



# Bachelor of Arts in **International Relations**

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As a student in International Relations, you will explore the major global and multicultural perspectives and gain an understanding of a complex and interconnected world through close study of historical, political, economic, legal, and cultural forces. The Bachelor of Arts in International Relations prepares you for either a career in the international business community, governments, diplomatic corps, as well as private and international non-governmental organizations. It will also assist you in preparing for further graduate study in international relations, international law, political science, development or policy studies.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Utilize concepts and theories of International Relations in addressing issues in their areas of specialization.
2. Conduct research on issues in International Relations.
3. Analyze dynamics of world politics.
4. Analyze threats and opportunities to states' strategic interests.
5. Analyze International Relations issues in a complex global, multicultural and interconnected world.
6. Formulate informed policy responses to threats and opportunities that face a state's strategic threats.

# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

120 UNITS

**GENERAL EDUCATION** 39 UNITS

**SIGNATURE COURSES** 15 UNITS

**STRATEGIES FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS** 3 UNITS

SUS 1010 Strategies for University Success

**RESEARCH METHODS** 3 UNITS

GRM 2000 Introduction to Research Methods

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OR COMMUNITY PROJECT** 3 UNITS

CMS 3700 Community Service

**THE SENIOR EXPERIENCE** 3 UNITS

SEN 4800 Integrated Senior Seminar

**FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION LITERACY** 3 UNITS

FIL 1010 Fundamentals of Information Literacy

**LANGUAGE STUDIES** 12 UNITS

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE** 6 UNITS

ENG 1106 Composition I (WI)

ENG 2206 Composition II (WI)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** 6 UNITS

Students must have credit for a foreign language or must take a two-course foreign language esequense of one language.

USIU-Africa offers courses in Arabic (ARB1000), French (FRN1000), Japanese (JPN1000), Spanish (SPN1000), Swahili (SWA1000), Chinese (CHI1000) and Kenya Sign Language (KSL1000).

**DISCIPLINARY GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES** 6 UNITS

IST 1010 Introduction to Information Systems

MTH 1109 College Algebra

**SCHOOL-BASED GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES** 6 UNITS

Students are required to pick 2 electives:

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

**LOWER LEVEL (choose one course)**

ENV 2000 Introduction to Environmental Sciences 3 units

ENV 2001 Sustainable Resource Management 3 units

JRN 1109 Introduction to Mass Communication 3 units

JRN 2103 Fundamentals of Photography 3 units

MTH 2210	Introduction to Applied Statistics	3 units
NSC 2205	Human Physiology	3 units
NSC 2212	Life, Environment & Society	3 units
NSC 2215	Introduction to Physical Mechanics	3 units
NSC 2216	Introduction to Earth Sciences	3 units
HSC 1394	Introduction to Global Health	3 units
EPI 1010	Epidemiology of Disease	3 units

### UPPER LEVEL (choose one course)

ENV 3200	Water Use & Management	3 units
ENV 3288	Field Studies	3 units
ENV 3300	Energy Use and Management	3 units
ENV 3500	Regional Environment	3 units
ENV 4000	Environmental Economics	3 units
ENV 4200	Environmental Law	3 units
NSC 3304	Biology and the Environment	3 units
PHT 3010	Contemporary Community Health Issues	3 units
JRN 3015	Media Management	3 units

## CHANDARIA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### LOWER LEVEL

BUS 1010	Introduction to Business	3 Units
ECO 1010	Principles of Microeconomics	3 Units
ENT 1010	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3 Units
HRT 1010	Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism Management	3 Units

### UPPER LEVEL

MGT 3010	Overview of Management Practice	3 Units
MKT 3010	Principles of Marketing	3 Units

## CORE COURSES

**39 UNITS**

POL 2201	Introduction to Political Science	3 units
IRL 2000	Foundation of International Relations	3 units
IRL 2005	Comparative Foreign Policy	3 units
IRL 2010	International Organisations	3 units
IRL 3000	Comparative Political Systems	3 units
IRL 3003	Research Methods in IR	3 units
IRL 3005	Contemporary Theories & Ideologies	3 units
IRL 3021	African Philosophy & Ideologies	3 units
IRL 3060	African International Relations	3 units
IRL 4020	International Law	3 units
IRL 4030	International Political Economy	3 units
IRL 4075	Mechanism of International Communication	3 units
IRL 4900	International Relations Project	3 units
OR		
IRL 4910	Internship	3 units

## CONCENTRATIONS

**18 UNITS**

### Diplomacy & Foreign Policy (choose 6 courses)

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#### Compulsory Courses

IRL 3100	Diplomacy	3 units
IRL 3110	Simulation Exercise	3 units

IRL 3200	Negotiation & Mediation	3 units
IRL 4120	International Humanitarian Law	3 units

**Electives (choose two courses) 6 units**

IRL 4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL 4040	Africa – Asia Relations	3 units
IRL 4050	US – Africa Relations	3 units
IRL 4055	Africa – Middle East Relations	3 units
IRL 4065	East Africa in World Affairs	3 units
IRL 4151	Field Study	3 units
IRL 4800	Critical Issues in Kenyan Foreign Policy	3 units

**Development Studies (choose 6 courses) 18 Units**

**Compulsory Courses:**

ECO 1010	Principles of Microeconomics	3 units
ECO 1020	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 units
IRL 3010	Development Issues in Africa	3 units
IRL 3045	Politics of Regionalism in Africa	3 units
IRL 4151	Field Study	3 units

**Electives (choose one course) 3 units**

IRL 2100	Introduction to Human Rights	3 units
IRL 2220	Gender and IR	3 units
IRL 3040	Politics in Africa	3 units
IRL 4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL 4150	Area Studies	3 units
IRL 4220	Refugee Studies	3 units
IRL 4811	Critical Issues in Africa	3 units

**Peace & Conflict Studies (choose 6 courses) 18 Units**

**Compulsory Courses:**

IRL 3015	Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies	3 units
IRL 3200	Negotiation & Mediation	3 units
IRL 4001	Regional Conflicts in Africa	3 units
IRL 4151	Field Study	3 units

**Electives (choose two courses) 6 units**

IRL 4010	Geopolitics	3 units
IRL 4035	Environmental Politics	3 units
IRL 4045	Security Studies & Strategies	3 units
IRL 4120	International Humanitarian Law	3 units
IRL 4220	Refugee Studies	3 units
IRL 4850	Studies in Contemporary International Crisis	3 units

**UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES 9 UNITS**

One course (3 units) must be lower level (1000- 2999) and two courses (6 units) must be upper level (3000 - 4999).

**MINOR 15 UNITS**

A student can select 1 lower level course and 4 upper level courses from other Schools.

# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Bachelor of Arts in International Relations opens up a wide range of career opportunities:

1. Diplomacy
2. International organizations i.e. United Nations, A.U, EU, etc.
3. Public relations
4. Not-for-profit organizations
5. Consultancies
6. Educational institutions
7. Business organizations
8. Cultural & social organizations
9. Government agencies

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent with a minimum aggregate of C+ (Plus).

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