

SO YOU WANT TO BE AN IA MAJOR AT LEWIS & CLARK?

Kyle's Cheatsheet (Updated 4/18/23)

THE 11 COURSES OF AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR:

- 1) IA 100 (Introduction to International Relations)
 - 2) IA 212 (United States Foreign Policy)
 - 3) ECON 100 (Introduction to Economics)
 - 4) POLS 102 (Comparative Politics)
 - 5) A "Global Security, Conflict & Diplomacy" class
 - 6) A "Global Governance" class
 - 7) A "Comparative & Regional Perspectives" class
 - 8) An "Economic Perspectives" class
 - 9) A "Research Methods" class **or** an additional course in #s 5, 6, 7, or 8
 - 10) IA 310 (IR Theories)
 - 11) IA 430 (Thesis)
- Years ~1-2 (suggested)
- Years ~2-4 (suggested)
- Year 4 (unless you have a compelling reason to take earlier)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ADVICE:

1. The most valuable resource for information on the IA Department and its courses is the [LC Course Catalog](#).
2. IA 100 (Intro to International Relations) is the course that unlocks most other course offerings in our department. It is also very popular and usually fills up quickly. We typically offer 3 sections of IA 100 each fall and 1 section each spring.
3. We generally recommend taking the four core "introductory" courses—IA 100, ECON 100 (Intro to Economics), POLS 102 (Comparative Politics), and IA 212 (US Foreign Policy)—within your first two years at LC. But this is not a requirement.
4. ECON 100 is very popular and fills up quickly, so you will likely want to prioritize it in registering for classes for the semester you want to take it.
5. Most IA courses at the 200 and 300 level are not open to freshmen. The exceptions are 200-level courses with "F1" listed in the course number on WebAdvisor, meaning they are open to freshmen who have taken (or are concurrently taking) IA 100. Two regularly offered courses that are available to freshmen are IA 212 (US Foreign Policy) and IA 211 (International Organizations), for example.
6. The other two required classes of the major are the "advanced" core courses—IA 310 (IR Theories) and IA 430 (Thesis). We recommend that students take these courses during the fall and spring of their senior year at LC (but see #7). IA 310 is only offered in the fall and IA 430 in the spring. IA 310 must be taken before IA 430.
7. The exception to our recommendation in #6 is students with competing priorities during their senior year (an off-campus program or another capstone project, for

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example). In this case, we recommend taking the IA 310-IA 430 sequence during the junior year. It is also possible to take IA 310 in the junior year and IA 430 in the senior year.

8. Aside from the 6 non-substitutable core courses, the other 5 courses of an IA major must come from the 5 IA subject areas: 1) Global Security, Conflict, & Diplomacy, 2) Global Governance, 3) Comparative & Regional Perspectives, 4) Economic Perspectives, and 5) Research Methods.

Students must ***either*** a) take one course from each of these five subject areas, ***or*** b) take one course from each of the first *four* subject areas (excluding Research Methods) and one additional course in *one* of those first four subject areas.

9. We generally recommend fulfilling the IA subject area course requirements between the second semester of freshmen year and the first semester of senior year. But this is not a requirement.

10. An IA-related course on an off-campus program ***might*** count toward one of the subject area requirements for the IA major, but this requires the written consent of the IA department chair (for the 2022-23 academic year, this is Bob Mandel). In our experience, the IA subject area most likely to be satisfied by such a class is the Comparative & Regional Perspectives category.

11. Of the four required IA subject areas, the category with the fewest independent course offerings that satisfy the requirement is Economic Perspectives. In our experience the vast majority of our majors satisfy this criterion with IA 340: International Political Economy (though taking this particular class is of course *not* a requirement). The International Political Economy course has ECON 100 as a required prerequisite, so students planning to take IA 340 will want to map out their schedules accordingly. Fortunately, Professor Bennett offers at least one section of IA 340 each semester she is teaching on campus.

