

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Visit the program website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/bachelor-arts-international-affairs/>) for course descriptions, concentration overviews (text and video), and information regarding opportunities for study abroad, internships, research, and more.

ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
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For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Elliott School bachelor's degrees engage students with global issues through multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches. Students begin their studies in the first year with foundational courses in political science, economics, history, and anthropology or geography. They supplement these courses with others in the traditional liberal arts categories of writing, oral communication, natural or physical science, mathematics or statistics, and the humanities/creative arts, plus two writing in the disciplines courses. Language study also is emphasized early to enable students to satisfy the third-year language proficiency requirement of the bachelor's degree in a timely manner.

Elliott School bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 120 credits. The following three sets of requirements must be fulfilled:

1. University General Education Requirements
2. Elliott School Introductory Requirements
3. Major Requirements

1. University General Education Requirements

Coursework (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext>) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
 - Students in the BS in international affairs program are required to take a calculus-based course to fulfill the University General Education requirement in quantitative reasoning. Options include MATH 1220 and MATH 1221; MATH 1231; MATH 1232; or MATH 1252. Students must complete all required prerequisites for their intended analytic core courses. Students are encouraged to consult their advisor with any questions.
- One course in scientific reasoning, with lab (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

2. Elliott School Introductory Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory requirements (22 credits)		
Required		
IAFF 1001 is not required for internal or external transfer students.		
IAFF 1001	First-Year Experience (fall of first year)	
IAFF 1005	Introduction to International Affairs (required in the first year)	
ECON 1011	Principles of Economics I	

ECON 1012	Principles of Economics II
HIST 1011	World History from 1500 to Present
PSC 1001	Introduction to Comparative Politics
One of the following introductory anthropology or geography courses:	
ANTH 1002	Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTH 1004	Language in Culture and Society
GEOG 1001	Introduction to Human Geography
GEOG 1003	Society and Environment *

*GEOG 1003 does not meet the prerequisite requirement for all upper-level geography courses.

One additional course from the University General Education "Critical Thinking in the Humanities" course list or from the GPAC "Creative or Critical Thinking in the Arts" course list.

3. Major Requirements

In addition to the University General Education Requirements and Elliott School Introductory Requirements, Elliott School students must complete the Major Requirements for their individual major:

- BA in International Affairs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/#majorrequirementstext>)
- BS in International Affairs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/bs-international-affairs/#majorrequirementstext>)
- BA in Asian Studies (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-asian-studies/#majorrequirementstext>)
- BA in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-latin-american-hemispheric-studies/#majorrequirementstext>)
- BA in Middle East Studies (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-middle-east-studies/#majorrequirementstext>)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

If you are an Elliott School student who started at GW before Fall 2024, you are following a different version of the curriculum. Please find your degree requirements in the archived Bulletin (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/archives/>) for your matriculation year.

Students pursuing the BA in International Affairs as a second major must complete all of the major requirements listed below, including any prerequisites for these courses. These requirements are taken in addition to the requirements for the student's primary major, which typically includes completion of the University General Education requirement and other requirements specific to the

primary major. Students are encouraged to talk with their home school's academic advisor for more information about their primary major requirements.

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Elliott School of International Affairs, G (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/#regulationstext>) General Requirements (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/#generalrequirementstext>).

A minimum of 120 credits, including completion of a functional or regional concentration.

BA in international affairs major requirements

The BA in international affairs major requirements enable students to continue building their breadth of understanding in international affairs. With many course options for several of the requirements, students also can to personalize their learning. In addition, students gain a broader understanding of at least two world regions or countries outside of the United States.

A minimum grade of C- must be earned in all international affairs major courses listed below.

Courses cannot be double counted within the international affairs major requirements.

The BA in international affairs and BS in international affairs programs cannot be combined as double majors or double degrees.

The BA in international affairs major requirements are divided into the following areas. Course options for each are listed below.

