INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Bachelor of Arts

Three Big Things:
- Exciting internship opportunities
- Study Abroad programs and opportunities
- Model United Nations Club

International affairs affect us every day in even the most mundane ways. They allow us access to a continually shifting array of products; they provide us access to persons around the world in an instant; and they enable travel, both physical and virtual, in ways unimaginable even fifty years ago. At the same time, they can create problems and new sources of tension amongst countries, businesses, political groups, and even individuals.

The goal of EWU’s IA program is to combine the rigor of a social science degree with the breadth of a liberal arts degree, while deepening students’ understanding of the processes and events that help create our increasingly small yet increasingly complex global community. IA students graduate with the skills and knowledge to find interesting, challenging careers in a wide variety of international fields.

Career Opportunities
Successful IA students have gone on to graduate study in a wide array of disciplines such as international studies, development, education, and law. Others have found themselves well equipped for career opportunities in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Many graduates find employment with domestic or international business firms. Opportunities also exist in non-governmental organizations, campaign organizations, the military, telecommunications, and other media.

Curriculum
The program is housed in the Government department yet is interdisciplinary in scope, including courses not only in the political science tradition, but also in Anthropology, Communications, Geography, Economics, History, Sociology, and Foreign Languages. It is designed to provide students with as much flexibility as possible in designing a course of study that is rigorous yet reflects their interests. Students must minor in a foreign language, unless they are non-native English speakers in which case they must minor in another field. Students then choose from three concentrations in the major: Global Security Processes, Global Socio-economic Processes, or Global Public Policy. As its name suggests the first concentration deals with issues of war and peace, while the second concentration focuses on economic and cultural dynamics around the world. The last concentration is the most pre-professional of the three, and is designed for those interested in working for government agencies.

The core courses give students a solid basis in international political science, and encourage students to conduct philosophically and historically based examinations of political, economic, social, and governmental structures, events, processes, and institutions. All IA students develop their research, writing, speaking, and analytical skills, as well as foreign language and workplace skills.

The IA major culminates in a Senior Capstone in which students demonstrate their ability to analyze a complex issue or question regarding globalization. Students finish the major having successfully conducted and completed a significant research project.
Knowledge and Skills
Acquired in this Program
Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs will gain competency in global relations processes and issues, proficiency in a foreign language, and skills in research, writing, and oral communications. They also acquire sophisticated analytical skills in social science traditions.

Special Features
The International Affairs Program offers students a variety of additional opportunities beyond the classroom.

The program helps support internship opportunities, often structured by students themselves and aided by the EWU Internship Office. Internships provide practical experience with all manner of organizations, including political and governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.

The program also strongly encourages students’ study abroad. With the help of the EWU Study Abroad Office, EWU IA students recently have studied in Argentina, Belgium, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Japan, and Russia, among many other countries.

Many IA students join EWU’s chapter of the Model United Nations, which competes in both regional and national Model UN conferences. Students act as “delegates” from chosen countries around the world and enact an official UN General Assembly meeting.

MUN engages students in an effort to increase understanding of the issues that face the world currently and how organizations like the U.N. may be able to aid in resolving them. EWU MUN has won several awards for its participation in both regional and international competitions.

Finally, the IA program co-sponsors lectures, forums, and debates on campus and in the community that deepen students’ understanding of global and regional political, economic, and social issues.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master’s degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

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