

State University of New York at New Paltz

This **eight-semester plan** (see [important details](#)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an **advising tool** – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student’s prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their [Progress Reports](#) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

International Relations

Year 1

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| Gen Ed: Composition (COMP) | 3 | Gen Ed: Composition (COMP) | 3 |
| Gen Ed: Mathematical Inquiry (MATH) | 3 | Gen Ed: United States Studies (USST) | 3 |
| Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG) | 3 | Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG) | 3 |
| Gen Ed: The Arts (ART) | 3 | Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM) | 3 |
| POL227 Intro to Intl Politics - GE (SSCI)/major | 4 | Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI) | 3 |
| Total | 16 | Total | 15 |

Year 2

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI) | 3 | Gen Ed: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD) | 3 |
| Gen Ed: Western Civilization (WEST) | 3 | International Economics Course - Note 2 | 4 |
| ECO206 Microeconomics or ECO207 Macroeconomics (prereq) | 3 | POL300 Scope & Methods | 4 |
| Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR) | 3 | Upper-Division Major Elective Course - Note 3 | 3 |
| Choose one course - Note 1 | 3 | | |
| Total | 15 | Total | 14 |

Year 3

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| POL366 Amer. For. Policy or HIS379 U.S. Foreign Pol. since 1898 | 3 | POL390 Junior Seminar / Upper-Division Major Elective - Note 3 | 3-4 |
| Upper-Division Major Elective Course - Note 3 | 3 | Major Elective Course - Note 4 | 3 |
| Upper-Division Major Elective Course - Note 3 | 3 | Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| Major Elective Course - Note 4 | 3 | Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| Upper-Division Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15-16 |

Year 4

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| Upper-Division Elective | 3 | POL404 Seminar Internatl Reltns (WI) | 3 |
| Upper-Division Elective | 3 | Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| Upper-Division Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 |

Notes

Choose one of the following courses: [ANT214 Cultural Anthropology \(WRLD\)](#), [ANT404 Political Anthropology](#), [GEO274 Environment and Culture \(SSCI\)](#)

Choose one of the following international economics courses (prereq required - [ECO206](#) Principles of Microeconomics OR [ECO207](#) Principles of Macroeconomics): [ECO302 Comparative Economic Systems](#), [ECO401 International Trade and Finance](#), [ECO418 Economics of Development](#)

Majors are required to complete twelve (12) elective credits by advisement, selected from among those courses accepted for credit in the International Relations major/minor program. No more than one course may be at the 200 level. Three courses (9 credits) must be taken in the Department of Political Science & International Relations.

Additional electives: Six (6) credits by advisement are to focus on a single world area (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, or Middle East), selected from among

courses accepted for credit in the International Relations major/minor program.

Optional course to prepare students for the demands of the senior seminar. May count toward the elective requirement.

Total Credits: 120-121