- Research methods (6 credits)
- Two regional foundations courses, with each course taken in a different region (6 credits)
- International economics (3 credits)
- Historical analysis: U.S. foreign policy (3 credits)
- Upper-level international and comparative politics (3 credits)
- Upper-level anthropology or geography (3 credits)
- Third-year language proficiency (credits vary)
- Concentration (15 credits)

Research methods (6 credits)

Two courses pertaining to qualitative or quantitative social science research methods, computer programming, or other analytical competencies, selected from the list below.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 3531	Methods in Sociocultural Anthropology	
APSC 3115	Engineering Analysis III	

CSCI 1012	Introduction to Programming with Python
DATS 1001	Data Science for All
DNSC 1001	Business Analytics I: Statistics for Descriptive and Predictive Analytics *
DNSC 2001	Business Analytics II: Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics **
ECON 2123	Introduction to Econometrics
or STAT 2123	Introduction to Econometrics
GEOG 2104	Introduction to Cartography and GIS
IAFF 2101	Qualitative Methods in International Affairs
IAFF 2102	Quantitative Methods in International Affairs
IAFF 2190	Special Topics (Political Risk Analysis)
IAFF 2190	Special Topics (Program Design in International Affairs)
IAFF 3180W	Special Topics in Security Policy (Security Policy and Qualitative Analysis)
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (International Conflict and Politics Research Seminar)
IAFF 3502	Strategic Management and Qualitative Methods in International Affairs
IAFF 4191W	Research Seminar (International Conflict and Politics Research Seminar)
IAFF 4191W	Research Seminar (Security Policy and Qualitative Analysis)
ISTM 3119	Introduction to Programming
PSC 2101	Scope and Methods of Political Science
PSYC 2101	Research Methods in Psychology
PUBH 2142	Introduction to Biostatistics for Public Health
PUBH 3131	Epidemiology
PUBH 3199	Topics in Public Health (Research Methods Foundations)
PUBH 4201	Practical Computing
SMPA 2151	Research Methods
SOC 2101	Social Research Methods
SOC 2102	Techniques of Data Analysis

STAT 1051	Introduction to Business and Economic Statistics *
STAT 1053	Introduction to Statistics in Social Science *
STAT 1111	Business and Economic Statistics I *
STAT 1127	Statistics for the Biological Sciences *
STAT 1129	Introduction to Computing
STAT 2112	Business and Economic Statistics II **
STAT 2118	Regression Analysis
STAT 2123	Introduction to Econometrics
or ECON 2123	Introduction to Econometrics
STAT 2183W	Intermediate Statistical Laboratory: Statistical Computing Packages
STAT 4157	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I

*Credit for only one of the following courses can be counted toward an Elliott School undergraduate degree: DNSC 1001, STAT 1051, STAT 1053, STAT 1111, or STAT 1127.

**Credit for only one of the following courses can be counted toward an Elliott School undergraduate degree: DNSC 2001 or STAT 2112.

International economics (3 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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One course pertaining to international economics theories and policies selected from the list below. Students in international economics concentration must take ECON 2181 and ECON 2182. ECON 2181 counts toward the major requirements and ECON 2182 counts toward the international economics concentration. Students in international economics concentration should not take ECON 2180.

ECON 2180	Survey of International Economics
ECON 2181	International Trade Theory and Policy
ECON 2182	International Macroeconomic Theory and Policy

Historical analysis: U.S. foreign policy (3 credits)

One course pertaining to the history of the U.S. approach to contemporary international affairs selected from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 2340W	U.S. Diplomatic History	
HIST 3045	International History of the Cold War	
HIST 2710	The United States in the World	

Upper-level international and comparative politics (3 credits)

One upper-level course selected from the following list pertaining to international political issues or comparative politics, including politics in a particular country or region, and taught from a political science perspective:

