

### Foreign Language Requirement

The International Relations major requires a level of proficiency in a modern language beyond that required by the University's language requirement. Students may indicate their attainment of this enhanced proficiency in one of the four ways:

1. A student may complete a second major in a modern language or may minor in a modern language.
2. A student whose native language is not English may choose to use her native language to fulfill the language proficiency requirement in International Relations.
3. Students can choose to use French, Spanish, Chinese or Japanese to fulfill the international relations requirement (see course catalog under International Relations for specific courses).
4. Students who wish to use a modern language not taught at Simmons to fulfill the requirement may petition the International Relations Steering Committee, which will determine whether the level of proficiency in that language meets the requirement.

### Core Requirements

Majors will complete a core of the following courses. Students are encouraged to take ECON 100, ECON 101, POLS 102, HIST 101 and HIST 128 in the first or second year.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
ECON/ WGST 214	Gender, Globalization, and Development* (Fall)	4	
HIST 101	World Civilizations II: Colonialism and Post-Colonialism Prerequisites:	4	
HIST 128	Modern European History: 1789-1989 (Fall)	4	
POLS 102	Introduction to International Politics	4	
POLS 220 or POLS 223	International Organizations and Law** or Human Rights: The Basic Dilemmas	4	

\* Prerequisites: ECON 100 and ECON 101 or by consent

\*\* Prerequisite: POLS 102

Choose ONE of the following courses. ECON 100 and ECON 101 are prerequisites for both.

Course Selected	Credits	Completed
	4	

ECON 218	International Trade (Fall)
ECON 220	International Monetary Systems (Spring)

### Electives

Choose THREE electives in one of the following areas: *Global and Human Security*, *Political Economy and Development*, *Transnational Issues of Culture and Identity*, or *Geographical Area Studies* (see list below).

Course Selected	Credits	Completed
	4	
	4	
	4	

### Capstone

Complete one of the three options to fulfill the Capstone Requirement:

- INRL 390 (junior or senior year)
- One 300-level POLS course with an IR focus (junior or senior year)
- Complete a Senior Honors Thesis

Capstone Selected	Credits	Completed
	4-8	

### Elective Areas

#### Global and Human Security

HIST 203	History of East Asian and US Foreign Relations
HIST 205	Global Environmental History
HIST 237	Holocaust
HIST 248	US Foreign Policy: 1898-1945
HIST 251	Global Perspectives on 9/11
HON 303	HIV/AIDS: The Intersection of Science and Society
NUTR 150	International Nutrition Issues
POLS 221	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
POLS 223	Human Rights: The Basic Dilemmas
POLS 224	Human (In)Security
POLS 229	Comparative Foreign Policy
POLS 244	Crisis and Transition in Contemporary Africa
POLS 248	Terrorism
POLS / HIST 249	US Foreign Policy: 1945-Present
POLS / COMM 268	Human Rights in South Africa

#### Political Economy and Development

ECON / HON 124	BRICS and the Global Economy
ECON 216	Economic Development (Prerequisites: ECON 100/101)
ECON 222	Comparative Economies of East Asia (Prerequisites: ECON 100/101)
NUTR 150	International Nutrition Issues
POLS 104	Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 225	International Politics of East Asia
POLS 242	African Politics
POLS 245	Policy of Newly Industrializing Countries
POLS 245M	Policy of Newly Industrializing Countries (Thailand Short-Term Course)
SOCI 245	International Health

#### Transnational Issues of Culture and Identity

FREN 266	The Quest for Identity: The Self and the Other in French Literature Tradition
FREN 316	Outside France: Perspectives from the French-Speaking World
HIST 231	Understanding Islam in Historical Perspective
HIST 251	Global Perspectives on 9/11
HIST 361	Topics in World History; Cross-Cultural Encounters: Contacts, Connections & Conflict
HIST 364	The Rape of Nanjing
HON 201	Conflict and Identity in Sudan

HON 203	Islam and the West
HON 204	France and the Francophone World
INRL 202	Special Topics in International Relations (May count in another area, depending on topic)
POLS 202	Special Topics in Political Science (May count in another area, depending on topic)
POLS 240	Islam and the West
POLS 247	The Politics of Religious Extremism
SOCI 267	Globalization
SOCI 270	South Asia: People and Power
SOCI 348	Re-Envisioning the Third World
SPAN 314	Hispanic Culture as Seen Through Film
SPAN 380	Migrant in the City: Fieldwork Seminar on Puerto Rican Culture

