

# SO YOU WANT TO BE AN IA MAJOR AT LEWIS & CLARK?

## Kyle's Cheatsheet (Updated 10/19/24)

### THE 11 COURSES OF AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR:

- 1) IA 100 (Introduction to International Relations)
  - 2) IA 212 (United States Foreign Policy)
  - 3) ECON 100 (Introduction to Economics)
  - 4) POLS 102 (Comparative Politics)
  - 5) A "Global Security, Conflict & Diplomacy" class
  - 6) A "Global Governance" class
  - 7) A "Comparative & Regional Perspectives" class
  - 8) An "Economic Perspectives" class
  - 9) A "Research Methods" class **or** an additional course in #s 5, 6, 7, or 8
  - 10) IA 310 (IR Theories)
  - 11) IA 430 (Thesis)
- Years ~1-2 (suggested)
- Years ~2-4 (suggested)
- Year 4 (unless you have a compelling reason to take earlier)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ADVICE:

1. The most valuable resource for information on the IA Department and its courses is the [LC Course Catalog](#).
2. IA 100 (Intro to International Relations) is the course that unlocks most other course offerings in our department. It is also very popular and usually fills up quickly. We typically offer 3 sections of IA 100 each fall and 1-2 sections each spring.
3. We generally recommend taking the four core "introductory" courses—IA 100, ECON 100 (Intro to Economics), POLS 102 (Comparative Politics), and IA 212 (US Foreign Policy)—within your first two years at LC. But this is not a requirement.
4. ECON 100 is very popular and fills up quickly each semester, so you will likely want to prioritize it in registering for classes for the semester you want to take it.
5. Most IA courses at the 200 and 300 level are not open to freshmen. The exceptions are 200-level courses with "F1" listed in the course number on WebAdvisor, meaning they are open to freshmen who have taken (or are concurrently taking) IA 100. Two regularly offered courses that are available to freshmen are IA 212 (US Foreign Policy) and IA 211 (International Organizations), for example.
6. The other two required classes of the major are the "advanced" core courses—IA 310 (IR Theories) and IA 430 (Thesis). We recommend that students take these courses during the fall and spring of their senior year at LC (but see #7). IA 310 is only offered in the fall and IA 430 in the spring. IA 310 must be taken before IA 430.
7. The exception to our recommendation in #6 is students with legitimate conflicting and competing priorities during their senior year (an off-campus program or another

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capstone project, for example). In this case, we recommend taking the IA 310-IA 430 sequence during the junior year. It is also possible to take IA 310 in the junior year and IA 430 in the senior year. Either of these modifications requires advisor and Theories/Thesis instructor consent.

8. Aside from the 6 non-substitutable core courses, the other 5 courses of an IA major must come from the 5 IA subject areas: 1) Global Security, Conflict, & Diplomacy, 2) Global Governance, 3) Comparative & Regional Perspectives, 4) Economic Perspectives, and 5) Research Methods.

Students must ***either*** a) take one course from each of these five subject areas, ***or*** b) take one course from each of the first *four* subject areas (excluding Research Methods) and *one* additional course in *one* of those first four subject areas.

9. We generally recommend fulfilling the IA subject area course requirements between the second semester of freshmen year and the first semester of senior year. But this is not a requirement.

10. An IA-related course on an off-campus program ***might*** count toward one of the subject area requirements for the IA major, but this requires the written consent of the IA department chair (at present, this is Bob Mandel). In our experience, the IA subject area most likely to be satisfied by such a class is the Comparative & Regional Perspectives category (which is often but not always filled with something like a “Contemporary Politics of [off-campus program country]” course).

11. Of the four required IA subject areas, the category with the fewest course offerings is Economic Perspectives. In our experience the vast majority of majors satisfy this criterion with IA 340: International Political Economy (though taking this particular class is of course *not* a requirement). The International Political Economy course has ECON 100 as a required prerequisite, so students planning to take IA 340 will want to map out their schedules accordingly. Fortunately, Professor Bennett offers at least one section of IA 340 each semester she is teaching on campus.

12. While ***most*** of the International Affairs courses listed in the [LC Course Catalog](#) are regularly offered by our faculty, not ***all*** of them are. Faculty also regularly go on leave (for sabbatical, maternity/paternity care, etc.) or lead off-campus programs. We recommend checking in with your IA major advisor early and often about when and whether the IA classes you are most interested in will be offered during your time at LC.

