

2026–27 Political and Global Affairs, International Relations Concentration (B.S.) Academic Map

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An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*

Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) for more information about the True Blue Core (TBC).

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
Written Communication	3	TBC	Information Literacy	3	TBC
PS 1005	3	TBC; Major	PS 1010	3	TBC; Major
Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC	Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Human Society and Social Relationships/General elective	3	TBC	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	16	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	PGA 2100 or PS 3001 or PS 3360	3	Methods
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	Minor 1 course	3	
PGA 2000	3		GEOG 2000	3	
PS 3210	3		PS 3220	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Comparative Government elective	3	See list/advisor	Comparative Government elective	3	See list/advisor; Take GRE or LSAT
PS 4240	3		International Relations Concentration	3	See list/advisor
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 1 course	3	
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 2 course	3	
Minor 2 course	3		Minor 2 course	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
International Relations Concentration	3	See list/advisor	PGA 4800	3	
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 1 course/General elective	3	
Minor 2 course	3		Minor 2 course/General elective	3	
Minor 2 course	3		Political Science elective	3	See list/advisor
Political Science elective	3	See list/advisor	Human Society and Social Relationships/General elective	1-3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13-15	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120-122 (depending on courses taken for TBC)					

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Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years. Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
Written Communication	3	TBC	Information Literacy	3	TBC
PS 1005	3	TBC; Major	PS 1010	3	TBC; Major
Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC	Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	13	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	GEOG 2000	3	
PGA 2000	3		PGA 2100 or PS 3001 or PS 3360	3	Methods
PS 3210	3		PS 3220	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 2 course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Comparative Government elective	3	See list/advisor	Comparative Government elective	3	See list/advisor
PS 4240	3		International Relations Concentration	3	See list/advisor
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 1 course	3	
Minor 2 course	3		Minor 2 course	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Political Science Elective	3	See list/advisor	Minor 1 course	3	Take GRE or LSAT
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
International Relations Concentration	3	See list/advisor	PGA 4800	3	
Political Science elective	3	See list/advisor	Minor 1/ General elective	3	
Minor 1 course	3		Minor 2/General elective	3	
Minor 2 course	3		Human Society and Social Relationships/General Elective	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Minor 2 course	3		Human Society and Social Relationships/General Elective	1-3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13-15	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120-122 (depending on courses taken for TBC)					