Code	Title	Credits
HONR 2047	Self and Society Seminar (Empires and Imperialism from Rome to Washington)	
HONR 2047	Self and Society Seminar (topic: Humanitarianism. Same as IAFF 3190 and PSC 2454: Humanitarianism)	
HONR 2047	Self and Society Seminar (topic: Reunification, Reconciliation, Resentment. Same as PSC 2993: Reunification, Reconciliation, Resentment)	
HONR 2047	Self and Society Seminar (Transitional Justice)	
IAFF 2201W	Women in Global Politics	
IAFF 2202W	Critical Issues in U.S.-Asia Relations	
IAFF 2444	International Law	
or PSC 2444	Public International Law	
IAFF 3172	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	
IAFF 3180W	Special Topics in Security Policy (Security Policy and Qualitative Analysis)	
IAFF 3185	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Nationalism in Eurasia)	
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Comparative Politics in Southeast Asia)	
IAFF 3188	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (Iran in the Middle East)	
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (Congress and National Security Enterprise)	
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (Populist Authoritarianism)	

IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (topic: Humanitarianism. Same as HONR 2047 and PSC 2454: Humanitarianism)
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (Women, Rights, and Gender Equality)
IAFF 3206	Global Governance
IAFF 3753	International Relations of South Asia
IAFF 3754	U.S.-China Relations
IAFF 4191W	Research and Writing Seminar (topic: Security Policy and Qualitative Analysis. Same as IAFF 3180W: Security Policy and Qualitative Analysis)
PSC 2109	Global Justice
PSC 2330	Comparative Politics of Western Europe
PSC 2331	Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
PSC 2332	European Integration
PSC 2334	Global Perspectives on Democracy
PSC 2336	State-Society Relations in the Developing World
PSC 2337	Development Politics
PSC 2338	Nationalism
PSC 2339	Comparative Political Economy
PSC 2366	Russian Politics
PSC 2368	Politics in the Two Koreas
PSC 2371	Politics and Foreign Policy of China
PSC 2377	Comparative Politics of the Middle East
PSC 2381	Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
PSC 2383	Comparative Politics of Latin America
PSC 2439	International Political Economy
PSC 2440	Theories of International Politics
PSC 2442	International Organizations
PSC 2444	Public International Law
or IAFF 2444	International Law
PSC 2446	U.S. Foreign Policy

PSC 2449	International Security Politics
PSC 2449W	International Security Politics
PSC 2454	Humanitarianism (Same as HONR 2047 and IAFF 3190: Humanitarianism)
PSC 2455	Global Governance
PSC 2475	International Relations of East Asia
PSC 2476	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
PSC 2478	International Relations of the Middle East
PSC 2482	African International Politics
PSC 2991	Special Topics in Political Thought (Global Justice)
PSC 2993	Special Topics in Comparative Politics (all topics under PSC 2993 are approved for this requirement)
PSC 2994	Special Topics in International Relations (Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe)
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (British Politics)
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (Ethics in World Politics)
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (Politics of Water)
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (Political Violence)

Upper-level anthropology or geography (3 credits)

One upper-level course in anthropology or geography relevant to international affairs selected from the list below. Many of these courses have lower-level prerequisites as detailed in course descriptions in this Bulletin.

Code	Title	Credits
One course from the following:		
ANTH 2501	The Anthropology of Gender: Cross-Cultural Perspectives	
ANTH 2506	Religion, Myth, and Magic	
or REL 2506	Religion, Myth, and Magic	
ANTH 3501	Anthropology of Development	
or IAFF 3501	International Development Theory, Policy, and Practice	

ANTH 3503	Psychological Anthropology
ANTH 3504	Illness, Healing, and Culture
ANTH 3506	Politics, Ethnicity, and Nationalism
ANTH 3507	Kinship, Family, and Community
ANTH 3513	Anthropology of Human Rights
or IAFF 3513	Human Rights and Ethics
ANTH 3601	Language, Culture, and Cognition
ANTH 3991	Special Topics (Politics of Infrastructure)
IAFF 3501	International Development Theory, Policy, and Practice
or ANTH 3501	Anthropology of Development
IAFF 3513	Human Rights and Ethics
or ANTH 3513	Anthropology of Human Rights
GEOG 2120	World Regional Geography
GEOG 2127	Population Geography
GEOG 2129W	Biogeography
GEOG 2133	People, Land, and Food
GEOG 2134	Energy Resources
GEOG 2136	Water Resources
GEOG 2141	Cities in the Developing World
GEOG 2147	Military Geography
GEOG 2148	Economic Geography
GEOG 3143	Urban Sustainability
or GEOG 3143W	Urban Sustainability
GEOG 3145	Cultural Geography
GEOG 3146	Political Geography
GEOG 3195	Special Topics in Human Geography (Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems)
GEOG 3195	Special Topics in Human Geography (Geography of Development)
GEOG 3195	Special Topics in Human Geography (topic: Global Environmental Justice. Same as IAFF 3190: Global Environmental Justice)

