



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [14-15 Credit Hours]					
POL 10004 Comparative Politics	3			■	Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences and global diversity requirement
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Foreign Language Requirement (Elementary I)	4-5				See note 1 on page 2; Fulfills College General Requirements
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Two: [16-17 Credit Hours]					
POL 10500 World Politics	3			■	Fulfills Kent Core Additional and global diversity requirement
Foreign Language Requirement (Elementary II)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirements
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three: [15-17 Credit Hours]					
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics	3			■	Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
Foreign Language Requirement (Intermediate I)	3-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 3
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four: [15-17 Credit Hours]					
ECON 22061 Principles of Macroeconomics	3			■	
Foreign Language Requirement (Intermediate II)	3-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 3
College General Requirement	3				One must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences and one must be from Social Sciences; see notes 7 and 8 on page 3
College General Requirement	3				
General Electives (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
ECON 32075 Introduction to International Trade or ECON 42075 International Economic Relations	3	■		■	ECON 32075 offered in the Geneva, Switzerland, program only
Foreign Language Requirement (upper division)	3	■			See note 2 on page 2
POL Elective Category 1 (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 3 on page 2
POL Elective Category 2 (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 4 on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
Note: This semester is open to allow for a study abroad experience that can be taken in the junior or senior year.					
General Electives (9 credits must be upper division)	15	■			
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
GEOG Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 5 on page 2
HIST Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 6 on page 3
POL Elective Category 1 (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 3 on page 2
General Electives (upper division)	6	■			
Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]					
HIST Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 6 on page 3
POL Elective Category 2 (upper division)	3	■		■	See note 4 on page 2
General Electives (lower or upper division)	10				Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and 42 upper-division hours



Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	36	POL 10004 or 10500/Kent Core or General Elective	HIST 42297, 45697, 45797 or 46597	Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr	2.000	2.000

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11011, 11002, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences and minimum one course from fine arts</i>	May fulfill domestic diversity requirement	9
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	6 credits fulfilled in this major with ECON 22060 and POL 10004	0
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
Additional (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	3 credits fulfilled in this major with POL 10500 and ECON 22061	0

Note 1: The following foreign languages are approved for International Relations majors: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. Students should contact the International Relations director for approval for other languages. Students with foreign language experience should consult with the Department of Modern and Classical Languages Studies for appropriate placement. To graduate in four years, students should begin foreign language study by semester four; starting later may require summer courses or delay graduation.

Note 2: One course beyond the Intermediate II level in French, German, Russian or Spanish. Students may appeal to their advisor for substitution of another language, when justified by special circumstances. Satisfactory performance in a language proficiency test covering speaking, listening, reading and writing. This requirement also may be satisfied through completion of two additional approved courses in the same or a closely related language with minimum B- (2.7) grade. Prior approval for courses used in this connection must be given in writing by student's advisor. This course should be taken as soon as Intermediate II is completed. Students should consult with the International Director regarding the foreign language proficiency requirement while enrolled in this course.

Note 3: POL electives category 1 (6 credit hours), choose from the following *:

POL 30511 Problems of International Organization ^s	3	POL 40840 Comparative Foreign Policy	3
POL 30551 U.S.-Latin American Relations	3	POL 40930 U.S. Foreign Policy	3
POL 30820 International Organization and Law	3	^s Offered in the Geneva, Switzerland, program only	

Note 4: POL electives category 2 (6 credit hours), choose from the following *:

POL 30520 European Politics	3	POL 30550 Latin American Politics	3
POL 30530 Asian Politics	3	POL 40540 Politics of Development	3
POL 30540 African Politics	3		

Note 5: GEOG elective (3 credit hours), choose from the following *:

GEOG 37040 Geography of Africa	3	GEOG 37079 Geography of South Asia	3
GEOG 37050 Geography of Russia and the Commonwealth	3	GEOG 37084 Geography of South America	3
GEOG 37066 Geography of Europe	3	GEOG 37085 Geography of Central America and Mexico	3



Note 6: HIST electives (6 credit hours), choose from the following *:

HIST 31024 World War II	3	HIST 41025 Modern European History, 1945-Present	3
HIST 31112 Chinese Civilization	3	HIST 41041 History of Germany, 1871-Present	3
HIST 31125 Zionism and Israel	3	HIST 41044 Imperial Russia, 1689-1917	3
HIST 31126 History of the Middle East	3	HIST 41045 Modern Russia, 1917-Present	3
HIST 31128 Late Medieval and Modern Jewish History	3	HIST 41112 History of Modern China	3
HIST 31130 History of African Civilization	3	HIST 41116 History of Japan	3
HIST 31140 Modern Latin America	3	HIST 41132 History of Africa, 1880-Present	3
HIST 31141 Early Latin America	3	HIST 41135 History of West Africa	3
HIST 41020 19 th Century Europe	3	HIST 42297 Colloquium: China and Japan ^W	3
HIST 41024 Modern European History, 1914-1945	3	^W Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement	

* Appropriate substitutions may be approved by the International Relations director

Note 7: One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). Students may take the courses listed in the "introductory" sequences with the restrictions noted above in the Kent Core Basic Science section. The course may not be from the student's major.

Note 8: One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (JUS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Note: All courses taken from the list of major program requirements are used in the calculation of the major GPA.

Foreign Language note: Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, and the International Relations major requires Intermediate I and II of the same language.

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin their university foreign language experience beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by: (1) passing a course beyond the Elementary I through Intermediate II level or (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Advanced Placement (AP) exam or credit through the International Baccalaureate (IB) program; or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete the remaining hours with general electives.

Kent Core

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core for course list.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.000) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr for course list.

Upper-Division Requirement

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

Foreign Language

Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/foreign-languages for course list.