### Geographic Area Studies

#### Africa

FREN 316	Outside France: Perspectives from the French-Speaking World
HON 201	Conflict and Identity in Sudan
POLS 242	Government and Politics in Africa
POLS / COMM 268	Human Rights in South Africa

#### Asia

CHIN 310	Chinese Civilization: Past and Present
ECON 222	Comparative Economics of East Asia (Prerequisites: ECON 100 and ECON 101)
HIST 201	The Dynamics of Japanese History
HIST 202	Asia to the 18 <sup>th</sup> Century
HIST 203	History of East Asian and US Foreign Relations
HIST 204	Japanese Culture, Gender, Family and Society
HIST 206	The Rise of Modern China
HIST 207	Gender, Family and Society in Modern China
HIST 362	Reforms and Revolutions in Asia
HIST 364	The Rape of Nanjing
JAPN 310	Japanese Civilization
POLS 225	International Politics of East Asia
POLS 241	The Dragon Ascendant: Politics & Policy-making in Contemporary China
POLS 245	Policy of Newly Industrializing Countries
POLS 245M	Policy of Newly Industrializing Countries (Thailand Short-Term Course)
SOCI 270	South Asia: People and Power

#### Europe

FREN 266	The Quest for Identity: The Self and the Other in French Literature Tradition
FREN 310	Inside France: Studies in French Culture
HIST 230	Women and Gender in Europe
HIST 237	Holocaust
HON 301	Explosive Mix: When Ethnicity, Religion and Nationalism Collide
POLS 233	Politics and Catastrophe: Political Thought in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
POLS 240	Islam and the West
POLS 246	Politics of Western Europe
POLS 266	France: Economic, Socio-Cultural and Political Change
SPAN 253	Social and Political Issues in Modern Spain
SPAN 264	Pushing the Limits: The Quest for Freedom in Contemporary Hispanic Theater
SPAN 310	The Making of Spain: Studies in Spanish Culture
SPAN 314	Hispanic Culture as Seen Through Film

**Latin America**

HIST 218	Topics in Latin American History: Central America and the Caribbean
HON 202	Political Upheaval in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Latin America
POLS 250	Democratization in Latin America
SOCI 277	Introduction to Latin American Studies
SPAN 266	Imagination, Freedom and Repression in Latin American Literature
SPAN 312	Society and Politics in Latin America
SPAN 332	Contemporary Fiction in Latin America
SPAN 395	Special Topics

**Middle East**

HIST 231	Understanding Islam in Historical Perspective
HON 203	Islam and the West
POLS 221	The Arab-Israeli Conflict
POLS 243	Middle Eastern Politics
POLS 264	Political Economic Evolution of Egypt

**PLAN Requirements**

Year	Semester	Course Title	Credits	Complete	
<b>One</b>	Fall	<b>BOS 101:</b> The Boston Course	4		
		<b>SIM 101:</b> The Simmons Course: Explore	2		
	Spring	<b>LDR 101:</b> The Leadership Course	4		
<b>Two</b>	Fall or Spring	<b>The Learning Community:</b> Two discipline courses & one integrative seminar	8		
		<b>SIM 201:</b> The Simmons Course: Experience	1		
<b>Three</b>	Fall or Spring	<b>SIM 301:</b> The Simmons Course: Excel	1		
<b>Three &amp; Four</b>	Fall or Spring	<b>3D*</b> – Design Across Diverse Disciplines	12		
<b>Any</b>	<b>Requirements</b>		<b>Course Selected</b>		
	<b>Language:</b> Two semesters in the same language, taken sequentially and strongly encouraged to complete within their first two years.			4	
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	<b>Quantitative Literacy (QL)</b>			4	
	<b>Key Content Areas** (KCAs)</b>	Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)			4
		Global Cultural (GC)		ECON/WGST 214	4
Scientific Inquiry (SCI)			4		
Social and Historical (SH)		HIST 128	4		

\***3D**– Design Across Diverse Disciplines– requirement may be met with one course in your major, and two additional courses that may also count as KCAs.

\*\***KCAs** – May be covered by Major, Learning Community and/or 3D courses.

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