International Studies Major Approved Electives
Spring 2027
(as of October 2026)

➢ Only classes with an international focus may count. Any American focused political science classes do not count toward the IS major.
➢ 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 120 Intro to Comparative Politics
- POLS 325 Eastern European Politics
- POLS 380 Political Economy of Development
- POLS 385-1 Special Topics: China In the World
- POLS 385-4 Historical Political Economy
- POLS 386 Professional Development in Political Science and Beyond

Political Science Electives (Oxford)

- POLS_OX 320 Political Violence

Research Courses:

- POLS 313W RSCH: International Organizations
- POLS 374W RSCH: War and Politics
- POLS 394 AI Era Campaign and Elections
- POLS 494-1 Illicit Organizations

Non-Political Science Electives:

100-200 level electives

- AFS 270 Topic Seminar: Law, Markets, & Empires
- ANTH 205 Foundations of Global Health (CL HLTH 250, SOC 250)
- 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
- HIST 200 Middle East Empires to Nations
- HIST 206 South Asia Empires to Nations (CL MESAS 202)
- HIST 210 Intro to History and Law in the World
- HIST 211 Latin America: A History
- HIST 252W Outsiders in Nazi Germany (CL JS 252W)
- HIST 263W Plantation to Postcolonial (CL LACS 263W)
- HIST 274 Introduction to Korean History
- HIST 285 HIST 285 Topics: Historical Analysis: Law, Markets & Empires
- HLTH 250 Foundations in Global Health (SOC 250)
- LACS 265W Visitor Meets Native
- MESAS 200 Middle East Empires to Nations (CL HIST 200)
- MESAS 265 Iranian Society and Its Cinema
- REL 250 Introduction to Religion and Law
- SOC 221 Culture and Society

300+ level electives

- AFS 389 Special Topics:African Studies: Econ Develop.Africa/Mid.East
- ECON 371 Health Economics
- ECON 385-1 Special Topics: Econ Development of Africa and Mid East (CL MESAS 354, AFS 389)
- GER 470W Turkish German Culture
- HIST 385 Spec Topics: History: Law/Globalization: Latin Amer. (CL LACS 385)
- KRN 374 Choson: Last Dynasty of Korea
- MESAS 338 Tibetan History (CL REL 338)
- MESAS 354 Economic Development in Africa and Middle East (CL AFS 389, ECON 385)
- RUSS 372W Russian Literature and Revolution

- SOC 311 Political Sociology
- WGS 316 Politics-Recognition-Exclusion