

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR

Mission

The mission of the International Relations minor (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/international-relations-minor/>) is to provide students with the knowledge (about the key ideas, institutions, and actors involved in global politics), skills (critical thinking, research, writing, and diplomacy), and attitudes (about human nature, society, and the world, reflecting Christian ethical principles in foreign affairs) needed in order to impact the world for Jesus Christ in the diverse callings of politics, missions, business, and others.

Minor Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the International Relations minor students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of fundamental theories in international relations and will demonstrate basic familiarity with key global institutions, actors, and world geography (ULO 1).
2. Justify foreign policy prescriptions and evaluate international issues based on scriptural and ethical principles (ULO 2).
3. Demonstrate basic competence in both policy analysis of international issues and in professional communication (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

Curriculum Requirements

A Minor in International Relations is offered with the completion of 18 credits. For Political Science majors, no more than 6 credits from the major may count toward this minor.

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		
POSC 208	World Politics	3
POSC 308	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy	3
Select 12 credits from the following. Credits for Experiential Learning (see below) may count toward the 12 required credits in this section.		12
POSC 309	National Security Strategy and Military Affairs	
POSC 317	Politics of Global Terrorism	
POSC 365	Wealth and Justice	
POSC 407	International Organizations and Political Economy	
POSC 409	Strategic Intelligence	
POSC 415	Human Rights: Justice and Foreign Policy	
Students may select one of the following:		
POSC 453	The Islamic City	
POSC 454	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
POSC 455	History of Israel and Zionism	

POSC 456 Muslim, Jewish and Christian Relations

Experiential Learning Courses:

Students may only apply 6 credits of the following courses. Credits earned from experiential learning count toward the 12 elective credits needed to complete the minor.

POSC 490	Internship in Political Science
POSC 240	Liberty and the Free Market in England ¹

Off-campus study experience (Limit of 3 credits) ¹

Total Credits **18**

¹ Students in the IR minor are strongly encouraged to either study abroad for a semester, or to participate in a faculty-led study tour with the Political Science Department, such as POSC 240.