GEOG 3195	Special Topics in Human Geography (Political Ecology)
GEOG 3275	Sustainable Food Systems
GEOG 3810	Planning Cities
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (topic: Global Environmental Justice. Same as GEOG 3195: Global Environmental Justice)
REL 2506	Religion, Myth, and Magic
or ANTH 2506	Religion, Myth, and Magic
SLHS 1084	Perspectives in Deaf Culture

Regional foundations (6 credits)

Students in the BA in international affairs program take one course from two of the regions listed below (for a total of two courses) to gain an understanding of two regions or countries of the world outside of the United States. These courses are typically offered as IAFF, ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST and PSC. They address the contemporary era (post World War II) and can be focused on single or multiple countries in a region.

Code	Title	Credits
Africa		
ANTH 3708	Anthropology of Africa	
GEOG 3164	The Geography of Africa	
HIST 3530	Women in Africa	
IAFF 2093	Africa: Problems and Prospects	
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (North Africa and the World) *	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (Africa Declassified)	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (Africa and Globalization: Culture and Context)	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (African Literature and Politics)	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (Africa in the Global Economy)	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (Ethnic and Religious Conflict in Africa)	
IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (International Affairs in Africa)	

IAFF 3189	Special Topics in African Studies (Women and Leadership in Africa)
PSC 2381	Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
PSC 2482	African International Politics
*IAFF 2190W (North Africa and the World) is not approved as a regional foundations course for students in the Middle East Studies program due to the degree of overlap between issues in North Africa and the Middle East.	
Asia	
(Students in the BA in Asian studies program must fulfill the regional foundations requirement using a course focused in a world region other than Asia.)	
ANTH 3704	Cultures of Southeast Asia
ECON 2169	Introduction to the Economy of China
GEOG 3165	Geography of South Asia
HIST 3615	History of Chinese Communism
HIST 3621	History of Modern Japan
HIST 3631	History of Modern Korea
HIST 3640	History of Southeast Asia
IAFF 2091	East Asia-Past and Present
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Asian Order and Community Building)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Central Asia Security)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Comparative Politics in Southeast Asia)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Economic Development of East Asia)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Economic Lessons from East Asia)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Indo-Pacific Security Challenges)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (South Asian Politics Via Literature and Film)
IAFF 3186	Special Topics in Asian Studies (Women in Asia)
IAFF 3752W	Equitable Development in Southeast Asia
IAFF 3753	International Relations of South Asia
IAFF 3756	Christianity and Islam in East Asia

PSC 2368	Politics in the Two Koreas
PSC 2371	Politics and Foreign Policy of China
PSC 2374	Politics and Foreign Policy of Japan
PSC 2373	Comparative Politics of Southeast Asia
Europe and Eurasia	
GEOG 3197	Special Topics in Regional Geography (Geography of Russia and Its Neighbors)
HIST 1121	The War of Ideas in European and International History, 1750-Present
HIST 2125	Twentieth-Century Europe
HIST 3101	Topics: Europe (All sections of HIST 3101 are approved for this requirement.)
HIST 3168	Divided and United Germany Since 1945
IAFF 2092	Russia and Eastern Europe: An Introduction
IAFF 2094	Europe in Transition
IAFF 3185	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Nationalism in Eurasia)
IAFF 3185	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (The West and Russia)
IAFF 3185	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Ukraine and Georgia between Russia and the West)
IAFF 3185	Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies (Ukrainian Security)
IAFF 3190	Special Topics in International Affairs (European Economies and Crisis of Integration)
PSC 2330	Comparative Politics of Western Europe
PSC 2331	Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe
PSC 2332	European Integration
PSC 2366	Russian Politics
PSC 2994	Special Topics in International Relations (International Politics of Central and Eastern Europe)
PSC 3192W	Proseminar: Political Science (British Politics)

