

International Studies Major Approved Electives

Spring 2026

(as of October 2025)

- 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.

Political Science Electives (Atlanta):

- POLS 120 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 238 Jihadist Movements & Politics (CL MESAS 238)
- POLS 268 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (CL JS 268, HIST 268, MESAS 268)
- POLS 325 Eastern European Politics
- POLS 326 Western European Politics
- POLS 331 Latin American Politics
- POLS 334 Contemporary African Politics
- POLS 346 African American Politics
- POLS 385 Special Topics: Institut/Ethnic Pops Dev. World (CL AFS 389)
- POLS 386 Professional Development in POLS and Beyond (1 credit)

Research Courses:

- POLS 374W Research: War and Politics
- POLS 394-1 Research Topics in Political Science with Dr. Barnoschi
- POLS 494-1 Research Topics Seminar: Globalization and Its Discontents

Non-Political Science Electives:

100-200 level electives

- ANT 205 Foundations of Global Health (HLTH 250-1, SOC 250-1)
- ANT 258 Anthropology of the Jews (JS 258, REL 258)

- CHN 278 Revolutions and Republics: China in the 20th and 21st Centuries
- ECON 231 Introduction to Global Trade and Finance
- ENVS 224 Economy and the Environment
- FILM 265 Iranian Society and Its Cinema
- HIST 200 Middle East Empires to Nations (CL MESAS 200)
- HIST 206 South Asia Empires to Nations (CL MESAS 202)
- HIST 210 Introduction to History and Law in the World
- HIST 268 Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (CL JS 268, POLS 268, MESAS 268)
- REL 232 Hindu Nationalism (CL MESAS 232)
- SOC 214 Class/Status/Power
- SOC 221 Culture and Society
- SOC 250 Foundations of Global Health
- WGS 275 Gendering/Queering China

300+ level electives

- ECON 385-3 Special Topics: Economic Development in Africa/Middle East
- ENVS 310 Environmental Justice
- HIST 307 Creating Capitalism 1500-1800
- HIST 338 Jews of Eastern Europe (CL JS 338)
- HIST 361 Brazil: Country of the Future
- HIST 363W Sugar and Rum
- HIST 377 European Intellectual History/1880
- MESAS 354 Economic Development in Africa and Middle East (CL AFS 389, ECON 385)
- MESAS 378W Caste (CL WGS 378W)
- REES 423W Islam in Russia (CL HIST 423)
- REL 338 Tibetan History (CL MESAS 338)
- SOC 389 Special Topics: Sociology of Immigration