12. While ***most*** of the International Affairs courses listed in the [LC Course Catalog](#) are regularly offered by our faculty, not ***all*** of them are. Faculty members also regularly go on leave (for sabbatical, maternity/paternity care, etc.) or lead off-campus programs. We recommend checking in with your IA major advisor early and often about when and whether the IA classes you are most interested in will be offered during your time at LC.

UPCOMING COURSE OFFERINGS IN THE LC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

FALL 2023 (subject to change)

| NUMBER | COURSE NAME | INSTRUCTOR | MAJOR REQUIREMENT FULFILLED |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| IA 100-01 | Introduction to Int'l Relations | Suparna Chaudhry | Required Major Course |
| IA 100-02 | Introduction to Int'l Relations | Bob Mandel | Required Major Course |
| IA 100-03 | Introduction to Int'l Relations | Matt Scroggs | Required Major Course |
| IA 211 | International Organization | Kyle Lascurettes | Global Governance |
| IA 212 | United States Foreign Policy | Matt Scroggs | Required Major Course |
| IA-230 | African Politics | Laura Vinson | Comparative/Regional |
| IA 296 | Human Rights | Suparna Chaudhry | Global Governance |
| IA 310-01 | IR Theories | Kyle Lascurettes | Required Major Course |
| IA 310-02 | IR Theories | Kyle Lascurettes | Required Major Course |
| IA 330 | Global Security | Bob Mandel | Security/Conflict/Diplomacy |
| IA 340-01 | Int'l Political Economy | Elizabeth Bennett | Economic Perspectives |
| IA 340-02 | Int'l Political Economy | Elizabeth Bennett | Economic Perspectives |
| IA-362 | Humanitarian Intervention | Laura Vinson | Global Governance |

SPRING 2024 (subject to change)

| NUMBER | COURSE NAME | INSTRUCTOR | MAJOR REQUIREMENT FULFILLED |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| IA 100 | Introduction to Int'l Relations | Suparna Chaudhry | Required Major Course |
| IA 212 | United States Foreign Policy | Matt Scroggs | Required Major Course |
| IA 257 | Global Resource Dilemmas | Bob Mandel | Security/Conflict/Diplomacy |
| IA-262 | Religion & Global Politics | Laura Vinson | Global Governance |
| IA 290 | Middle East Politics | Matt Scroggs | Comparative/Regional |
| IA 303 | Dynamics of Civil Conflicts | Suparna Chaudhry | Security/Conflict/Diplomacy |
| IA 333 | International Law | Suparna Chaudhry | Global Governance |
| IA 340 | Int'l Political Economy | Elizabeth Bennett | Economic Perspectives |
| IA 350 | Social Justice in the Global Economy | Elizabeth Bennett | Economic Perspectives |
| IA 430-01 | Thesis Seminar | STAFF | Required Major Course |
| IA 430-02 | Thesis Seminar | STAFF | Required Major Course |
| IA 430-03 | Thesis Seminar | Elizabeth Bennett | Required Major Course |

****Kyle Lascurettes is on leave for the Spring 2024 semester****

This document does NOT include 1) Courses taught by IA faculty in other departments/programs (Words/Numbers, etc.), 2) IA courses that count for fewer than 4 credits, 3) independent study and internship offerings, and 4) classes outside the IA department that nonetheless count toward the IA major. For a complete list, see [our section of the LC Course Catalog](#).

IA COURSES REGULARLY OFFERED BY FACULTY MEMBER

Elizabeth Bennett

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations
IA 340: International Political Economy
IA 350: Social Justice in the International Economy
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

Suparna Chaudhry

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations
IA 296: Human Rights in International Relations
IA 303: Dynamics of Civil Conflicts
IA 333: International Law
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

Kyle Lascurettes

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations
IA 211: International Organization
IA 340: International Relations Theories
IA 348: Global Order
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

Bob Mandel

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations
IA 257: Global Resource Dilemmas
IA 330: Global Security
IA 342: Perception and International Relations
(((IA 245: International Affairs Symposium)))

Matt Scroggs

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations
IA 212: United States Foreign Policy
IA 290: Middle East Politics