



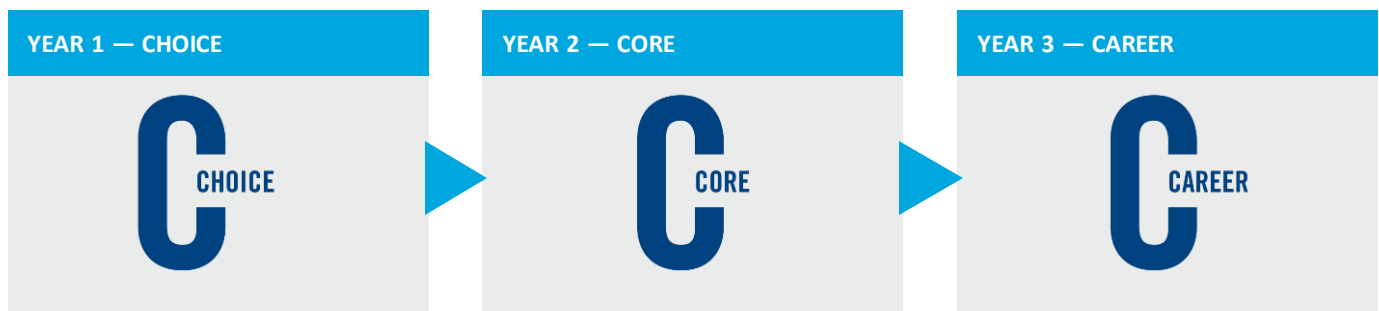
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: POLITICS & HISTORY (BA)

The problems and threats facing the world today are complex. Navigating the international political arena and creating sustainable solutions require a nuanced and multi-faceted approach. The International Relations: Politics and History (IRPH) program teaches students concepts and methods from many fields, including political science, history, law, and philosophy. The overall aim is twofold. First, to equip students with the theoretical knowledge and analytical skills required to explore the historical emergence and remedies for pressing global ills. And second, to prepare our students to succeed in the job market or graduate school.

Upon graduating, about 60% of our students enter prestigious graduate schools, such as Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics (LSE), Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, and Sciences Po. About 40% of our graduates opt for the job market and secure positions in traditional international relations fields, public policy, or development work, as well as in the business sector, consulting, and many other areas. Our students' success attests to the IRPH program's excellence, confirmed by the program's outstanding rankings from the Centre for Higher Education (CHE).



PROGRAM



Students can take various interdisciplinary classes in the first year to build on and extend their entrance qualifications. IRPH students select introductory modules with a total of 45 CP from the CHOICE area of study programs. 15 CP will be from their intended major. Students can change their major at the beginning of their second year if they have taken the corresponding modules of the study program in their first year.

In their second year, students take modules totaling 45 CP from in-depth, discipline-specific CORE modules. These modules aim to extend the students' critical understanding of their major's fundamental theories, principles, and methods at the current state of knowledge and best practice. 15 CP in CORE modules from a second field of study may be selected to pursue a minor.

Students prepare and make career decisions after graduation during their third year. They explore available choices fitting individual interests, gain professional experience, and complete a mandatory summer internship. The fifth semester opens a window for study abroad options. And the sixth semester is dedicated to fostering students' research experience by involving them in an extended Bachelor thesis project.

STUDY PLAN

BA International Relations: Politics and History (180 CP)						
Year 3	Bachelor Thesis and Seminar (m, 15 CP)				Big Questions (me, 5 CP)	Big Questions (me, 2.5 CP)
	Study Abroad Option (22.5 CP)				Community Impact Project (m, 5 CP)	Big Questions (me, 2.5 CP)
	Specialization (me, 3 x 5 CP)					
Year 2	Internship/Start-Up (m, 15 CP)					
	CORE* Understanding International Political Economy (me, 7.5 CP)	CORE History of Globalization (me, 5 CP)	CORE Diplomacy and Foreign Policy (me, 5 CP)	CORE International Resource Politics (me, 5 CP)	Methods/Skills Data Collection and Empirical Research Methodologies (m, 5 CP)	Language (me, 2.5 CP)
	CORE* Advanced International Relations Theory (me, 7.5 CP)	CORE Empires and Nation States (me, 5 CP)	CORE Regional Integration (me, 5 CP)	CORE International Law (me, 5 CP)	Methods/Skills Qualitative Research Methods (m, 5 CP)	Language (me, 2.5 CP)
	CHOICE* Introduction to Modern European History (m, 7.5 CP)	CHOICE Own Selection (me, 7.5 CP)	CHOICE Own Selection (me, 7.5 CP)		Methods/Skills Applied Statistics with R Applied Statistics with SPSS (me, 5 CP)	Language (me, 2.5 CP)
Year 1	CHOICE* Introduction to International Relations Theory (m, 7.5 CP)	CHOICE Own Selection (me, 7.5 CP)	CHOICE Own Selection (me, 7.5 CP)		Methods/Skills Academic Writing and Academic Skills (m, 5 CP)	Language (me, 2.5 CP)
	Area CHOICE/CORE 90 CP				JACOBS TRACK 45 CP	

* mandatory for minor students
m = mandatory
me = mandatory elective

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM

- Students encounter the program's diverse and international student body, meaning classroom discussions resemble mini-United Nations meetings.
- Students engage in interactive and experimental teaching techniques, such as crisis and diplomacy simulations, cooperation games, debates, and excursions.
- Jacobs' international faculty members from top-flight Ph.D. programs enrich the classroom environment with insights from professional experience in program-related fields.



TOP30%

AMONG TOP 30% OF ALL UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

"I chose to study International Relations: Politics and History because it combines different areas of study. Its transdisciplinary approach shows economic, legal, humanitarian, and security aspects of world problems and teaches how to find solutions for today's pressing problems by analyzing the past."

Amelie Stötzel, Germany

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