

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CERTIFICATE

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Overview

The International Relations Certificate offered by UWSP's Political Science Department provides students with an opportunity to pursue an interest in international relations as a complement to their majors. The Certificate is comprised of relevant political science courses focusing on concepts and issues in international affairs and the workings of the diplomatic world.

This 15-credit certificate is intended for students who are ...

- ... interested in working in organizations and agencies involved in international affairs, such as the U.S. State Department and other government agencies, international organizations like the UN, international non-governmental organizations such as Amnesty International, or global companies
- ... learn more about foreign affairs and diplomacy, and/or
- ... study global politics and international development.

International Relations at UW-Stevens Point

The UWSP Political Science Department is home to faculty with extensive educational and research experience in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. The faculty's teaching and research interests in foreign affairs and international relations include international security and terrorism, European and EU politics, democratization, human rights, indigenous movements in Latin America, international environmental policy and climate change, and American states, federalism, and foreign trade.

The Certificate in International Relations provides students with working knowledge of international governance including the United Nations system, international law, international security, and foreign policy. Students develop research and analytical skills for addressing policy questions in international relations and learn about the political, legal, and constitutional constraints and opportunities faced by governments when engaging in international relations.

Employment Opportunities

The Certificate in International Relations is designed for students who are interested in pursuing graduate education and/or careers in international affairs. Future employment opportunities include, but are not limited to, working for the U.S. government's foreign policy or intelligence agencies; the U.S. military; foreign policy think tanks; international government or non-governmental organizations; the national security industry; multi-national corporations; state commerce departments; and even local governments that conduct international trade policy. Students not interested in a political career can use their expertise in international relations to make a mark for themselves in the field of law and business. In addition, the Certificate is also an effective way of indicating to graduate schools (as well as future employers) that you have a strong interest in global affairs.

Jobs in International Relations

Development Consultant	International Trade and Commerce Specialist
Foreign Service Officer	Lobbyist
Human Rights Advocate	Political Advisor
Humanitarian Relief Worker	Policy Analyst
Intelligence Analyst	

Potential Employers

Central Intelligence Agency	United Nations or other international governmental organization
International non-governmental organizations	U.S. Department of State
Multilateral Donor Organizations	U.S. Peace Corps
State Government	U.S. Military

"We are all members of the international community, and the best way to understand what a person can do with that role is to promote a better understanding of how the community works as a whole. The International Relations Certificate has helped me recognize how international contexts guide American policy decisions. Being able to study international politics through a separate degree track allowed me to focus my Political Science major coursework on American politics without losing an international perspective."

Morgan Tomczyk, 2018



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