

The Pennsylvania State University - School of International Affairs

Master of International Affairs Plan of Study

Student Name:		Today's Date:	
Final Faculty Advisor:		PSU ID:	Grad Date:

CONSULT [GRADUATE BULLETIN](#) FOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & PRE-REQS AND [SCHEDULE OF COURSES](#) TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY.

Core Curriculum (18 credits)

1st Semester (Fall)			2 nd Semester (Spring)		
Course No.	Course Title	# credits	Course No.	Course Title	# credits
INTAF 802	Foundations of Diplomacy and International Relations Theory	3	INTAF 801	Actors, Institutions, and Legal Frameworks in International Affairs	3
INTAF 804	Global Cultures and Leadership	3	INTAF 803	Multi-Sector & Quantitative Analysis	3
INTAF 805	International Economics	3	INTAF 590	Colloquium: Current Policy Challenges	3

Electives (21 credits)

Elective courses must be at the 400, 500 or 800-level to count toward SIA degree requirements. To view a list of pre-approved SIA and PSU electives, visit <http://sia.psu.edu/academics/electives>.

Indicate Optional Study Track:	SIA and/or PSU Electives				
<i>At least 4 classes or 12 credits are required to complete a study track.</i>	Course No	Course Title	# credits	Semester/Year	For track?
<input type="checkbox"/> International Security Studies					
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/> International Education					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution					
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Resources					
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Resp. & Human Rights					
<input type="checkbox"/> International Energy Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle East Studies					
<input type="checkbox"/> International Cyber-Security					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify below</i>):					

Capstone Experience (3 credits)

For guidelines and information, visit sia.psu.edu/academics/capstone-experience

<input type="checkbox"/>	INTAF 595 Internship
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTAF 594 Master's Paper

Foreign Language Requirements (15 credits)

Submit [Language Proficiency Verification Form](#) to SIA Admissions

Language:					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proficiency Test (<i>at 15-credit level</i>)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earned credit (<i>Previous undergraduate work OR 4 Penn State language courses totaling 15 credits</i>)				

Academic Advisor Signature

Date

Faculty Advisor Signature

Date

Academic Notes:

SIA Degree Requirements

- SIA program consists of 42 credits (18 core credits; 21 elective credits; 3 Capstone credits)
- Per The Graduate School policies, 6 credits must be 500-level courses (Capstone course may not be counted toward the 500-level requirement).
- Elective courses must be at the 400, 500 or 800-level to count toward the SIA degree.
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the SIA program.

Study Tracks

- Tracks (although not required) take strategic advantage of the research, policy, and coursework expertise of top tier faculty within the SIA as well as across the university.
- Students may declare their track choice after entry into the program.
- Four courses are required for the selected track with a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Students may opt to take courses not prescribed in the optional study tracks; however, the 4 courses should have a focus representing the student's academic and professional interest in international affairs.

Electives

- 21 credits may be taken as elective coursework to satisfy the SIA degree requirements.
- Students may select to enroll in courses from the [pre-approved SIA or PSU Elective list](#) on the SIA website.
- Electives NOT listed on the pre-approved list require submission of the [Elective Course Substitution Form](#) and approval from the SIA Academic Advisor and SIA Director prior to enrollment.

Capstone and Independent Study Courses

- SIA Registrar schedules students for INTAF 595 Internship, INTAF 594 Master's Paper, or INTAF 596 Independent Study. Visit sia.psu.edu/academics/capstone-experience to view the internship and Master's paper guidelines.
- Students may choose to split their internship credits over 2 semesters (i.e. 1 credit in summer; 2 credits in Fall)
- The Internship and Master's Paper receive an "R" research grade but does NOT get calculated into the GPA.
- Independent Studies receive a grade which gets calculated into the GPA but does NOT satisfy an elective.

Foreign Language Courses

- An equivalent of 15 credits or 4 semesters of foreign language are required prior to SIA program completion.
- Language courses < 400 level do NOT get calculated into the student's GPA.
- Language courses do NOT satisfy the SIA degree program elective requirements.

Integrated Undergraduate Graduate (IUG) Program

- A maximum of 12 credits can be double-counted for the undergraduate and SIA degrees.
- 50% of the double-counted courses must be at the 500 or 800-level.
- The Masters paper or undergraduate thesis (if required) may NOT be double-counted for both degrees.
- IUG students should submit an [IUG End of Semester Report](#) to their undergraduate advisor AND to the SIA Registrar each semester noting how the courses should be reflected on their respective degree transcripts.

Law School Courses

- Up to 9 Law credits can be counted as electives toward the SIA degree requirements.
- Students interested in taking Law electives need to meet with the SIA Registrar ahead of time to discuss Law course schedules and class considerations. SIA Registrar will register students for all Law courses.
- Law courses will show up on transcript with the assigned letter grade but will NOT get calculated into your GPA.
- JD/SIA students can take up to 12 credits which can be applied toward the SIA degree requirements.

Miscellaneous Advising Notes

- Courses below the 400-level do NOT get calculated into your GPA NOR count toward SIA degree requirements.
- Most 400-level elective courses have pre-requisites. Students should ensure they meet pre-requisites prior to scheduling the course. Some courses may require prior approval from the instructor or academic department.
- Students on financial aid or scholarships should confirm minimum # of credits to be considered a full-time student.
- International students must register for the # of credits required by their visa to be considered a full-time student.