

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR GEOGRAPHY

Note: Students must declare each major separately – a double major is *not* automatic. See the FIU Undergraduate Catalog to determine which courses count for which areas.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR

Total credits to graduate: 120

Total required credits in major: 30 (excluding lower division requirement)

Common Prerequisite

- None

Lower Division Requirement: 3 credits.

- INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations

Core Requirement: 3 credits.

- GEA 2000 World Regional Geography

Group I Courses: 9 credits, including at least one course from each of the following areas:

- International Law/International Organization (**IL**)
- Foreign Policy/Security Studies (**FP**)
- International Political Economy/Economic Geography (**IPE**)

Group II Courses: 12 credits, including at least one course from each of the following areas:

- Area Studies (**AS**)
- Geography (**G**)
- Issues and Problems in INR (**IP**)

Exit Requirements: 6 credits. The department recommends that these courses be taken in a student's *senior year* or, in any case, after taking several other IR/Geography courses. These courses assume some prior experience with the material.

- INR 3013 Development of International Relations Thought
- INR 4603 Theories of International Relations

GEOGRAPHY MAJOR

Total credits to graduate: 120

Total required credits in major: 30 (excluding common prerequisites)

Common Prerequisites: 6 credits.

- Two 2000-level GEO courses (it is strongly recommended that one of these courses be GEO 2200 Physical Geography)

Core Requirements: 9 credits.

- GEA 2000 World Regional Geography
- GEO 3001 Geography of Global Change
- GEO 3176 Applications of GIS

Regional Studies: 9 credits.

- Choose at least two upper division courses with a GEA prefix. Remaining credits may be earned by taking INR courses with an (**AS**) designation.

Topical Specialization: 12 credits. Choose one of the following tracks:

Track 1: Development and Cultural Change

- 3 GEO courses with a (**T1**) designation
- Any INR course with an **IP** or **IPE** designation

Track 2: Geography of International Relations

- 3 GEO courses with a (**T2**) designation
- INR 3013 Development of International Relations Thought

Track 3: Environmental Applications

- 3 GEO courses with a (**T3**) designation
- Any upper division EVR course, *or* any of the following courses: GEO 3510 Earth Resources, GLY 3034 Natural Disasters, GLY 3039 Environmental Geology.

MINORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR GEOGRAPHY

MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: 15 Credits

1. INR 2001 Intro. to International Relations
2. GEA 2000 World Regional Geography
3. At least one course from Group I
4. At least one course from Group II
5. Any other Course Offered by the Department of International Relations

MINOR IN GEOGRAPHY: 15 Credits

1. GEA 2000 World Regional Geography
2. GEO 2000 Introduction to Geography
3. Three other Geography courses, including at least one with a GEA prefix and one with a GEO prefix

B.A. DEGREE AT FIU IN GEOGRAPHY OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISING GUIDE

The Department of International Relations and Geography offers two Bachelor's Degrees: one in Geography and one in International Relations. The Department also offers a minor in each of these areas. Students should note that a double major is *not* automatic. Each major and/or minor must be declared separately.

To declare a major, students must complete a "Change of Major" form (note: this form is used even when declaring a major for the first time). Students wishing to declare a double major or a minor should complete the "Request for a Second Major or Minor" form. Both of these forms are available from the Office of the Registrar. Note that a "double major" does not change the overall 120 credit requirement; a second degree, on the other hand, requires 150 credit hours. Students should also be aware that FIU offers a number of certificates in area studies and interdisciplinary fields (e.g., African Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Women's Studies).

All students should familiarize themselves with the requirements for their major as contained in the University Catalog for the year in which they were admitted to FIU. The requirements, as printed in the catalog, are definitive. *Students are urged, moreover, to consult regularly with advisors* from the Department about their progress toward the degree and about their remaining requirements.

For the major in either Geography or International Relations, students must complete a total of 30 required credit hours (not including common prerequisites or the INR 2001 lower division requirement). In each major, 27 of these credits (all but one course) are offered at the upper-division level. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better (not "C-") in all required courses. Please note that courses taken to fulfill the requirements of either major must ordinarily be taken in the Department of International Relations and Geography (see an advisor to discuss exceptions). Note also that an internship can count either as an INR Group II course or as a Geography T1, T2, or T3 course.

Students seeking to double major in Geography and International Relations will find that some courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements for both majors simultaneously. For example, GEO 3502, Economic Geography, satisfies a requirement for the Track 1 or Track 2 Topical Specializations for the Geography degree (see reverse), and it also satisfies a Group I course requirement for the major in International Relations. As with any double major, careful advance planning is recommended when selecting courses.

Students should take note that, *in addition to the requirements for the major*, the College of Arts and Sciences and the University impose certain requirements for graduation. The College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center (MARC building, room 230) can assist with these requirements. In general, students should be aware of the following:

- A total of at least 48 upper-division credits hours is required for graduation.
- Nine upper-division credit hours must be taken outside the major; six upper-division credit hours must be taken outside the Department of International Relations and Geography.
- Students must fulfill the College foreign language requirement
- Students who enter the Florida State University system with fewer than 60 credit hours must earn 9 credit hours, prior to graduation, by taking courses in one or more summer terms.

The back of this sheet provides a detailed list of the specific course requirements for the majors and minors offered by the department. A great deal of other information about your FIU degree—including your "Degree Audit" (or SASS report), your semester grades, course registration, and the entire undergraduate catalog—is also available online. Some helpful websites include:

- FIU homepage: <http://www.fiu.edu>
- Student information (catalog, records, etc.): <http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/register/catalogs.html>
- Department of International Relations & Geography homepage: <http://www.fiu.edu/~intrel>