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**for Undergraduate Program Proposals**

**TYPE OF PROPOSAL** (check one):       New Academic Major\*       New Academic Minor  
    Revision of Existing Major\*\*       Revision of Existing Minor

\*Append SUNY Form 2A *New Undergraduate Degree Program Proposal*

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**PROGRAM TITLE:** Minor in International Relations

**PROPOSING DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:** Political Science & International Relations

**PROPOSING SCHOOL/COLLEGE** (if interdisciplinary, check all that apply):

Business                                       Fine & Performing Arts                                       Science & Engineering  
 Education                                       Liberal Arts & Sciences

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPROVE:**

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**Department Chair(s)/Program Director(s):** Jonathan Schwartz      Date 2/12/2025

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair(s), School/College Governing Body(ies):** [Signature]      Date 2/20/24  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Dean(s):** [Signature]      Date 3/10/25

**Chair, Curriculum Committee:** Damian Kelty-Stephen      Date: 3/25/2025

**FACULTY SENATE APPROVAL:**

**Presiding Officer of the Faculty:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVOST/VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS' APPROVAL:**

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# REVISING AN EXISTING MINOR

For Provost's Office Use  
Effective Term: FALL \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S NAME (print): Jonathan Schwartz Signature: Jonathan Schwartz

SCHOOL/COLLEGE:  Business  Fine & Performing Arts  Science & Engineering  
 Education  Liberal Arts & Sciences  Interdisciplinary

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Political Science & International Relations

- **PLAN OF STUDY:** Please **attach the minor plan** that appears in the current *Undergraduate Catalog* (see <http://www.newpaltz.edu/ugc/programs.html>).
- Please list the current program's **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**. See attached

**PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. Enter your responses below or attach a narrative.**

- **DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN** the proposed revisions. **INCLUDE** any new or revised Student Learning Outcomes.  
See attached
- **How does the revised minor relate to the overall curricular goals and learning outcomes of the proposing department(s)/ program(s)?**  
See attached
- **RESOURCES:** Provide assurance that sufficient resources (faculty, budgetary, facility) exist and will continue to support the revised minor.  
See attached
- **REVISED PLAN OF STUDY:** Please **attach the proposed revised minor plan**. (Alternatively, you may attach a table showing the existing and revised plans of study in side-by-side format.)  
See attached
- If the revised minor includes any **new or revised courses**, please append them to this proposal, or submit them for review separately. All course additions or changes must be approved before the proposed program revision can be considered.  
Not applicable
- **Describe plans for evaluating the success of the revised minor.** (SEIs alone do not constitute an assessment plan.)  
See attached
- **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** If you wish to include in the *Undergraduate Catalog* (see link above) a narrative description to accompany the plan of study, please provide one.  
See attached

**Course Recording:**

Records & Registration – Banner (signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date entered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Records & Registration – Degree Works (signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date entered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department of Political Science & International Relations**  
**Proposed revision to the Minor in International Relations**

**Describe & Explain the Proposed Revisions:** The current IR minor is a **19 credit – interdisciplinary minor** with the following requirements:

1. **Required: POL 227:** Introduction to International Politics (4 cr.)
2. **Required: ANT 214:** Principles of Cultural Anthropology **OR GEO 271:** Environment & Culture **OR ANT404:** Political Anthropology.
3. **Required: POL 366:** Contemporary American Foreign Policy **OR HIS 469:** US Foreign Policy since 1900.
4. Three **elective** courses accepted for the International Relations minor, only one of which may be lower division.

A maximum of two courses used to meet the Minor requirements can be used for a distinct major/minor. A minimum grade of C- is required for the course to count towards the minor.

(The full catalogue description appears at the end of this document)

Our goal in revising the International Relations minor is to SIMPLIFY the minor to better enable students to complete it while also bringing it into alignment with the Political Science minor (PS minors take one introductory level course and five electives).

**The proposed IR minor will remain 19 credits with the following requirements:**

1. **Required: POL 227:** Introduction to International Politics (4 cr.)
2. **Elective:** Five courses (15 credits) accepted for the International Relations minor.

**Notes:**

- a. Two of the electives (6 credits minimum) must be POL. The remaining three electives (9 credits) may be from any department whose courses have been approved as counting towards a degree in International Relations.
- b. Of the five elective courses, only one may be lower division (3-4 credits).
- c. A maximum of two courses used to meet the minor requirements can be used for a distinct major/minor.
- d. A minimum grade of C- is required for courses to count towards the minor.
- e. Up to three internship credits may be applied towards the minor.

**How does the revised minor relate to overall curricular goals and learning outcomes of the proposing department?** The revised minor will align with the existing Political Science minor offered by the department. Our goal is to simplify accessibility for students while retaining the interdisciplinary nature of the minor.

