

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The interdisciplinary International Relations program draws upon history, sociology, economics, modern language, and political science. You'll learn the practical diplomacy, communication, and critical thinking skills needed to help make a difference in the world in careers such as government, consulting, and intelligence.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, International Relations majors:

- Develop a nuanced understanding of how to act with diplomacy and make quick, cogent arguments through classroom lessons that model diplomatic committees.
- Sharpen their skills in debate and analysis competing at Model United Nations and Arab League conferences, or by joining a student club like the International Relations Organization.
- Learn to solve complex international issues while working collaboratively and negotiating with people representing a wide variety of perspectives and needs.



- + Do you want to interact with people from other countries and cultures?
- + Are you interested in becoming an expert in events happening around the world?
- + Have you dreamt of a career to improve the way the world works?

## CAREER OUTLOOK

What are **International Relations** alumni doing now?

- Senior Manager, Sub Saharan Africa, Partners Global
- Military Analyst, Forecast International
- Director, Global Women Innovations Network
- Peace Corps staff in China, Ecuador, and Jordan
- Teaching Fellow, Department of International Development, London School of Economics
- Export Control Officer, Raytheon
- Attorney, Judge Advocate Corps, US Marine Corps

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“Practicing Socratic dialogue in my classes, and applying it in activities such as Student Senate and being a leader on campus, prepared me for my Master’s program.”

Tatevik Khachatryan '21  
International Relations and Philosophy  
Syracuse University Master's in Public Diplomacy and Global Communications

## CURRICULUM

International Relations majors learn to understand our dynamic and highly interdependent world while working across multiple academic disciplines. You'll have the flexibility to focus on your favorite subjects and themes, choosing from one of four tracks in the major:

**Track 1 - Globalizations Studies:** Examines ongoing transformations in international politics, economics, and culture. The study of globalization focuses on patterns of interdependence and communication across cultures, as well as emerging systems of global governance and the roles of states, international organizations, multinational corporations, and transnational activist networks.

**Track 2 - Culture and Identity:** Explores how myriad cultural traditions around the globe evolved and influenced each other throughout history and shaped the formation of personal identity. While scholars today debate the possible emergence of a universal global culture, global communication has reinforced particular identities, attachments, and allegiances along national, ethnic, religious, and tribal lines.

**Track 3 - Area Studies, Europe:** Examines the history, politics, economics, literature, arts, and cultural traditions of Europe. Particular attention is given to the pivotal role of Europe in shaping modernity as well as prospects for European-based international organizations, especially the European Union, to serve as prototypes in strengthening channels of global collaboration.

**Track 4 - Area Studies, Non-Western:** Examines the history, politics, economics, literature, arts, and cultural traditions of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Special attention is given to economic restructuring and political transitions to democracy in the aftermath of colonialism as well as communism.

## Courses

International Relations offers courses in:

- Strategy and National Security Policy
- International Negotiation
- International Law and Organization
- Globalization and Identity
- Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy



*International Relations majors can study abroad in Cape Town, home to the Parliament of South Africa.*

## OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

Design your experience with your passion and have a unique career advantage with a minor or double major. Many students combine **International Relations** with:

- Economics
- Communications
- Management
- Modern Languages

## Internship Opportunities

You'll gain real-world experience through internships at places such as:

- Naval War College
- Embassies
- Federal government offices
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Attorney General's Office
- Congressional and senatorial offices

## Study and Intern Abroad

Studying abroad offers the opportunity to deepen understanding of other cultures and governments and the issues they face. Students have worked at the British Conservative Party in London and studied modern German politics in Germany, as well as studied in New Zealand, Italy, Barcelona, South Africa, Scotland, Australia, Jordan, and other countries.

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