Bachelor of Arts in

International Relations

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As a student in International Relations, you will explore the major global and multicultural perspectives and gain an understanding of a complex and interconnected world through close study of historical, political, economic, legal, and cultural forces. The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations prepares you for either a career in the international business community, governments, diplomatic corps, as well as private and international non-governmental organizations. It will also assist you in preparing for further graduate study in international relations, international law, political science, development or policy studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Utilize concepts and theories of International Relations in addressing issues in their areas of specialization.
2. Conduct research on issues in International Relations.
3. Analyze dynamics of world politics.
4. Analyze threats and opportunities to states' strategic interests.
5. Analyze International Relations issues in a complex global, multicultural and interconnected world.
6. Formulate informed policy responses to threats and opportunities that face a state's strategic threats.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS 120 UNITS

GENERAL EDUCATION 39 UNITS

SIGNATURE COURSES 15 UNITS

STRATEGIES FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS 3 UNITS

SUS 1010 Strategies for University Success

RESEARCH METHODS 3 UNITS

GRM 2000 Introduction to Research Methods

COMMUNITY SERVICE OR COMMUNITY PROJECT 3 UNITS

CMS 3700 Community Service

THE SENIOR EXPERIENCE 3 UNITS

SEN 4800 Integrated Senior Seminar

FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION LITERACY 3 UNITS

FIL 1010 Fundamentals of Information Literacy

LANGUAGE STUDIES 12 UNITS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 6 UNITS

ENG 1106 Composition I (WI)
ENG 2206 Composition II (WI)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 6 UNITS

Students must have credit for a foreign language or must take a two-course foreign languag esequence of one language.
USIU-Africa offers courses in Arabic (ARB1000), French (FRN1000), Japanese (JPN1000), Spanish (SPN1000), Swahili (SWA1000), Chinese (CHI1000) and Kenya Sign Language (KSL1000).

DISCIPLINARY GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES 6 UNITS

IST 1010 Introduction to Information Systems
MTH 1109 College Algebra

SCHOOL-BASED GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES 6 UNITS

Students are required to pick 2 electives:

LOWER LEVEL (choose one course)

ENV	2000	Introduction to Environmental Sciences	3 units
ENV	2001	Sustainable Resource Management	3 units
JRN	1109	Introduction to Mass Communication	3 units
JRN	2103	Fundamentals of Photography	3 units

MTH	2210	Introduction to Applied Statisics	3 units
NSC	2205	Human Physiology	3 units
NSC	2212	Life, Environment & Society	3 units
NSC	2215	Introduction to Physical Mechanics	3 units
NSC	2216	Introduction to Earth Sciences	3 units
HSC	1394	Introduction to Global Health	3 units
EPI	1010	Epidemiology of Disease	3 units

UPPER LEVEL (choose one course)

ENV	3200	Water Use & Management	3 units
ENV	3288	Field Studies	3 units
ENV	3300	Energy Use and Managemnet	3 units
ENV	3500	Regional Environment	3 units
ENV	4000	Environmental Economics	3 units
ENV	4200	Environmental Law	3 units
NSC	3304	Biology and the Environment	3 units
PHT	3010	Contemporary Community Health Issues	3 units
JRN	3015	Media Management	3 units

CORE COURSES — 39 UNITS

POL	2201	Introduction to Political Science	3 units
IRL	2000	Foundation of International Relations	3 units
IRL	2005	Comparative Foreign Policy	3 units
IRL	2010	International Organisations	3 units
IRL	3000	Comparative Political Systems	3 units
IRL	3003	Research Methods in IR	3 units
IRL	3005	Contemporary Theories & Ideologies	3 units
IRL	3021	African Philosophy & Ideologies	3 units
IRL	3060	African International Relations	3 units
IRL	4020	International Law	3 units
IRL	4030	International Political Economy	3 units
IRL	4075	Mechanism of International Communication	3 units
IRL	4900	International Relations Project	3 units
OR			
IRL	4910	Internship	3 units

CONCENTRATIONS — 18 UNITS

Diplomacy & Foreign Policy (choose 6 courses) — 18 Units

Compulsory Courses

IRL	3100	Diplomacy	3 units
IRL	3110	Simulation Exercise	3 units
IRL	3200	Negotiation & Mediation	3 units
IRL	4120	International Humanitarian Law	3 units

Electives (choose two courses) — 6 units

IRL	4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL	4040	Africa – Asia Relations	3 units

IRL	4050	US – Africa Relations	3 units
IRL	4055	Africa – Middle East Relations	3 units
IRL	4065	East Africa in World Affairs	3 units
IRL	4151	Field Study	3 units
IRL	4800	Critical Issues in Kenyan Foreign Policy	3 units

Development Studies (choose 6 courses) 18 Units

Compulsory Courses:

ECO	1010	Principles of Microeconomics	3 units
ECO	1020	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 units
IRL	3010	Development Issues in Africa	3 units
IRL	3045	Politics of Regionalism in Africa	3 units
IRL	4151	Field Study	3 units

Electives (choose one course) 3 units

IRL	2100	Introduction to Human Rights	3 units
IRL	2220	Gender and IR	3 units
IRL	3040	Politics in Africa	3 units
IRL	4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL	4150	Area Studies	3 units
IRL	4220	Refugee Studies	3 units
IRL	4811	Critical Issues in Africa	3 units

Peace & Conflict Studies (choose 6 courses) 18 Units

Compulsory Courses:

IRL	3015	Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies	3 units
IRL	3200	Negotiation & Mediation	3 units
IRL	4001	Regional Conflicts in Africa	3 units
IRL	4151	Field Study	3 units

Electives (choose two courses) 6 units

IRL	4010	Geopolitics	3 units
IRL	4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL	4045	Security Studies & Strategies	3 units
IRL	4120	International Humanitarian Law	3 units
IRL	4220	Refugee Studies	3 units
IRL	4850	Studies in Contemporary International Crisis	3 units

UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES 9 UNITS

One course (3 units) must be lower level (1000- 2999) and two courses (6 units) must be upper level (3000 - 4999).

MINOR 15 UNITS

A student can select 1 lower level course and 4 upper level courses from other Schools.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Bachelor of Arts in International Relations opens up a wide range of career opportunities:

1. Diplomacy
2. International organizations i.e. United Nations, A.U, EU, etc.
3. Public relations
4. Not-for-profit organizations
5. Consultancies
6. Educational institutions
7. Business organizations
8. Cultural & social organizations
9. Government agencies

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent with a minimum aggregate of C+ (Plus).

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