Latin America

(Students in the BA in Latin American and hemispheric studies program must fulfill the regional foundations requirement using a course focused in a world region other than Latin America.)	
ANTH 3702	Anthropology of Latin America
ANTH 3791	Topics in Regional Anthropology (Anthropology of the Caribbean)
GEOG 3161	Geography of Latin America
HIST 3701	Topics in Latin American History (Democracy in Latin America)
HIST 3701	Topics in Latin American History (Violence, Drugs, and Democracy in Latin America)
HIST 3710	History of Latin America I
HIST 3711	History of Latin America II
IAFF 2090	Latin America: Problems and Promise
IAFF 3177	Political Economy of Latin America
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Cuba in the Global Arena)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Democracy in Latin America)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Democracy Under Siege in Latin America)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Economic and Social Development of Latin America)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Feminist Movements in Latin America)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Geography of Latin America)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Latin America Geopolitics and Geoeconomy)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Latin American Migration)
IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Racial and Ethnic Politics of Latin America)

IAFF 3187	Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies (Security in the Americas)
IAFF 3191W	Populism and Regime Change in Latin America
IAFF 3855	Argentina in Global Context
PSC 2383	Comparative Politics of Latin America
PSC 2993	Special Topics in Comparative Politics (Democratic Experiments in Latin America)
SPAN 3200	Bilingualism in the Spanish-Speaking World
Middle East	
(Students in the BA in Middle East studies program must fulfill the regional foundations requirement using a course focused in a world region other than the Middle East.)	
ANTH 3707	Anthropology of the Middle East
GEOG 3154	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
HIST 3801	Topics in Middle Eastern History (The Middle East Since WWII)
HIST 3810	History of the Middle East to 1800
HIST 3825	Land and Power in Israel/Palestine
IAFF 2095	The Middle East in International Affairs
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (Arab Politics)
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (North Africa and the World)
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (Politics and Culture in the Middle East)
IAFF 2190W	Special Topics (Turkey and Its Neighbors)
IAFF 3188	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (Iran in the Middle East)
IAFF 3188	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (National Security Lab Middle East)
IAFF 3188	Special Topics in Middle East Studies (The Middle East Since WWII)
IAFF 3352	Israeli and Palestinian Peacebuilding
PSC 2377	Comparative Politics of the Middle East
PSC 2476	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
or PSC 2476W	The Arab-Israeli Conflict

PSC 2478 International Relations of the Middle East

PSC 2993 Special Topics in Comparative Politics (Political Violence in the Middle East)

Concentration (15 credits)

All students in the BA in international affairs program must complete either a functional or regional concentration, options for which are listed below.

To fulfill the concentration requirement, students complete five courses (15 credits) related to their chosen functional or regional theme.

- Courses chosen to fulfill the concentration requirement must be taken in at least two different academic departments. For example, students cannot take all ECON courses for the international economics concentration; at least one course must be from a different discipline.
- Students must declare a concentration no later than the end of the second semester of their sophomore year by completing the Concentration Declaration Form (<https://form.jotform.us/ESIA/concentration-declaration/>).
- A minimum grade of C- must be earned in all concentration courses.
- At least 15 credits must be taken in the concentration.

Courses for each concentration are linked below. Additional information is available on the Elliott School website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/bachelor-arts-international-affairs-curriculum/>).

