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Offered through the Institute for Politics and Strategy (IPS), the International Relations and Politics (IRP) BHA concentration analyzes the role of politics at the national, regional, international, and transnational levels; examines political and institutional arrangements within and among these levels; and investigates the grand strategy of nation-states.

Statesmen, scholars, and policy makers often define grand strategy as the combination of diplomatic, economic, military, and political factors used by leaders to defend their respective nation-states. The IRP concentration investigates the way in which leaders and citizens construct grand strategy and national security policy more generally; the impact of domestic and international forces on states’ security and economic policies; and the significance of alliances, coalitions, and international institutions for world politics. Although the study of grand strategy and political institutions is the flagship initiative of the concentration, students are also able to study the effects of culture, economics, and society on the international system through a rich set of elective courses.

Thinking systematically about international and domestic politics is the core objective of the IRP concentration. The concentration is rooted in the discipline of political science but also utilizes the interdisciplinary strengths of decision science, economics, and political history. Thus, students pursuing this concentration will use the analytic tools of game theory, economic and statistical analysis, qualitative analysis, rational choice theory, and theories of behavioral decision making as they study alliances, coalitions, institutions, and political strategy.

The name of the concentration signifies that those studying IRP learn about international relations and domestic politics from the standpoint of the discipline of political science. Also, the concentration taps into and contributes to CMU’s strengths in other social sciences that combine analytical and empirical methods. IRP includes an innovative initiative that incorporates decision science in international relations. It enables students to apply the burgeoning science of judgment and decision making to understanding political actors’ strategies and foibles, the strengths and weaknesses of formal methods of policy analysis (e.g., cost, risk, benefit, analysis), and the factors shaping public responses to politics and policies.

Recognizing the influence of language and culture on politics, students are required to complete the intermediate (200) level or its equivalent in a modern language other than English. Advanced level study is strongly encouraged.

Open to all Carnegie Mellon undergraduates, the Carnegie Mellon University Washington Semester Program (CMU/WSP) allows students to study public policy and intern in Washington for one semester. Courses taken through CMU/WSP will count toward the elective sequence in politics and public policy for the IRP concentration.

IRP students interested in developing their research skills are encouraged to apply for a research position with the Center for International Relations and Politics or work directly with a member of the IPS faculty. Students are also encouraged to join student organizations focused on domestic or international politics. Becoming involved in the Institute for Politics and Strategy, as well as attending lectures and events sponsored by the Center for International Relations and Politics will provide additional opportunities for students. Students are also encouraged to submit their work for publication in the CIRP Journal, an online and print publication that analyzes current problems facing the United States and the international system.

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Language Requirement

BHA IRP students are required to complete the intermediate (200) level or the equivalent in a modern language other than English. The language requirement may be satisfied by the BHA General Education Modern Languages requirement if the 200-level is reached. Advanced level study is strongly encouraged.
Electives (3 courses, 21 units minimum)

International Relations and Politics BHA students will either:

**Option 1** Take 21 units (three courses) from the elective lists below. At least two courses must be from the Institute for Politics and Strategy (84-xxx).

**Grand Strategy and Political Institutions**
- 66-221 Topics of Law: Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
- 79-203 From the Habsburg Monarchy to Communism: Central Europe, 1740-1990
- 79-298 Mobile Phones & Social Media in Development & Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal
- 79-301 History of Surveillance: From the Plantation to Data Capitalism
- 79-302 Killer Robots: The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Lethal Autonomous Weapons System
- 80-135 Introduction to Political Philosophy
- 80-321 Causation, Law, and Social Policy
- 80-335 Social and Political Philosophy
- 84-250 Writing for Political Science and Policy
- 84-309 Political Behavior
- 84-319 U.S. Foreign Policy and Interventions in World Affairs
- 84-320 Domestic Politics and International Affairs
- 84-321 Autocrats and Democrats
- 84-322 Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution
- 84-323 War and Peace in the Contemporary Middle East
- 84-324 The Future of Democracy
- 84-325 Contemporary American Foreign Policy
- 84-362 Diplomacy and Statecraft
- 84-363 Comparative Legal Systems
- 84-364 Comparative Presidential Behavior: Leadership, Personality, and Decision Making
- 84-366 The American Presidency
- 84-370 Global Nuclear Politics
- 84-372 Space and National Security
- 84-373 Emerging Technologies and the Law
- 84-380 Grand Strategy in the United States
- 84-386 The Privatization of Force
- 84-387 Technology and Policy of Cyber War
- 84-388 Concepts of War and Cyber War
- 84-389 Terrorism and Insurgency
- 84-390 Social Media, Technology, and Conflict
- 84-393 Legislative Decision Making: US Congress
- 84-402 Judicial Politics and Behavior
- 84-405 The Future of Warfare
- 84-414 International and Subnational Security
- 88-281 Topics in Law: 1st Amendment
- 88-284 Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights

**Economics and Society**
- 19-452 EPP Projects
- 70-342 Managing Across Cultures
- 70-355 International Trade and International Law
- 70-430 International Management
- 73-103 Principles of Macroeconomics
- 73-328 Health Economics
- 73-332 Political Economy
- 79-386 Entrepreneurs in Africa, Past, Present and Future
- 80-136 Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics
- 80-244 Environmental Ethics
- 80-249 AI, Society, and Humanity
- 80-348 Health, Human Rights, and International Development
- 80-447 Global Justice
- 84-308 Political Economy of Latin America
- 84-310 International Political Economy
- 84-311 International Development: Theory and Praxis
- 84-312 Gender and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 84-313 International Organizations and Law
- 84-315 Contemporary Debates in Human Rights
- 84-318 Politics of Developing Nations
- 88-411 Rise of the Asian Economies
International Cultures
76-318 Communicating in the Global Marketplace 9
76-386 Language & Culture 9
79-205 20th Century Europe 9
79-223 Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War 9
79-224 Mayan America 9
79-227 Modern Africa: The Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid 9
79-229 Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1880-1948 9
79-230 Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1948 9
79-233 The United States and the Middle East since 1945 9
79-257 Germany and the Second World War 9
79-259 France During World War II 9
79-262 Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now 9
79-264 Tibet and China: History and Propaganda 6
79-265 Russian History: Tsar, Power, and Rebellion 9
79-266 Russian History and Revolutionary Socialism 9
79-267 The Soviet Union in World War II: Military, Political, and Social History 9
79-275 Introduction to Global Studies 9
79-288 Bananas, Baseball, and Borders: Latin America and the United States 9
79-291 Globalization in East African History 6
79-307 Religion and Politics in the Middle East 9
79-313 "Unwanted": Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Patterns of Global Migration 6
79-314 The Politics and Culture of Memory 9
79-318 Sustainable Social Change: History and Practice 9
79-320 Women, Politics, and Protest 9
79-338 History of Education in America 9
79-342 Introduction to Science and Technology Studies 9
79-343 Education, Democracy, and Civil Rights 9
79-377 Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating 9
79-381 Energy and Empire: How Fossil Fuels Changed the World 9
79-385 Out of Africa: The Making of the African Diaspora 9
84-333 Effects of US Policy on Businesses: Perspectives of Asian Americans 6
84-334 Presidential Power in a Constitutional System 6
84-336 Implementing Public Policy: From Good Idea To Reality 12
84-337 Biomedical Science Research, Policy, and Governance 6
84-343 Language and Power: How to Understand and Use Political Speech 6
84-346 Legal Issues in Public Administration 6
84-348 Advocacy, Policy and Practice 6

OR

Option 2) Complete their electives via the Carnegie Mellon University Washington Semester Program (CMU/WSP) Politics and Public Policy elective sequence.

The Washington Semester Program (CMU/WSP) Politics and Public Policy Elective Sequence includes:
84-450 Policy Forum (This course will count as the Policy Forum Core Course Requirement) 12
84-339 CMU/WSP Internship Seminar 12
84-3xx CMU/WSP Elective Seminars (Take 24 units from the elective list below) 24

CMU/WSP Politics and Public Policy Elective Seminars
84-330 The Shading of Democracy: The Influence of Race on American Politics 6
84-331 Money, Media, and the Power of Data in Decisionmaking 6
84-332 Effects of US Policy on Businesses: Perspectives of Asian Americans 6
84-333 Power and Levers for Change in Washington, DC 12
84-334 Presidential Power in a Constitutional System 6
84-336 Implementing Public Policy: From Good Idea To Reality 12
84-337 Biomedical Science Research, Policy, and Governance 6
84-343 Language and Power: How to Understand and Use Political Speech 6
84-346 Legal Issues in Public Administration 6
84-348 Advocacy, Policy and Practice 6