

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations is the study of the trans-boundary interactions of governments, organizations, cultures and people.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

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

- 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.



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

Emily Blackburn '17
Intelligence Analyst, KeyW
(Department of Justice contractor)

Kristina Biyad '16
Outreach Associate, Foreign Policy for America

Nicholas Glavin '15
Program Officer, U.S. Department of State

Nicholas Moon '14
Analyst, Noblis

CURRICULUM

Because it is difficult to understand our dynamic and highly interdependent world through a single lens, the major works across multiple academic disciplines while also providing students with the flexibility to focus on subjects and themes of greatest interest to them. Students may choose 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 especially upon 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 have evolved and influenced each other throughout history and also 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

RWU students have paired **International Relations** with:

- Economics
- Communications
- Management
- Foreign 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 Abroad

Studying abroad offers the opportunity to deepen understanding of other cultures, 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.