



## Minor

The requirements for a Minor in International Relations are:

POLS-2613 International Relations I

POLS-2623 International Relations II

An additional 12 credits from the list of “advanced international relations courses” approved for the Major

## Double Major with Political Science

The Major in International Relations and the Major in Political Science both require the completion of the following POLS courses: 1603, 2303, 2313, 2613, and 2623. Students who have completed those five courses in order to meet the requirements for the Major in International Relations may count them toward the Major in Political Science as well. No other courses taken for the Major in International Relations may be counted toward a second Major in Political Science.

## Course

### Year 1

#### **POLS-1603. Global Politics**

This course provides an introduction to the concepts of nation and state, sovereignty, forms of government, and political conflict. It does so through consideration of issues in world politics, such as human rights and social justice, ecological imbalance, economic inequalities, war, global governmental institutions and organizations.

#### **ECON-1013. Introduction to Economic Theory (Micro)**

This course, which is equivalent to one half of ECON 1006, examines the behaviour of consumers and producers in a market economy. Among the issues discussed will be environmental protection, wealth and poverty, and the extent of corporate power. (Credit will not be given for both ECON 1006 and ECON 1013.)

#### **ECON-1023. Introduction to Economic Theory (Macroeconomics)**

This course, which is equivalent to one half of ECON 1006, analyzes the Canadian economy and how it works. It includes a discussion of output, unemployment, growth, money, international trade, and finance. (Credit will not be given for both ECON 1006 and ECON 1023.)

*Introductory-level courses in Spanish, French, and Japanese are available at St. Thomas University. Introductory-level courses in German and Russian are available at the University of New Brunswick.*

### Year 2

A.) *International Relations Core (6 credit hours)*

#### **POLS-2613. Introduction to International Relations I**

This course introduces students to International Relations theory, with a focus on the mainstream theories in the field, namely realism and its variants, liberalism and constructivism. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examina-

**POLS-2623. I e a a Re a II**

This course introduces students to the critical and non-mainstream variants of International Relations theory. These include Marxism, Gramscianism, feminist theories of IR, and other forms of critical theory. These theories are illustrated and developed through the use of case studies and examinations of the institutions and structures of the international system. They are also contrasted with mainstream IR theories. Prerequisite: POLS 1603, or permission of the instructor.

*B.) Comparative Core (6 credit hours)*

**POLS-2303. C a a e P c f e De e edW d**

This course introduces students to the comparative study of governments in the industrial and post-industrial societies. It examines the question of how various political systems are classified, dealing with such issues as organization of the state, governance and policy-making, representation, and political legitimacy. Prerequisite: 3 credits in Political Science, or permission of the instructor.

**POLS-2313. C a a e P c f e De e A ea**

This course introduces students to the comparative study of governments in the developing world. It focuses on such issues as the politics of development, modernization, and the interplay of political and social forces in selected developing nations. Prerequisite: 3 credits in Political Science, or permission of the instructor.

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*A.) Advanced International Relations (15 credit hours)*

**POLS-2603. P ca a d Ec cl e a eA e ca**

This course will examine economic and political integration theory in relations to theories of globalization, using the European Union and the Americas as central cases. The course will analyze, in depth, the issues of social justice, labour and environmental standards, poverty, gender issues, capitalism, and social democracy. This course will have online interactive features and may be taught in collaboration with other universities.

**POLS-3313. US F e P c**

This course examines the foreign policy of the United States of America. It examines the roles of the Presidency, bureaucracy, and Congress in the making of foreign policy. The history of American foreign policy will be studied to contextualize present foreign policy and likely future scenarios. The impact of US economic policy in an era of globalization will be explored. Central to the course will be an investigation of the relationship of the US to other major powers and to international institutions.

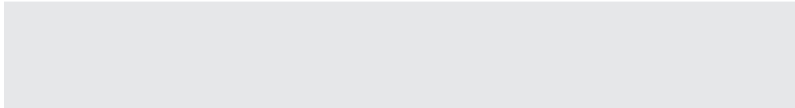
**POLS-3333. I d c P ca Ec**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of political economy as a subfield of political science. The first part of the course examines main conceptual frameworks in the study of the relationship between states and markets on the basis of classic readings. The second part of the course covers topics in market regulation, politics of development, and international political economy. Prerequisite: ECON 2153, or POLS 1603, and permission of the instructor.



**POLS-3613. Model United Nations**

This course will prepare students for participation in a Model United Nations, either Canadian or American sponsored. In a model UN simulation, students represent an assigned country's foreign policy on assigned issues on the UN agenda. The course will begin with an examination of the UN and its procedures. Subsequent topics will include researching the assigned UN issues and the assigned country's policy on them; preparation of working papers



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### **IREL-4003. I de e de S d**

This course is an independent study course that is designed to encourage students enrolled in the International Relations Program to seek international experience for credit. The course is flexible with respect to what international experiences will count as part of the course. It is geared towards promoting student exchanges between St. Thomas students and STU-affiliated institutions around the world, but summer internships, student working-abroad programs, and similar endeavors may be considered acceptable examples of international exposure. The final determination of the acceptability of a program will be made by the International Relations Program Director. The course is also designed to allow students to do a separate writing project for credit, if that is their preference. The IR Program Director or another, suitable member of the faculty, will supervise any written projects. Prerequisite: Course is restricted to students who are enrolled in the International Relations Program.

### **IREL-4013. H Thesis**

The Honours Thesis is an extended scholarly paper on a topic related to international relations, written under the supervision of a faculty member who agrees to serve as thesis Director. A booklet entitled Guidelines for the Honours Thesis, produced by the International Relations Program, will serve to provide answers to the technical questions involved in writing the thesis. Prerequisite: Course is restricted to students who are enrolled in the International Relations Program.

### **POLS-3003. Special Topics**

The content of this course changes from year to year to reflect the special strengths of faculty and particular needs of students.

### **POLS-3913. Honors Thesis Preparation**

The purpose of this course is to afford students who seek to write the Honours thesis an 3 (o-/MCID 21d

## O e C e

Below is a list of classes offered in other departments that can be counted as Advanced International Relations and/or Area Studies. This is not an exhaustive list and does not include courses from the University of New Brunswick that may also qualify. All of these courses will not be offered every year. Before including one of these classes as part of your International Relations program, please confirm and get permission to use the course from the Director of the IR program.

- CRIM 3643-Terrorism: An Introduction
- ECON 2303-Gender in the Global South
- ECON 3153-Political Economy II
- ECON 3333-Perspective on Underdevelopment
- ECON 3343-Banking and International Finance
- ENGL 3433-World Literature in English: West Indies and Africa
- ENGL 3443-World Literature in English: India
- HIST 3113- Modern and Revolutionary China
- HIST 3123- Student Movements in East Asia
- HIST 3163-Gandhi, India and the World
- HIST 3203-The British Atlantic World
- HIST 3343-Europe Since 1945
- HIST 3373- The Germanies Since 1945
- HIST 3373-Slavery in World History
- HIST 3603-Disney and World History
- HIST 3613-Gender and Power in Latin America
- HIST 3643-Race and Racism in Modern History
- HIST 3743-Contemporary US History
- HIST 3943-Genocide in World History
- HMRT 3063-Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity
- HMRT 3123-International Human Rights (note that this course can be taken in place of PS

