

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Multidisciplinary global curriculum

This rigorous program prepares students for careers requiring a deep and nuanced understanding of the cultural, economic and political forces that shape relations among different societies. The major combines the unique perspectives of four disciplines: economics, foreign languages, history and political science. Beginning seminars emphasize the core skills necessary to understand international affairs, but the rest of the major's curriculum allows students to choose coursework that reflects their primary areas of regional and substantive interest. Students fulfill a portion of their requirements by conducting original research, studying abroad for a term or completing internships with international organizations. This major provides a strong academic foundation for students who plan to pursue graduate-level studies in law, international business, foreign relations or political science.

Going to graduate school?

In recent years, international relations graduates have been admitted by many of the best foreign policy graduate schools in the world, including:

- American University | School of International Service
- George Washington University | Elliot School of International Affairs
- Syracuse University | The Maxwell School
- University of Kentucky | The Patterson School of Diplomacy
- University of London | SOAS School of Foreign Studies
- University of Pittsburgh | Graduate School of Public and International Affairs



What can I do with this major?

Many of our alumni advance to graduate or law school, while others go directly into professional careers across a wide range of areas including electoral and advocacy campaigns, government service, legal affairs, policy analysis and other fields that require well-honed leadership, critical thinking and communication skills. Recent alumni have accepted positions as:

- Educators
- International Security Analysts
- Lawyers and Consultants
- Lobbyists
- Managers in Various Firms
- Officers in the Armed Forces
- Peace Corps Volunteers
- Professional Writers
- Risk Analysts for Wall Street and International Firms

Why should I major in international relations at HPU?

- Gain the knowledge and experiences necessary to make a difference in the world
- Study abroad for a term, learning about other societies while completing coursework in your major
- Develop the critical research, writing and analytical skills to enter and thrive in international affairs graduate programs and professional settings
- Form lifetime bonds with caring teacher-scholars who are committed to mentoring students throughout their undergraduate education and beyond
- Build the skills and versatility to excel in private or public sector settings in the U.S. and abroad

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Getting involved

There are more than 100 campus clubs and organizations to get involved in. Some pertaining to international relations include:

- College Democrats and College Republicans
- Global Student Association
- HPU Survey Research Center
- Model United Nations
- Pre-Law Club

Where are our graduates?

- Attending various law schools and working as attorneys
- Conducting research in Bosnia as a Fulbright Scholar
- Earning Ph.D. and Masters degrees in political science, economics and theology
- Employed abroad by international banks and firms
- Serving as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force
- Working at the U.S. Department of State and in the Peace Corps
- Working for USAID in the District of Columbia

Meet Hannah

Hometown: Holly Springs, N.C.

Major: International Relations

Accomplishments: Fulbright Scholar

Why I Chose HPU: "I chose to attend High Point University because everything about the school exuded potential – the potential for my personal and intellectual growth as well as the potential for me to play a role in the growth of HPU itself. I wanted to build relationships with my professors, not just my fellow students. The small class sizes help build these relationships and promote intellectual growth by encouraging participation in class."

Why I Chose International Relations: "The interdisciplinary nature of the International Relations (INR) major is strengthened by the level of excellence present across all academic departments at HPU. I loved having the freedom to tailor my course load to fit my particular career interests. Another highlight for INR majors is HPU's extensive list of study abroad programs. When I decided to spend my Junior year studying abroad in Europe, the Study Abroad advisors helped me choose the best programs to meet my academic goals."

How HPU Has Prepared Me for the Future: "The opportunities HPU provided me as an INR major prepared me to become the University's first Fulbright Scholar. Now that I have graduated, I feel that HPU's INR program shaped me into a global citizen capable of making a difference in the world, reaching my highest goals and leaving a legacy of excellence."



For more information about HPU's International Relations Program, contact: