

Joint Degree: J.D. and M.A. International Relations

Students accepted into the St. Mary's University's joint degree program for a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master of Arts in International Relations (M.A.) must complete the full 91-hour J.D. program, in addition to an 24-credit hour International Relations program with concentrations in Security Policy or Sustainable Development and Conflict Transformation. Please note that the on-campus and online degree plans are the same for this program. For more information on the joint program, contact program director Ian Smith, (ismith4@stmarytx.edu) Ph.D. (ismith4@stmarytx.edu)

Security Policy concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
International Relations Core		
IR 6312	International Relations Theory	3
IR 6340	International Political Economy	3
IR 7300	Ethical Issues in International Relations	3
Security Policy Core		
Select three of the following:		9
IR 6314	Topics in Security Issues ¹	
IR 6324	National Security	
IR 6342	Inter-American Security Issues	
IR 6346	International Law & Treaties	
IR 7320	Asian Security Issues	
IR 7340	Middle East Security Issues	
IR 7350	European Security Issues	
IR 7380	African Security Issues	
IR 8308	Development Project Design for NGOs and Non-Profits	
IR 9300	Topics in International Relations ¹	
Flex Electives		
IR63xx, 73xx, 83xx or 93xx (Any International Relations course)		3
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Comprehensive Examination		
To be taken during the student's final semester. ²		
Total Semester Hours		24

Sustainable Development and Conflict Transformation concentration

Code	Title	Semester Hours
International Relations Core		
IR 6312	International Relations Theory	3
IR 6340	International Political Economy	3
IR 7300	Ethical Issues in International Relations	3
Sustainable Development and Conflict Transformation Core		
(These core courses cannot be repeated for credit)		
Select three of the following:		6
IR 6352	Human Rights	
IR 7325	Development, Conflict and Critical Human Security	
IR 8305	Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies	
IR 8307	Sustainable Development	
IR 8313	Cultural, Feminist, and Critical Approaches to International Development	
IR 6309	Topics in International Development ¹	
IR 6311	Topics in Inter-American Studies ¹	
IR 6313	Topics in International Conflict Resolution ¹	
IR 6315	United States Foreign Policy	

IR 6346	International Law & Treaties	
IR 7390	Topics in Border Studies ¹	
IR 7392	Border Security and Immigration Regulation	
IR 7394	Citizenship and Global Inequality	
IR 8300	Theories on the Causes of War	
IR 8308	Development Project Design for NGOs and Non-Profits	
IR 9300	Topics in International Relations ¹	
IR 9301	Topics in International Relations International Field Study ¹	
Flex Electives		
IR63xx, 73xx, 83xx, or 93xx (Any International Relations course)		3
IR63xx, 73xx, 83xx, or 93xx (Any International Relations course)		3
Comprehensive Examination		
To be taken during the student's final semester. ²		
Total Semester Hours		21

¹ These courses can be repeated for credit if the topic is different.

² As with the previous graduate International Relations curriculum, students will be required to pass a comprehensive exam must pass a comprehensive exam in order to obtain an M.A. in International Relations from St. Mary's University. This exam requires students to apply key concepts addressed in the 6 International Relations Core courses, in addition to requiring students to translate a passage selected by graduate IR faculty from a foreign language of the student's choosing into English.