

**International Relations Major Suggested Plan of Study: 40 credits****Political Science Department 320-308-2162; Dr. Edward Greaves, IR Director****Dr. Edward Greaves 320-308-5164 efgreaves@stcloudstate.edu**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>
ENGL 191* (4cr) POL 101 (3cr) Gen Ed Distribution: Suggested POL 195 (3cr) Gen Ed Distribution Area A: FORL (3-4cr) PESS 122 *(1 cr) Total semester credits=14 to15	CMST 192* (3cr) POL 201 or 251(3cr) Gen Ed Distribution Area A: FORL (3-4cr) Gen Ed Distribution Area B (3cr) Gen Ed Distribution: Racial Issues Course (3cr) Total semester credits=15 to16
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
POL 201 <sup>1</sup> or 251(3cr) POL 337 or IR elective(3cr) Core Gen Ed (3cr) IR Elective (3cr) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3cr) <sup>1</sup> Total semester credits=15 to16	POL 201 <sup>1</sup> or 251(3cr) POL 337 or IR Elective (3cr) Core Gen Ed (3cr) Gen Ed Distribution Area B(3cr) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3cr) <sup>1</sup> Total semester credits=15 to16
<b>Fifth Semester</b>	<b>Sixth Semester</b>
POL 353 or 354(3cr) IR Elective (3cr) Core Gen Ed (3cr) Minor/Foreign Language/ or University Elective (3-6cr) <sup>1</sup> Total semester credits=12-15	POL 353 or 354 (3cr) IR Elective (3cr) Core Gen Ed if needed(3cr)  Minor/Foreign Language /or University Elective (3-6cr) <sup>1</sup> Total semester credits=12-15
<b>Seventh Semester</b>	<b>Eighth Semester</b>
POL 454 and/or POL 420 <sup>3</sup> (3-4cr) IR Elective (3cr) IR Elective (3cr) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3cr) <sup>1</sup> University Elective (3cr) Total semester credits=12 to15	POL 454 and/or POL 420 <sup>3</sup> (3-4cr) IR Elective (3cr) IR Elective (3cr) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3cr) <sup>1</sup>  Total semester credits=12 to15

**Notes:**

\*ENGL 191 and CMST 192 may be taken in any order. Both are prerequisites for the major.

\*PESS 121 is a one credit Health and Wellness course required for all SCSU students. It may be taken any semester but is required for graduation. Each student, within their general education distribution, requires 9 credits of diversity/racial issues courses.

<sup>1</sup>201 should be taken before your junior year.

<sup>2</sup> A minor is required or two classes of the same foreign language.

<sup>3</sup> POL 420 is a 1 credit upper division writing requirement fulfills the university's upper level writing requirement and is taken in conjunction with an approved 3 credit, 400 level courses. A Current list is available at the POL department office.

Not all International Relations courses are offered every semester or year. Contact the Political Science Department for specific course offerings. SCSU requires a minimum of 120 semester credits to earn a Bachelors degree, 45 of these credits must be at the 300 or 400-level.

Study abroad is highly recommended for International Relations Majors. The advisor and director of the IR Program should be consulted for up to 12 credits of elective substitutions for study abroad experiences.