



## **International Relations**

International Relations is an interdisciplinary major emphasizing the systematic study of political and economic relations between governments and people in different states, as well as comparisons across different political and economical systems. Students must also understand the historical and geographical basis for current international relationships.

### **THE MAJOR**

#### **Where can I learn more about majoring in International Relations?**

Interested students should meet with either the International Relations faculty coordinator, Professor Ray Christensen or one of the counselors at the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB).

## **How do I declare a major in International Relations?**

Go to the Kennedy Center Advisement Center (273 HRCB), where the secretaries will assist you. Seniors must meet with an academic advisor before approval to switch to the major will be granted.

## **What are the major's requirements?**

See the [BA in International Relations](#) page in the BYU Undergraduate Catalog

## **What knowledge and skills may I expect to gain as an International Relations major?**

For the expected Learning Outcomes for the International Relations major, [click here](#).

## **INTERSHIPS**

Recent experience has proven that International Relations majors and minors who have completed internships fare significantly better when applying for jobs or graduate school. The gold standard is spending a semester or summer interning abroad.

If finances or life circumstances make it impossible to leave Provo, you can still have an outstanding internship experience through local providers. [Visit the Internships page](#) for more information.

## **CLUBS AND HONOR SOCIETIES**

Sigma Iota Rho (SIR), Model United Nations, International Society, foreign language clubs, choirs, and honor societies. [See the clubs page](#).

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

This major gives students a strong liberal arts education along with useful technical skills. International relations majors will learn analytical concepts and ideas that allow them to organize, explain, and make sense of relations between states and comparisons among them. High proficiency in math and statistics, writing, and a foreign language will prepare students for a wide variety of career paths—including, but not limited to, government, law, business, and international organizations. Many career paths will require graduate-level training. Therefore, the degree should be seen as certifying fluency in the ideas and methods of multiple fields so that students can find and pursue their own specialized interests rather than as a terminal degree.

No Events