

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Bachelor of Science in International Affairs (BS INTA) program includes instruction in international affairs, foreign languages, ethics and philosophy, social and natural sciences, and computer science. Upper-division coursework provides training in four substantive areas:

- technology, and scientific analysis, and ethics;
- international security and diplomacy;
- comparative politics, cultures, and societies; and
- international political economy.

Graduates of the BS INTA program are prepared for advanced graduate and professional study and are ready for employment in internationally oriented firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

International Affairs majors are expected to enhance their education through participation in the International Plan, study abroad programs, internships, and a host of on- and off-campus programs. In addition to the numerous opportunities afforded through Georgia Tech's Office of International Education, the Sam Nunn School sponsors rigorous summer study abroad programs across the world. Recognizing the importance of professional experience in enhancing a student's education, the Sam Nunn School encourages majors to pursue an internship or participate in the Cooperative Plan in their field of interest. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to get involved in a range of extracurricular activities, including student groups and conferences. Students are actively involved in the guest lecture series and participate in the Sam Nunn/Bank of America Policy Forum.

INTA Undergraduate Information

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
APPH 1040	Scientific Foundations of Health	2
	or APPH 10 The Science of Physical Activity and Health	
	or APPH 10 Flourishing: Strategies for Well-being and Resilience	
Core IMPACTS		
Institutional Priority		
CS 1315	Introduction to Media Computation	3
	or CS 1301 Introduction to Computing	
Mathematics and Quantitative Skills		
MATH 1712	Survey of Calculus	4
	or MATH 1555 Integral Calculus	
Political Science and U.S. History		
HIST 2111	The United States to 1877	3
	or HIST 2117 The United States since 1877	
	or INTA 1200 American Government in Comparative Perspective	
	or POL 1101 Government of the United States	
	or PUBP 3000 American Constitutional Issues	
Arts, Humanities, and Ethics		
Any HUM		6
Communicating in Writing		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3

ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences		
Lab Science		4
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MATH 1711	Finite Mathematics	4
	or MATH 15 Differential Calculus	
	& MATH 15 and Introduction to Linear Algebra	
Social Sciences		
Any SS		9
Field of Study		
INTA 2010	Empirical Methods ²	3
INTA 2040	Science, Technology, and International Affairs ²	3
Select nine hours of INTA electives: ²		9
INTA	INTA 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000-level courses	
electives		
Select one of the following: ⁴		3
	BMED 2400 Introduction to Bioengineering Statistics	
CP 4510	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems	
CS 1301	Introduction to Computing	
CS 1315	Introduction to Media Computation	
CS 1316	Representing Structure and Behavior	
CS 1331	Introduction to Object Oriented Programming	
CS 2316	Data Manipulation for Science and Industry	
EAS 3110	Energy, Environment, and Society	
EAS 4480	Environmental Data Analysis	
ECE 2020	Digital System Design	
ID 3103	Industrial Design Computing I	
LMC 3402	Graphic and Visual Design	
LMC 3410	The Rhetoric of Nonlinear Documents	
ME 2016	Computer Applications	
MGT 2210	Information Systems and Digital Transformation	
MGT 4051	Decision Support and Expert Systems	
MGT 4052	Systems Analysis and Design	
Major Requirements		
INTA 1110	Introduction to International Relations ²	3
INTA 2001	Careers in International Affairs	1
INTA 3110	U.S. Foreign Policy ²	3
INTA 3203	Comparative Politics ²	3
INTA 3301	International Political Economy ²	3
INTA 4500	Pro-Seminar in International Affairs ²	3
Additional INTA Electives		
INTA Electives 3000, 4000-level ²		12
Modern Languages ¹		12
Economics Requirement (select one):		3
	ECON 2100 Economic Analysis and Policy Problems	
	ECON 2101 The Global Economy	
	ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics	
	ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics	
History Requirement ⁶		3
Free Electives		

Free Electives	13
Total Credit Hours	122

For all language courses, the language of instruction must be the same as the language of learning. English-taught culture courses will not apply to language requirements but can be used as humanities credit.

