Core Requirements

The Core Requirements constitute the foundation of knowledge needed by all majors in International Relations, regardless of thematic or disciplinary concentration. They are broad introductory courses covering the major themes and debates within each discipline concerning the study of international affairs. All majors in International Relations must complete the following five Core Requirements:

1. **Introduction to International Relations (PS 61)**
   PS 61 presents the major philosophical, theoretical, and methodological approaches to the study of international relations from the perspective of political science. At the thematic level, it introduces concepts including nationalism, sovereignty, power, conflict, and interdependence. At the theoretic level, it introduces debates between approaches including classical and recent (neo) variants of liberalism, realism, and political culture theory, and applies these approaches to such diverse problems as war and peace, world order, deterrence, imperialism, international trade, international environmental cooperation and arms control.

2. **Principles of Economics (EC 5)**
   EC 5 introduces students to the fundamentals of microeconomic and macroeconomic analysis. Topics covered in microeconomics include how markets determine the composition and pricing of outputs and inputs and how individual consumers and businesses respond to market forces. Topics covered in macroeconomics include the determinants of economic growth and the effects of fiscal and monetary policy on unemployment, inflation and capacity utilization.

   Students with a TC2 concentration, a TC3 concentration, or double majoring in Environmental Studies may take EC 8: Principles of Economics with Environmental Applications to satisfy this requirement.

3. **International Economics/Trade/Finance**
   A core course in international economics is a broad and introductory course that acquaints students with the evaluation of international commercial arrangements. The main areas addressed include trade, finance, development, comparative, and environmental economics, but attention is also given to economic history, philosophy, and strategic analysis where relevant to analysis of international relations. All courses presume a previous foundation in principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics (i.e., EC 5).

   Choose ONE course from the list below:
   - EC060 International Economics
   - EC161 International Trade
   - EC162 International Finance
The Historical Dimension
A core course in the historical dimension is a broad and introductory course examining how international relations are deeply grounded in identities, values, and prejudices that are themselves the products of long historical processes and the interaction of different peoples. Appropriate courses will include narratives that deal with the origin and development of regional, national, and ethnic cultures as they relate to the shaping of international and transnational relations, and the historical development of ideologies that have had an important impact on contemporary international affairs.

Choose ONE course from the list below:
- HIST001 International Relations: The Historical Perspective
- HIST002 Globalization
- HIST004 Empires and Nations
- HIST005 History of Consumption
- HIST010 Colonialism in Global Perspective
- HIST011 Worlds to Make: The Global History of International Development
- HIST012 Science & Technology in World History
- HIST065 Great Britain and the British Empire
- HIST066 Spain and its Empire
- HIST 071 Middle East and North Africa since World War I
- HIST072 World of Islam
- HIST 080 World Revolution: Global Communism
- Fall 2016 & Fall 2019 and beyond ONLY:
  - HIST070 Middle East to World War I

Theories of Society and Culture
A core course in theories of society and culture is a broad and introductory course providing meta-narratives and theoretical frameworks for analyzing enduring issues of cultural, religious, and political life both within societies and between political communities. It will focus on the normative considerations—such as the role of the individual in the community, views on the meaning and highest forms of human existence, and the relationship between the government and the governed—necessary for a well-rounded understanding of international relations.

Choose ONE course from the list below:
- ANTH010 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
- ANTH025 Anthropology and Armed Conflict
- ANTH027 / PJS027 Human Rights in Cultural Context
- ANTH130 Anthropological Thought
- FAH002 / PJS002 Introduction to World Art II
- MUS038 Music as Culture
- PHIL024 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL048 Feminist Philosophy
- PS041 / PHIL041 / CLS045 Western Political Thought I
- PS042 / PHIL042 Western Political Thought II
- PSY013 Social Psychology
- REL001 Introduction to Religion
- SOC050 Globalization and Social Change
- Fall 2017 and prior semesters ONLY:
  - PS138-02 Making States: Theory and Practice
  - PS142 Ethics and International Relations
  - PS111 Political Psychology
  - SOC135 / PJS135 / AMER050 Social Movements