INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Future leaders in business, government, and law need to understand how global developments affect their lives and work. This major provides the detailed information and conceptual tools you will need to thrive in the rapidly changing world of tomorrow. With numerous travel, research, and internship opportunities, it is an ideal major for those interested in entering the realms of business, advocacy, or public policy.

Opportunities for Students

- **Center for International Studies:** Established to promote advanced research and sustained discussion, CIS runs a program of frequent speakers and seminars on political and economic issues.

- **Teaching International Relations Program:** TIRP is a community outreach program under which students plan and execute lessons on global issues in local elementary schools.

- **USC Center on Public Diplomacy:** This is an academic research, teaching and training center run jointly by the Annenberg School of Communications and the School of International Relations.

- **Study Abroad:** Travel to Iceland, Norway, and Finland during the summer to study the complex issues surrounding climate change and its impact on the Arctic Region through USC Dornsife’s Problems Without Passports program.

Notable Courses

- **IR 210: International Relations — Introductory Analysis** — Comprehensive introduction to contending theoretical and analytical approaches; development of critical, evaluative, cognitive, and analytical competencies regarding historical and contemporary issues.

- **IR 310: Peace and Conflict Studies** — Interdisciplinary study of the pursuit of peace, including causes of wars, arms races, conflict resolution, peace movements, domestic violence, nonviolent resistance, and peace with justice.

- **IR 323: Politics of Global Environment** — Examines the politics of managing the global environment. The nature of ecosystems, common problems, population and resource utilization problems along with biodiversity and global governance are emphasized.

- **IR 386: Terrorism and Counterterrorism** — Examination of terrorism and responses to terrorism, including how societies understand and deal with terrorism; focus on ethical and normative issues.

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Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

Core Requirements*
- IR 210: International Relations — Introductory Analysis
- Four (4) semesters of a single foreign language

Lower Division Requirement (select one)*
- IR 211: International Relations — Approaches to Research
- IR 212: Historical Approaches to International Relations
- IR 213: The Global Economy

Concentration Requirements*
- Complete one course from each of the following four (4) fields:
  - Culture, Gender and a Global Society
  - Foreign Policy Analysis
  - International Policy Economy
  - International Politics and Security Studies

Regional Course Requirement (select one)**
- IR 333: China in International Affairs
- IR 337: The Impact of Remittances on Development in Mexico
- IR 345: Russian and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy
- IR 363: Middle East Political Economy
- IR 385: European Foreign Policy and Security Issues

Upper Division Requirement*
- Three (3) additional 300/400-level IR courses (at least one 400–level)
  - IR 313: Religions and Political Violence
  - IR 339: Public Health and International Relations
  - IR 422: Ecological Security and Global Politics
  - IR 425: The New Triangle: China, the U.S. and Latin America
  - IR 449: International Courts and the Globalization of Law

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