

The Five College International Relations Program

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Five College IR Certificate

The Five College International Relations Certificate Program offers an opportunity for students to pursue an interest in international relations as a complement to their majors.

Course requirements for the certificate cover the following areas of study:

1. A course on introductory world politics
2. A course on global institutions or problems
3. A course on the international financial and/or commercial system
4. A course concerning the historical development of the international system since 1789
5. A course on contemporary American foreign policy
6. Proficiency in a contemporary foreign language through the completion of **two years of the language at the college level or its equivalent**. The language must be one that is currently spoken among modern societies. **Classic languages such as Latin will not count toward this requirement.**
7. Two courses on the politics, economy, and/or society of foreign areas, one of which must involve the study of a Third World country or region (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East).

Here are a few basic things to consider:

1. There are seven requirements, but you may need to complete up to 11 courses.
2. No more than four courses in any one discipline can be counted towards the Certificate.
3. No single course can satisfy more than one requirement.
4. Candidates must complete the required courses (with the exception of the foreign language courses) with grades of B or better (no Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory or pass/fail grades). Non-Hampshire students should request grades for Hampshire College courses.
5. Not all of the courses listed are offered every year. Consult your college catalogue and relevant departments to find out what is available.

If you are a UMass Amherst student and have questions about whether or not a course counts for one of the seven requirements, **contact one of the following UMass Amherst IR Certificate Advisors:**

Audrey Altstadt
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for office hours)

MJ Peterson,
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(Make appointment at <http://tinyurl.com/pslsappt>)

Once you have satisfied the seven requirements, you should fill out a Student Record Sheet to verify that you have completed all requirements. Then take the form to one of the UMass IR Certificate advisors, who will complete processing of the form and forward it to the Five College Program for issuance of the certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Certificates are not mailed to students until sometime in August, regardless of when the requirements were completed during the academic year. The notation on your transcript, however, should appear at the end of the semester in which you complete the program.

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Student Record Sheet

Instructions: Fill out this form and bring the completed form to the IR Advisor for approval

Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

School: UMass Amherst Class (year graduating): _____ Major: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Campus/Local Address: _____

Local Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Requirement Category	Advisor Comments	Course(s)	Semester/Year	Grade*
1. Introductory World Politics				
2. Global Institutions and Problems				
3. International Financial or Commercial System				
4. Modern IR History				
5. American Foreign Policy				
6. Foreign Languages **				
7. Foreign Area Studies (two courses: one involving a Third World Country or region)	1)			
	2)			

*You must receive an honors grade of B or higher for a course to count for the Certificate.

**If requirement fulfilled with something other than a course, please specify:

Date Requirements Completed: _____ Advisor's Signature: _____

Complete this form and bring it to your International Relations Advisor for approval. Contact information for the UMass IR Advisor is available at <http://polsci.umass.edu/about/contact-us/>. At the end of each semester, the completed IR Student Record Sheet will be sent to the Registrar for verification and the form will then be forwarded to Mt. Holyoke College for certificate completion. Regardless of when requirements are completed, certificates will generally be mailed to students in August.

satisfy the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences' Global Education Requirement.