

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR (B.A.)

The major in International Affairs (IA) offers students the opportunity to gain knowledge, perspectives, and analytical skills needed to navigate an increasingly globalized world. The curriculum draws on Bentley's business strengths while providing the multidisciplinary perspectives of politics, international relations, geography, and culture that are necessary to understand complex international interactions.

The International Affairs Major emphasizes "hands-on" learning programs, such as internationally focused internships, in-class simulations, and Service-Learning. All IA majors complete an approved international experience (semester or summer study abroad programs or faculty-led international courses).

With the advice of their IA advisor, students design a program that matches their academic interests, career goals, or plans for future graduate or professional studies. Students interested in international business can also combine the International Affairs Major with a relevant Business major and enroll in the International Business Program.

The International Affairs Major prepares students for dynamic careers in the private, public, or nonprofit sectors.

For further information about degree requirement policies and guidelines, see the Degree Requirements (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/) page.

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
GLS 101 or GLS 102	Globalization Politics and Power Worldwide: Intro to Comparative Political Analysis	3
GLS 110 or GLS 114	Global Regions Cross-Cultural Understanding	3
GLS 116	International Relations	3
GLS 403	Model United Nations	3
One GLS course at the 300 level or higher		3
Three GLS 200-level or above courses ¹		9
A Global Experience ²		
Total Credits		24

¹ IB 200 also counts as a GLS 200-level elective.

² A Global Experience includes: study abroad for a semester or the equivalent in short-term programs, internships, or other experience approved by the department.

General Degree Requirements Foundations for Success (15 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
FDS 100	Falcon Discovery Seminar	3
Communications and Writing		
Select one from:		
EMS 101	Critical Reading and Writing	3

or EMS 101L	Critical Reading and Writing with Lab	
or EMS 102	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students	
or EMS 102L	Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students with Lab	

And one from:

EMS 104	Multimodal Communication	3
or EMS 105	Multimodal Communication for Multilingual Students	

Information Technology

CS 100	Solving Business Problems with Information Technology	3
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Mathematical Sciences

Select one from:

MA 105	Mathematical Foundations for Business	3
or MA 105L	Mathematical Foundations for Business with Lab	
or MA 107	Applied Calculus for Business	
or MA 107L	Applied Calculus for Business with Lab	
or MA 131	Calculus I	
or MA 131L	Calculus I with Lab	

Total Credits		15
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Context and Perspectives (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
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Students must take six courses, one in each category of Context and Perspectives:

Culture, Change, and Behavior (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#culturechangeandbehavior)

Globalization (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#globalization)

Institutions and Power (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#institutionsandpower)

Race, Gender, and Inequality (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#racegenderandinequality)

Scientific Inquiry (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#scientificinquiry)

Values, Ethics, and Society (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#valuesethicsandsociety)

Total Credits		18
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Business Dynamics/Business Administration Minor (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
All courses are required:		
AC 115	Introduction to Financial Reporting and Analysis	3
EC 111	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FI 118	Introduction to Finance	3
LA 100	Business Law	3
MG 116	Human Dynamics in Organizations	3

ST 113	Business Statistics	3
Total Credits		18

Communication Intensive

All students are required to take a three-credit course designated as a Communication Intensive. This requirement can be met within a variety of course subjects in both Arts & Sciences and Business. Communication Intensive courses are designated with a "Communication Intensive" course tag in Workday. *Transfer students with a minimum of 30 credits will be waived from the Communication Intensive requirement.*

Please note that certain majors have an additional three-credit Communication Intensive built into their major requirements, separate from the general CI requirement.

Additional Requirements

Modern Language Requirement (6 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Two Modern Language courses (must be two semesters of the same language, regardless of proficiency level)		6
Total Credits		6

Unrestricted Electives (39 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 13 elective courses		39
Total Credits		39

Total: 120 Credits