

USD MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

I. Core Courses (7.5 units)

- ___ POLS 530 (3 units) or POLS 535 Research Design (1.5 units)
- ___ POLS 550 Comparative Politics (3 units)
- ___ POLS 570 International Relations Theory (3 units)

II. Topics Courses (19.5 or more units)

A. Program Electives: The following courses are offered within the M.A. degree program (repeatable when topic changes):

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| ___ POLS 521 Comparative Legal Systems | ___ POLS 576 U.S. National Security Policy |
| ___ POLS 529 Law of the Sea | ___ POLS 577 Regional Security |
| ___ POLS 536 Research Skills | ___ POLS 578 Transnational Crime & Terrorism |
| ___ POLS 554 Revolutionary Change | ___ POLS 579 International Political Boundaries |
| ___ POLS 555 Politics in Europe * | ___ POLS 580 International Political Economy |
| ___ POLS 556 Politics of Africa * | ___ POLS 581 Politics of Development |
| ___ POLS 557 Politics in Latin America * | ___ POLS 582 International Human Rights |
| ___ POLS 559 Politics in Middle East * | ___ POLS 583 International Organizations |
| ___ POLS 561 Politics in South Africa | ___ POLS 584 International Environmental Governance |
| ___ POLS 565 Politics in Russia | ___ POLS 586 Politics of Intelligence |
| ___ POLS 566 Politics in Mexico | ___ POLS 594 Special Topics in IR |
| ___ POLS 567 Politics in Japan | ___ POLS 598 Internship in International Relations |
| ___ POLS 568 Politics in China | ___ POLS 599 Independent Study in International Relation |
| ___ POLS 571 American Foreign Policy | * Repeatable if the course focus change significantly. |
| ___ POLS 574 U.S.-Latin American Relations | |

B. Non-Program Electives: In lieu of program electives, graduate students count a total of up to 6 units of non-program elective coursework taken at the graduate or undergraduate level toward completion of the M.A. degree, including the following options:

1. **Transfer Courses:** With prior approval from the graduate director, students may transfer graduate-level coursework on topics related to international relations as elective units toward their completion of the M.A. degree. Grades received from other institutions count toward the degree, but not toward the student's grade point average (GPA) in the graduate program.
2. **USD Graduate Courses:** With prior approval from the graduate director, students may count USD graduate-level coursework on topics related to international relations as elective units toward their completion of the M.A. degree. Grades received from other USD graduate programs count toward the student's grade point average (GPA) in the graduate program.
3. **USD Undergraduate Courses:** With prior approval from the graduate director, graduate students may count USD upper-division, undergraduate coursework in international relations as elective units toward their completion of the M.A. degree. Grades received from 300- and 400-level USD undergraduate courses count toward the student's grade point average (GPA) in the graduate program.

III. International Travel Course Requirement

___ Students must complete at least one international travel course through the USD International Center.

IV. International Relations Capstone Seminar

___ POLS 595 Capstone Seminar (3 units): Graduate students are required to take the International Relations Capstone Seminar in order to graduate. The purpose of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to apply and integrate what they have learned in the program by completing an independent research project that culminates in a written capstone paper and a public presentation of their findings. Prerequisites: POLS 550 and POLS 570.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. International Relations graduate students are encouraged to develop their capability to speak a foreign language, including the possibility of auditing courses in a foreign language on campus.
2. Graduate students are encouraged to seek out internships related to their course of study, and/or take advantage of opportunities to study in Washington DC. See the faculty internship coordinator for more information.
3. Graduate students are encouraged to participate in events sponsored by local international affairs organizations like the World Affairs Council of San Diego and the San Diego Diplomacy Council.
4. Students are encouraged to seek career guidance from the Career Development Center prior to graduation. Visit the CDC's website to make an appointment with a counselor: <http://www.sandiego.edu/careers>
5. In the semester before graduation, students must submit a "Petition to Graduate" form, which can be obtained from the Graduate Records website: <http://www.sandiego.edu/graduaterecords/commencement/petition-graduate.php>.