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- Comparative political, economic, and social systems (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/comparative-political-economic-social-systems/>)
 - Conflict resolution (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/conflict-resolution/>)
 - Contemporary cultures and societies (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/contemporary-cultures-and-societies/>)
 - Gender in international affairs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/gender-international-affairs/>)
 - Global public health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/global-public-health/>)
 - Individualized (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/individualized/>)
 - International development (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-development/>)

- International economics (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-economics/>)
- International environmental studies (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-environmental-studies/>)
- International politics (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-politics/>)
- Security policy (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/security-policy/>)

Regional concentrations

- Africa (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/africa/>)
- Asia (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/asia/>)
- Europe and Eurasia (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/europe-and-eurasia/>)
- Latin America (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/latin-america/>)
- Middle East (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/middle-east/>)

Language proficiency requirement

Students must demonstrate third-year proficiency in a modern language by examination or coursework. If taking coursework, students can satisfy the language requirement by taking a course that is equivalent to third-year proficiency, or by taking a course beyond the third year that has a listed prerequisite of the second semester of the third year. The language placement examination determines the level at which students begin their language study. Additional information regarding the Elliott School language examinations is available from the Elliott School academic advising office and the ESIA Undergraduate Language Proficiency webpage (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/undergraduate-language-proficiency-exam-process/>). This requirement is satisfied automatically for students who were required to take the TOEFL or IELTS examination as part of GW's admissions process.

Code	Title	Credits
Arabic		
ARAB 1001	Beginning Arabic I	
ARAB 1002	Beginning Arabic II	
ARAB 2001	Intermediate Arabic I	

ARAB 2002	Intermediate Arabic II
ARAB 3001	Advanced Arabic

and one course selected from the following:

ARAB 3105	Special Topics (Arabic and Social Media)
ARAB 3105	Special Topics (Islamic Political Thought)
ARAB 3301	Modern Arabic Literature
ARAB 3302	Media Arabic
ARAB 3311	Business Arabic

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Chinese

One of the following options for beginning Chinese:

Option one:

CHIN 1001 & CHIN 1002	Beginning Chinese I and Beginning Chinese II
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Option two:

CHIN 1011	Intensive Beginning Chinese
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and the following courses:

CHIN 2003	Intermediate Chinese I
CHIN 2004	Intermediate Chinese II
CHIN 3105	Intermediate Chinese III
CHIN 3106	Intermediate Chinese IV

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French

FREN 1001	Basic French I
FREN 1002	Basic French II
FREN 1003	Intermediate French I
FREN 1004	Intermediate French II
FREN 2005	Language, Culture, and Society I
FREN 2006	Language, Culture, and Society II

Code	Title	Credits
German		
Option one:		
GER 1001	First-Year German I	
GER 1002	First-Year German II	
GER 1003	Second-Year German I	
GER 1004	Second-Year German II	
and one of the following course sequences:		
GER 2009 & GER 2010	Intermediate German I and Intermediate German II	
GER 2101 & GER 2102	Readings in Contemporary German I and Readings in Contemporary German II	
or		
Option two:		
GER 1005	Intensive Beginning German I	
GER 1006	Intensive Beginning German II	
and one of the following sequences:		
GER 2009 & GER 2010	Intermediate German I and Intermediate German II	
GER 2101 & GER 2102	Readings in Contemporary German I and Readings in Contemporary German II	
Code	Title	Credits
Hebrew		
HEBR 1001	Beginning Hebrew I	
HEBR 1002	Beginning Hebrew II	
HEBR 2001	Intermediate Hebrew I	
HEBR 2002	Intermediate Hebrew II	
HEBR 3001	Hebrew Conversation and Writing	
and one course selected from the following:		
HEBR 3301	Modern Hebrew Fiction	
HEBR 3302	The Israeli Media	

Code	Title	Credits
Italian		
ITAL 1001	Basic Italian I	
ITAL 1002	Basic Italian II	
ITAL 1003	Intermediate Italian I	
ITAL 1004	Intermediate Italian II	
ITAL 2005	Language, Culture, and Society I	
ITAL 2006	Language, Culture, and Society II	
Code	Title	Credits
Japanese		
One of the following options for beginning Japanese:		
Option one:		
JAPN 1001 & JAPN 1002	Beginning Japanese I and Beginning Japanese II	
Option two:		
JAPN 1005	Intensive Beginning Japanese	
And the following courses:		
JAPN 2003	Intermediate Japanese I	
JAPN 2004	Intermediate Japanese II	
JAPN 3105	Intermediate Japanese III	
JAPN 3106	Intermediate Japanese IV	
Code	Title	Credits
Korean		
KOR 1001	Beginning Korean I	
KOR 1002	Beginning Korean II	
KOR 2003	Intermediate Korean I	
KOR 2004	Intermediate Korean II	
KOR 3105	Intermediate Korean III	
KOR 3106	Intermediate Korean IV	

