

BHA-International Relations & Political Science

Fall 2023

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in International Relations & Political Science 81 units (minimum)

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Offered through the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Security and Technology (CMIST), the International Relations and Political Science (IRPS) BHA concentration is for students who want to learn how to think systematically and develop foundational knowledge about international and domestic politics. It is an interdisciplinary major that is rooted firmly in political science and draws on strengths and insights from decision science, economics, history, modern languages, and other fields. IRPS students wrestle with a wide range of issues including the future of democracy, the relationship between technology and politics, the drivers of war and peace, domestic politics across countries, and the formulation of effective foreign policies. IRPS graduates embark on a variety of careers in government, law, public policy, intelligence, national defense, consulting, international development, and more.

Core disciplinary courses for the IRPS major establish a strong foundation in the study of political science and enable students to better understand the workings of political institutions, political behavior across countries, the decision-making of political leaders, the making national and international policy, and prevailing challenges to the international system, among other topics.

Core methodology courses train IRPS students in the social science tools and communications skills needed to analyze and write persuasively about international relations and politics. Students pursuing an IRPS major learn to use a wide range of analytic tools including statistics and data science, qualitative analysis, game theory, and behavioral decision-making models as they study politics and strategy. Students also learn how to effectively communicate their analyses to affect public policy.

A rich set of electives allows students to investigate issues in security and technology, grand strategy and national security, cybersecurity and international conflict, military strategy and doctrine, the politics of key regions of the world, international political economy and economic policy, representation and voting rights, climate change and development, repression and human rights, international law and diplomacy, political psychology and public opinion, and social change and revolution.

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.

BHA students take 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Prerequisite

84-110	Foundations of Political Economy	9
or 73-102	Principles of Microeconomics	
or 73-103	Principles of Macroeconomics	

Core Courses (7 courses, 60 units)

84-104	Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-226	International Relations	9
84-250	Writing for Political Science and Policy	9
84-266	Research Design for Political Science	9
84-267	Data Science for Political Science	9
or 36-202	Methods for Statistics and Data Science	
84-275	Comparative Politics	9
84-450	Policy Seminar	6

Language Requirement

BHA IRPS 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 Political Science BHA students must take 21 units (three courses) from the elective lists below. Two courses (18 units) must be taken from the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Security and Technology (CMIST) and have an 84-number.

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CMIST Electives

84-200	Security War Game Simulation	6
84-252	Briefing in the Policy World	6
84-303	International Human Rights	6
84-304	In the News: Analysis of Current National Security Priorities	6
84-306	Latin American Politics	9
84-307	Economic and Political History of Contemporary China	9
84-310	International Political Economy	9
84-312	Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa	6
84-315	Political Economy of International Migration	9
84-316	Political Economy of Transatlantic Partnership	9
84-317	Defense Resourcing: From Strategy to Execution	6
84-318	Politics of Developing Nations	9
84-319	Civil-Military Relations	9
84-322	Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution	9
84-323	War and Peace in the Contemporary Middle East	9
84-324	The Future of Democracy	9
84-325	Contemporary American Foreign Policy	9
84-327	Repression and Control in Dictatorships	9
84-328	Military Strategy and Doctrine	9
84-329	Asian Strategies	6
84-352	Representation and Voting Rights	9
84-354	The American Experiment: Unravelling the US Electoral System	6
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9
84-365	The Politics of Fake News and Misinformation	9
84-369	Decision Science for International Relations	9
84-370	Nuclear Security & Arms Control	9
84-372	Space and National Security	9
84-373	Emerging Technologies and International Law	9
84-374	Technology, Weapons, and International Conflict	9
84-380	US Grand Strategy	9
84-383	Cyber Policy as National Policy	6
84-386	The Privatization of Force	9
84-387	Remote Systems and the Cyber Domain in Conflict	9
84-388	Concepts of War and Cyber War	6
84-389	Terrorism and Insurgency	9
84-390	Social Media, Technology, and Conflict	9
84-393	Legislative Decision Making: US Congress	9
84-402	Judicial Politics and Behavior	9
84-405	The Future of Warfare	9
84-421	Advanced Topics in American Politics	9
84-440	Collaborative Research in Political Science	Var.

Additional Electives

19-452	EPP Projects II	12
70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
70-365	International Trade and International Law	9
70-430	International Management	9
73-332	Political Economy	9
76-318	Communicating in the Global Marketplace	9
79-203	The Other Europe: The Habsburgs, Communism, & Central/Eastern Europe, 1740-1990	9
79-205	20th Century Europe	9
80-136	Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9
79-223	Mexico: From the Aztec Empire to the Drug War	9
79-227	Modern Africa: The Slave Trade to the End of Apartheid	9
79-229	The Origins of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, 1880-1948	9
79-230	The Arab-Israeli Conflict and Peace Process since 1948	9
79-257	Germany and the Second World War	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-264	Tibet and China: History and Propaganda	9
79-265	Russian History: Game of Thrones	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
79-301	History of Surveillance: From the Plantation to Data Capitalism	6
79-302	Killer Robots: The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems	9
79-313	"Unwanted": Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Patterns of Global Migration	6
79-314	How do we remember? The Politics and Cultures of Memory	9
79-318	Sustainable Social Change: History and Practice	9
79-320	Women, Politics, and Protest	9

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79-343	Education, Democracy, and Civil Rights	9
79-377	Food, Culture, and Power: A History of Eating	9
79-385	Out of Africa: The Making of the African Diaspora	9
80-135	Introduction to Political Philosophy	9
80-136	Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9
80-249	AI, Society, and Humanity	9
80-321	Causation, Law, and Social Policy	9
80-335	Social and Political Philosophy	9
80-348	Health, Human Rights, and International Development	9
80-447	Global Justice	9
82-3xx or 4xx	Advanced Level Modern Language Class	
88-281	Topics in Law: 1st Amendment	9
88-284	Topics of Law: The Bill of Rights	9
88-411	Rise of the Asian Economies	9