- ¹ Students must complete twelve credit hours of the same language.
- ² Minimum grade of C required.
- ³ 15 credits required in either the same prefix or part of a coherent theme. Please consult with advisor on course selection.
- ⁴ Technical elective.
- ⁵ Students must complete 39 hours of upper division (3000/4000-level courses). Fifteen hours of the non-major cluster, free electives, language, HTS, or technical elective requirements must be upper division (3000/4000-level coursework). See <https://catalog.gatech.edu/rules/13/>.
- ⁶ Choose one non-U.S. History course

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Research Option

The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs also participates in the Research Option plan offered by the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). The Research Option offers students the opportunity for in-depth research experience working under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Requirements for participation in the Research Option include completing nine hours of undergraduate research, at least six of which are on the same topic, writing a research proposal, taking two 1-hour courses: LMC 4701 Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing (typically taken during the first or second semester of research) and LMC 4702 Undergraduate Research Thesis Writing (taken during the term in which the thesis is written), and completing the thesis. Students are also required to send a weekly update of progress of research to the faculty mentor. Along with their application, students must explain how the faculty mentor's research experience will benefit the student's research.

International Plan

International Affairs majors with the International Plan are engaged in a combination of study, research, or internship abroad for a total of twenty-six weeks. This overseas experience must be obtained over two terms (a summer and semester, or two semesters). In addition to gaining advanced global competence, the International Plan designation will set INTA students apart from other applicants with recruiters from top companies and governmental agencies. Required coursework for the International Plan is easily satisfied by the International Affairs core curriculum as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
INTA 1110	Introduction to International Relations ¹	3
INTA 3301	International Political Economy ²	3

Select one of the following: ³	3
INTA 3203 Comparative Politics	
INTA approved elective or upper-division Modern Language course	
Select one of the following: ⁴	3
INTA 4500 Pro-Seminar in International Affairs	
ML 4500 Intercultural Seminar	
Total Credit Hours	12

- ¹ focuses on international relations historically and theoretically
- ² provides a historical and theoretical understanding of the global economy, including topics such as international trade, finance, investment, and production; regional economic integration, economic development and modernization; and questions of natural resource sustainability
- ³ provides familiarity with an area of the world or a country that allows students to make systematic comparisons with their own society and culture
- ⁴ A culminating course, occurring either at the end of or after the international experience that integrates knowledge of the discipline and the international experience in a global context.

BS/MS International Affairs

The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs offers a BS/MS program for students enrolled in the International Affairs undergraduate program who demonstrate an interest in and ability for additional education beyond the BS degree.

Students in the BS/MS program will remain undergraduates until they meet requirements for the undergraduate degree, at which point they will receive their BS degree and be changed to graduate status. Students will be eligible to apply for the program after completion of 45 semester credit hours at Georgia Tech (i.e., at the end of their third semester), and if they show appropriate progress in their degree program thereafter. Any student in good standing in the BS INTA program is eligible to apply to the program. Admissions decisions will be based on GPA and judgments of the faculty who have served as advisors or instructors. Continuation in the program will require the student to maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in Ivan Allen College courses. The program will not penalize students who opt out after the bachelor's degree. Students participating in this program will be eligible for the six semester credit-hour Graduate Course Option, which allows students completing both the bachelor's and master's in the same discipline to use up to 6 credit hours of graduate-level coursework in the major discipline for both degrees.

The Graduate-level Credits Required in the BS/MS Program are usually as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Core (includes 6 hours of shared courses)	15
	Electives	24
	Technical Requirement	3
Total Credit Hours		42

Specific Requirements for the Program

Code	Title	Credit Hours
INTA 6202	Comparative Politics (Taken at Undergraduate Level)	3
INTA 6302	International Political Economy (Taken at Undergraduate Level)	3
INTA 6003	Empirical Research Methods	3
INTA 6102	International Relations Theory	3
INTA 6103	International Security	3
MS Track and Free Electives		24
Technical Requirement (or, INTA/Free elective, if waived)		3
Total Credit Hours		42

Contact the BS/MS program director for further information.
<https://inta.gatech.edu/programs/graduate/five-year-bsms-inta>

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