Code	Title	Credits
Persian		
PERS 1001	Beginning Persian I	
PERS 1002	Beginning Persian II	
PERS 2001	Intermediate Persian I	
PERS 2002	Intermediate Persian II	
PERS 3001	Advanced Persian	
PERS 3002	Media Persian	
or PERS 3002W	Media Persian	

Code	Title	Credits
Russian		
Option one:		
SLAV 1001	First-Year Russian I	
SLAV 1002	First-Year Russian II	
SLAV 1003	Second-Year Russian I	
SLAV 1004	Second-Year Russian II	

and one of the following course sequences:

SLAV 2005 & SLAV 2006	Intermediate Russian I and Intermediate Russian II	
SLAV 1013 & SLAV 1014	Russian for Heritage Speakers I and Russian for Heritage Speakers II	
SLAV 2015 & SLAV 2016	Readings in the Russian Press I and Readings in the Russian Press II	

or

Option two:		
SLAV 1012	Intensive Basic Russian I	
SLAV 1034	Intensive Basic Russian II	

and one of the following course sequences:

SLAV 2005 & SLAV 2006	Intermediate Russian I and Intermediate Russian II	
SLAV 1013 & SLAV 1014	Russian for Heritage Speakers I and Russian for Heritage Speakers II	
SLAV 2015 & SLAV 2016	Readings in the Russian Press I and Readings in the Russian Press II	

Code	Title	Credits
Spanish		
Option one:		
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	
SPAN 1013	Intermediate Spanish I: the Spanish-Speaking World	
SPAN 1014	Intermediate Spanish II: the Spanish-speaking world	
SPAN 2005	Advanced Spanish I	
SPAN 2006	Advanced Spanish II	

or

Option two:		
SPAN 1012	Intensive Elementary Spanish: the Spanish-speaking world	
SPAN 1034	Intensive Intermediate Spanish	
SPAN 2056	Intensive Advanced Spanish through Sustainability Literacy	

AREAS OF FOCUS

Areas of Focus

All students in the BA in international affairs program must complete either a functional or regional concentration (15 credits), which are listed below.

Students in the BS in international affairs program must complete either a specialization (9 credits) or a full concentration (15 credits) in one of these area of focus with approval of the academic advisor or program director. Students should consult the major requirements page for their respective major for additional information about the specialization or concentration policies.

Students must declare an area of focus no later than the end of the second semester of their sophomore year by completing the declaration form (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/forms-undergraduate-students/>). Except for WID courses, courses may not be double counted between any international affairs requirements. A minimum grade of C- must be earned in all focus area courses.

Functional concentrations

- Comparative Political, Economic, and Social Systems (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/comparative-political-economic-social-systems/>)

- Conflict Resolution (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/conflict-resolution/>)
- Contemporary Cultures and Societies (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/contemporary-cultures-and-societies/>)
- Gender in International Affairs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/gender-international-affairs/>)
- Global Public Health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/global-public-health/>)
- Individualized (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/individualized/>)
- International Development (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-development/>)
- International Economics (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-economics/>)
- International Environmental Studies (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-environmental-studies/>)
- International Politics (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-politics/>)
- Security Policy (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/security-policy/>)

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Regional concentrations

- Africa (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/africa/>)
- Asia (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/asia/>)
- Europe and Eurasia (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/europe-and-eurasia/>)
- Individualized (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/individualized/>)
- Latin America (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/latin-america/>)
- Middle East (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/middle-east/>)

COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined programs

- Dual Bachelor of Science with a major in international affairs and Master in Management (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/international->