

M.A. in International Relations - Main Campus

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Code	Title	Semester Hours
International Relations Core		
IR 6312	International Relations Theory	3
IR 6320	Research and Writing in International Relations	3
IR 6324	National Security	3
IR 6340	International Political Economy	3
IR 7300	Ethical Issues in International Relations	3
IR 8311	Religion, Identity and Global Politics	3
Security Policy Regional Studies Core		
Select two of the following:		6
IR 6311	Topics in Inter-American Studies ¹	
IR 6342	Inter-American Security Issues	
IR 7320	Asian Security Issues	
IR 7340	Middle East Security Issues	
IR 7350	European Security Issues	
IR 7380	African Security Issues	
Security Policy Focus Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
IR 6314	Topics in Security Issues ¹	
IR 6315	United States Foreign Policy	
IR 6346	International Law & Treaties	
IR 6352	Human Rights	
IR 7325	Development, Conflict and Critical Human Security	
IR 7390	Topics in Border Studies ¹	
IR 7392	Border Security and Immigration Regulation	
IR 8300	Theories on the Causes of War	
IR 8305	Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies	
IR 8328	Intelligence Gathering and National Security	
IR 9300	Topics in International Relations ¹	
IR 9301	Topics in International Relations International Field Study (Summer Study Tour) ¹	
Flex Electives ²		
Select two of the following:		6
IR63xx, 73xx, 83xx or 93xx (Any International Relations course)		
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AE 6388	Grant Writing	
BA 6301	Special International Studies	
BA 6323	Importance European Union	
BA 6375	International Business Core	
BA 7335	Data Story Telling with Visual Analytics	
BA 7334	Advanced Business Skills Lab III	
BA 7353	Project management	
BA 8314	Improving the Performance and Productivity of Teams	
BA 8342	Inter-Cultural Skill for International Entrepreneurs	
BA 9311	International Finance	
CM 7334	Grant Proposal Writing	
CS 6368	Cybersecurity Policy and Law	
HS 7344		

HS 8340	
IO 6366	Personnel Psychology and Talent Management
IO 6369	Organizational Psychology
PA 6300	
PA 6301	Public Administration and Policy
PA 6302	Policy Formulation and Implementation
PA 6304	Public Policy Analysis
PA 6318	Principles of Public and Non-Profit Management
PA 6319	
PA 7302	Leadership and Organizational Culture
PA 7386	Public Policy and Program Evaluation
PA 8390	Organizational Behavior
Comprehensive Examination ³	
To be taken during the student's final semester.	
Total Semester Hours	36

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

² Consult program director when selecting Flex Electives. Some interdisciplinary flex electives are only offered on-campus

³ The Comprehensive Examination requirement can also be satisfied by successful completion of IR 6398 (<https://catalog.stmarytx.edu/search/?search=IR+6398>) and IR 6399 (<https://catalog.stmarytx.edu/search/?search=ir+6399>), typically taken during a student's penultimate and final semester, respectively. A 3.8 program GPA, grade of A- in IR 6320, and Thesis supervisor approval is required. Consult the Program Director and Graduate Catalog for more information.

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Sustainable Development and Conflict Transformation Core		
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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	
Sustainable Development and Conflict Transformation Electives		
(No courses in the core can be repeated for credit)		
Select two of the following:		6
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 8310	Social Suffering and the Scholarship of Witness
IR 8321	From Persecution to Asylum: The Refugee Experience
IR 9300	Topics in International Relations ¹
IR 9301	Topics in International Relations International Field Study ¹

Flex Electives ²

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BA 6301	Special International Studies
BA 7375	MBA Internship
BA 6323	Importance European Union
BA 7335	Data Story Telling with Visual Analytics
BA 7344	Organizational Culture, Power, and Politics
BA 7353	Project management
BA 8314	Improving the Performance and Productivity of Teams
BA 8342	Inter-Cultural Skill for International Entrepreneurs
BA 9311	International Finance
CM 7334	Grant Proposal Writing
CS 6368	Cybersecurity Policy and Law
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