In a spring 2024 retreat, department members agreed on the goals of an IR minor. These goals include providing our students with basic knowledge about the discipline of International Relations through the Introduction to International Politics (POL 227); and ensuring students have maximum flexibility to study those aspects of international relations that interest them. Students may take

accepted courses from across related disciplines (sociology, anthropology, geography, economics, history, black studies, WGSS, LLC).

**The following are the Political Science & International Relations Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Describe and explain the basic concepts and theoretical approaches in the discipline.
2. Describe and explain the content, issues, concerns & debates in disciplinary subfields (in this case the subfield is International Relations).
3. Use mastery of concepts & content to relate the historical to the present nature of politics & governance.
4. Apply theories and research methods to understand new and complex phenomena.
5. Relate theoretical approaches with practice through internships.
6. Develop writing skills, the ability to develop a coherent & structured argument as part of their research papers.
7. Possess oral communication skills allowing engagement in discussion and exchange of ideas and concepts.
8. Possess a sense of the responsibilities of citizenship and a sense of personal political efficacy/engagement.

**The SLOs relevant to the minor remain unchanged – these include numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.**

**Resources:** no additional resources are required to offer the revised minor.

**Revised Plan of Study:**

<b>Current IR Minor 19 credits</b>	<b>Proposed IR Minor 19 credits</b>
<b>Required:</b> POL227 Intro to International Politics	<b>Required:</b> POL227 Intro to International Politics
<b>Required:</b> ANT214 Principles of Cultural Anthropology; <i>or</i> GEO271: Environment & Culture	<b>Electives:</b> five courses accepted for the International Relations minor. Only one course (3-4 credits) can be lower division.
<b>Required:</b> POL366 Contemporary American Foreign Policy <i>or</i> HIS469 US Foreign Policy since 1900 <i>or</i> POL353 International Relations of the Americas <i>or</i> POL363 Chinese Foreign Policy and the US <i>or</i> POL365 International Politics of the Asia-Pacific	Up to 3 <b>credits</b> from internships may be applied towards the minor, elective requirements.
<b>Electives:</b> three courses accepted for the International Relations minor. Only one course (3-4 credits) can be lower division.	

**New or revised courses:** N/A

**Plans for evaluating the success of the revised minor:** The minor will be evaluated based upon enrollment numbers, SEIs, and student performance on course assessments tied to the state learning outcomes.

**Catalogue Description:** The interdisciplinary International Relations minor enables students to learn and apply basic concepts and tools used by international relations scholars. Students also gain basic familiarity with the kinds of questions IR scholars ask and how the international system works.

## **Current International Relations Minor as appears in the College Catalogue**

### **Minor in International Relations - 19 credits**

**Required courses.....10 credits**

POL227 Introduction to International Politics (4)

*One of the following:*

POL353 International Relations of the Americas (3)

POL363 Chinese Foreign Policy and the US (3)

POL365 International Politics of the Asia-Pacific (3)

POL366 Contemporary American Foreign Policy (3)

HIS379 U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1898 (3)

*One of the following:*

ANT214 Cultural Anthropology (3)

GEO201 Human Geography (3)

*PLUS:*

**Elective courses.....9 credits**

By advisement selected from among those courses accepted for credit in the International Relations major/minor program. No more than 3-4 credits (1 course) can be at the 200 level.

Courses used to meet the requirements of another major or minor may not be used to meet the requirements of this minor.

Students must earn a grade of C- or better in courses used for the International Relations minor.

For comparison, and to highlight the need to streamline the IR minor, below is the current Political Science minor as appears in the college catalogue.

### **Minor in Political Science - 19 credits**

**Required course..... 4 credits**

POL216 American Government and Politics (4)

**Electives.....15 credits**

A total of 15 credits in political science courses, of which at least 12 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Only 3 credits of internship or fieldwork may be applied to the minor.

# COURSES ACCEPTED FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CREDIT

Selected Topic courses (293, 393, 493) and courses not listed below but included in the Schedule of Classes under International Relations will count as electives in the major or minor.

## Anthropology

ANT214	Principles of Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT305	Cultures of South America	3
ANT306	Cultures of Brazil	3
ANT370	Cultures of East Asia	3
ANT404	Political Anthropology	3
ANT421	Gender and Anthropology	3

## Black Studies

BLK200	Introduction To Africa	3
BLK302	Survey of Contemporary Africa: Nineteenth Cent to Present	3
BLK309	Introduction to Afro-Brazilian History	3
BLK311	Blacks in the Caribbean, 1492-Present	3
BLK325	History of Slavery in the Americas	3
BLK347	History of South Africa	3
BLK450	The Portuguese in Africa	3

## Economics

ECO309	Economic Development of Latin America	3
ECO310	Economic Development of Asia-Pacific	3
ECO401	International Trade and Finance	3
ECO418	Economics of Development	3

