

International Studies Major Approved Electives

Fall 2026

(as of March 2026)

- Classes cross-listed with POLS and a different department are counted towards major requirements as POLS electives regardless of which section you are enrolled in, cross listed sections are indicated on list with CL designation
- W = Continued Writing GER = 4 credit hours
- R = “Repeatable” – it has nothing to do with the IS major or the RSCH requirement
- First-Year Seminars (courses in any department designated 190, e.g. POLS 190) are open only to students in their first two semesters at Emory
- POLS 285 and 385 are course designations for “special topics” courses. Students may take multiple POLS 285 or POLS 385 courses for major credit.
- For Senior Honors students: POLS 495A may count as an IS elective

Political Science Electives (Atlanta):

- POLS 272 Islam and Politics (CL MESAS 272)
- POLS 319 International Political Economy
- POLS 375 Contemporary Chinese Politics
- POLS 381 Conflict in Asia
- POLS 385-2 Models of International Relations (CL 385-6)
- POLS 448W Israel Palestine in World Politics (CL JS 448W-1, HIST 448W-1, MESAS 448W-1)

Political Science Electives (Oxford)

- POLS_OX 385 African Politics

Research Courses:

- POLS 394 Digital Media, AI, & Political Campaigning
- POLS 494-1 Comparative Political Parties
- POLS 494-2 Civilians in Conflict
- POLS 494-3 Elections in the Developing World

Non-Political Science Electives:

100-200 level electives

- AAS 247 Racial and Ethnic Relations (CL SOC 247)

- AFS 221 The Making Of Modern Africa
- ANTH 205 Foundations of Global Health (CL HLTH 250, SOC 250)
- ANTH 207 Foundations of Development Studies
- ANTH 258 Anthropology of the Jews (CL JS 258, REL 258)
- CHN 275 Gendering/Queering China (CL WGS 275)
- ENVS 224 Economy and the Environment
- HIST 103 Introduction to the Middle East
- HIST 104 Introduction to South Asia
- HIST 204 The Silk Road and Central Eurasia
- HIST 221 The Making of Modern Africa
- HIST 247 Napoleon's Europe
- HIST 263W Plantation to Postcolonial (CL LACS 263W)
- HLTH 250 Foundations in Global Health (SOC 250)
- MESAS 100 Introduction to Middle East
- MESAS 102 Introduction to South Asia
- MESAS 210 The Arab World: Culture and Society
- SOC 221 Culture and Society

300+ level electives

- AFS 319 Media, Islam, and Social Movements (CL MESAS 319, FILM 319, SOC 319)
- AFS 353 Political Economy of M. East and N. Africa (CL ECON 353, MESAS 353)
- AFS 366W Development Issues for Africa (CL ECON 366W)
- AFS 378 Human Trafficking: Global History (CL HIST 378, ANT 378, LACS 378)
- ANTH 354 Culture and Economy
- ECON 341 Business and Government
- ENVS 310 Environmental Justice
- FIN 427 International Finance
- HIST 339 Jews and Capitalism (CL JS 339)
- HIST 360 History of Mexico (CL LACS 360)
- HIST 378 History Trafficking: Global History

- HIST 448W Israel Palestine in World Politics (CL JS 448W, MESAS 448W, POLS 448W)
- HIST 460 Race and Nation in Latin America (CL LACS 460W)
- MESAS 330 Tibetan Culture (CL REL 330)
- SPAN 422 Matza and Tortilla (CL JS 422, LACS 490R)