and Ideas: ANT 201, ANT 275, ANT 301/SOC 301, ANT 320, ANT 330, ANT 358, CIN 201, EMB 370, ENG 213, GEO 302, HIS 319, HNR 309, LDR 160, LDR 460, MUS 106, PHI 320, PHI 309, POP 250, PSC 312, PSC 322, SOC 430, WGS 383

Development: ANT 345, ANT 372, ENG 304, GEO 103, GEO 310, HIS 321/HIS 561, PSC 338, PSC 465, PSC 410, PSC 425, SOC 340, SOC 355

Politics and Policy: GEO 304, HIS 423, HIS 425, HIS 485, PSC 415, PSC 480, PSC 481, PSC 482, PSC 485, PSC 486, SOC 425

<sup>5</sup> The university requires that each student declare a major as well as a minor or focus.