## French

FRN319	French Civilization	4
FRN320	Francophone Cultures	4

## Geography

GEO201	Human Geography	3
GEO213	Economic Geography	3
GEO331	Gender and Environment	3

GEO411	Political Geography	3
GEO506	Contemporary China Alternate year/Spring	3

## German

GER316	Germany Today	3
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## History

HIS214	Modern Europe	4
HIS215	China to 1800	3
HIS216	Modern China	4
HIS311	Modern Germany	3
HIS317	World War II	3
HIS318	Europe Since 1945	3
HIS334	Gandhi	3
HIS335	Modern Japan	3
HIS340	Iran	3
HIS343	History of Islam and the Middle East 570-1918	3
HIS344	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
HIS353	Twentieth-Century Europe	3
HIS373	The Holocaust	3
HIS377	History of Mexico	3
HIS379	US Foreign Policy Since 1898	3
HIS467	The United States in Vietnam	3
HIS550	America and Vietnam	3

## Latin American, Caribbean & Latinx Studies

LAM270	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
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## Political Science

POL220	Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds	4
POL227	Intro International Politics	4
POL229	Intro to Comparative Politics	4
POL300	Political Science Research Methods	4
POL323	Sovereigns, Subjects, and the State: Modern Political Thought	4
POL324	International Relations Theory	3
POL336	Middle Eastern Politics and Institutions	3
POL339	Model United Nations	3

POL341	Revolution and Counterrevolution	3
POL342	Politics of Developing Areas	3
POL344	Politics of International Economic Organizations	3
POL345	War and International Politics	3
POL346	International Political Economy	3
POL347	Politics of Environment and Development	3
POL353	International Relations of the Americas	3
POL354	European Politics and Government	3
POL357	International Law	3
POL362	Politics of China and India	3
POL363	Chinese Foreign Pol and US	3
POL364	Nationalism in World Politics	3
POL365	International Politics of the Asia-Pacific	3
POL366	American Foreign Policy	3
POL368	Defense Issues in American Foreign Policy	3
POL369	Governments and Politics of China and Japan	3
POL370	United Nations Semester	6
POL371	Latin American Politics	3
POL372	International Relations of the Middle East	3
POL373	Russian Politics: Past and Present	3
POL374	Politics of the European Union	3
POL379	Women in Politics	3
POL390	Junior Seminar in Political Science	4
POL393	Pol Sci Selected Topic	3-12
POL401	Seminar in American Government and Politics	4
POL403	Seminar in Comparative Politics	4
POL404	Seminar in International Relations	4
POL405	Seminar in Political Theory	4
POL406	Seminar in Law	4
POL480	Government Internship	9-15
POL484	State Politics Semester	15
POL493	Polit Sci Selected Topic	3-12
POL494	Fieldwork In Political Science	1-12
POL495	Indep Study Political Science	1-12

(See also **Study Abroad**, below)

## Religious Studies

REL275	Islam	3
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## Sociology

SOC310	Comparative Political Economy	3
SOC380	Social and Economic Development	3

## Spanish

SPA365	The Culture and Civilization of Spain	4
SPA372	Culture of Latin America	4

## Study Abroad

SAB353	Global Engagement Program	9
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## Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

WOM340	Transnational Feminism	3
WOM430	Women in the Caribbean	3

## Minor in International Relations – Current (19 credits)

### Required Courses (10 Credits)

[POL227](#) Intro International Politics 4

*Select one of the following:* 3

[POL353](#) International Relations of the Americas

[POL363](#) Chinese Foreign Pol and US

[POL365](#) International Politics of the Asia-Pacific

[POL366](#) American Foreign Policy

[HIS379](#) US Foreign Policy Since 1898

[ANT214](#) Principles of Cultural Anthropology 3

or [GEO201](#) Human Geography

### Electives (9 Credits)

*Select three courses from among those accepted for credit toward the International Relations minor* 9

#### Notes:

- A maximum of two courses used to meet the minor requirements can be used for a distinct minor/major.
- Students must earn a grade of C- or better in courses used for the International Relations minor.

## Minor in International Relations – Proposed (19 credits)

### Required Courses (10 Credits)

[POL227](#) Intro International Politics 4

### Electives (15 Credits)

*Select **five** courses from among those accepted for credit toward the International Relations minor, two of which must be POL courses. Only one course (3-4 credits) may be lower division.* 9

#### Notes:

- A maximum of two courses used to meet the minor requirements can be used for a distinct minor/major.
- A minimum grade of C- is required for courses to count toward the International Relations minor.
- Up to three internship credits may be applied toward the minor.

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Note the revised IR minor's similarity to the **minor in Political Science (19 credits):**

### Required Course (4 Credits)

[POL216](#) American Govt and Politics

### Electives (15 Credits)

A total of 15 credits in political science courses, of which at least 12 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Only 9 credits of internship or fieldwork may be applied to the minor.