Currently regularly offered: IA 100, 211, 212, 244, 245, 257, 290, 296, 299, 303, 310, 330, 333, 340, 342, 348, 350, 430

Currently *not* regularly offered: IA 220, 230, 231, 232, 238, 262, 312, 313, 318, 320, 362

## UPCOMING COURSE OFFERINGS IN THE LC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

### SPRING 2025

NUMBER	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	MAJOR REQUIREMENT FULFILLED
IA 100	Introduction to Int'l Relations	Suparna Chaudhry	Required Major Course
IA 211	International Organization	Kyle Lascurettes	Global Governance
IA 212	United States Foreign Policy	Matt Scroggs	Required Major Course
IA 257	Global Resource Dilemmas	Bob Mandel	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy
IA 290	Middle East Politics	Matt Scroggs	Comparative/Regional
IA 303	Dynamics of Civil Conflicts	Suparna Chaudhry	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy
IA 315	Crises of Global Governance	Matt Scroggs	Global Governance
IA 333	International Law	Suparna Chaudhry	Global Governance
IA 340	Int'l Political Economy	Elizabeth Bennett	Economic Perspectives
IA 430-01	Thesis Seminar	Elizabeth Bennett	Required Major Course
IA 430-02	Thesis Seminar	Elizabeth Bennett	Required Major Course
IA 430-03	Thesis Seminar	Kyle Lascurettes	Required Major Course

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**FALL 2025** (tentative and subject to change)

NUMBER	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	MAJOR REQUIREMENT FULFILLED
IA 100-01	Introduction to Int'l Relations	Suparna Chaudhry	Required Major Course
IA 100-02	Introduction to Int'l Relations	Bob Mandel	Required Major Course
POLS 201	Research Methods in Political Science	Matt Scroggs	Research Methods
IA 212	United States Foreign Policy	Matt Scroggs	Required Major Course
IA 296	Human Rights	Suparna Chaudhry	Global Governance
IA 310-01	IR Theories	Kyle Lascurettes	Required Major Course
IA 310-02	IR Theories	Kyle Lascurettes	Required Major Course
IA 330	Perception in International Relations	Bob Mandel	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy
IA 348	Global Order	Kyle Lascurettes	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy

**\*\*Note: Elizabeth Bennett is scheduled to be on leave for the Fall 2025 semester. IA 340 will not be offered this semester, but will be offered again in the spring\*\***

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**SPRING 2026** (tentative and subject to change)

NUMBER	COURSE NAME	INSTRUCTOR	MAJOR REQUIREMENT FULFILLED
IA 100	Introduction to Int'l Relations	Matt Scroggs	Required Major Course
IA 211	International Organization	Kyle Lascurettes	Global Governance
IA 212	United States Foreign Policy	Matt Scroggs	Required Major Course
IA 257	Global Resource Dilemmas	Bob Mandel	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy
IA 290	Middle East Politics	Matt Scroggs	Comparative/Regional
IA 303	Dynamics of Civil Conflicts	Suparna Chaudhry	Security/Conflict/Diplomacy
IA 333	International Law	Suparna Chaudhry	Global Governance
IA 340	Int'l Political Economy	Elizabeth Bennett	Economic Perspectives
IA 350	Social Justice in the Global Economy	Elizabeth Bennett	Economic Perspectives
IA 430-01	Thesis Seminar	Suparna Chaudhry	Required Major Course
IA 430-02	Thesis Seminar	Elizabeth Bennett	Required Major Course
IA 430-03	Thesis Seminar	Kyle Lascurettes	Required Major Course

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## IA COURSES REGULARLY OFFERED BY FACULTY MEMBER

### Elizabeth Bennett

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations  
IA 340: International Political Economy (*every semester*)  
IA 350: Social Justice in the International Economy  
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

### Suparna Chaudhry

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations  
IA 296: Human Rights in International Relations (*annually, fall*)  
IA 303: Dynamics of Civil Conflicts  
IA 333: International Law (*annually, spring*)  
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

### Kyle Lascurettes

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations  
IA 211: International Organization (*annually, spring*)  
IA 340: International Relations Theories (*annually, fall*)  
IA 348: Global Order  
IA 430: Thesis Seminar

### Bob Mandel

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations  
IA 257: Global Resource Dilemmas (*annually, spring*)  
IA 330: Global Security (*every other fall*)  
IA 342: Perception and International Relations (*every other fall*)  
(((IA 245: International Affairs Symposium))) (*every semester*)

### Matt Scroggs

IA 100: Introduction to International Relations  
IA 212: United States Foreign Policy (*every semester*)  
IA 290: Middle East Politics  
IA 315: Crises in Global Governance (*every other spring*)

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