INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (3+2)

at Arcadia University

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3+2 International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program (leading to master's degree from Arcadia University)

Faculty

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Other undergraduate faculty members serving on the Peace Studies Committee for the M.A. program also can serve as undergraduate advisers.

Related Graduate Study at Arcadia University

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

About the 3+2 Program

This accelerated program integrates undergraduate and graduate training and provides comprehensive global learning opportunities. Arcadia's undergraduate programs in Political Science and International Studies enrich the multidisciplinary perspectives inherent in the field of international peace and conflict resolution.

This accelerated program meets the needs of students who want to pursue accelerated training in IPCR, allowing for an intensive and rigorous five-year academic program that includes international experiences and practical fieldwork. This program allows talented students to pursue an accelerated option that is both more affordable and custom-designed to prepare them for a highly competitive job market.

About the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution

The interdisciplinary Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution program is designed to produce graduates who are well-prepared for mid-level positions in a wide variety of governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations. Academic programs in peace studies and conflict resolution, a growing international field, are interdisciplinary in nature and encompass perspectives from anthropology, biology, economics, history, law, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion and sociology.

The graduate program includes an international study component, as well as a practical applied experience such as an internship. In the first year, students complete a core of 24 graduate credits on campus with the option of six additional credits of electives. The off-campus courses and professional experience, undertaken in the second year, can be coordinated through the Arcadia University College of Global Studies. This innovative M.A. program allows students to develop an area of concentration within peace and conflict resolution, build an international network of contacts, and gain practical field experience.

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Admissions Criteria

Students must meet the minimum criteria for the Honors Program in order to be admitted to the program as a freshman. To be eligible for the 3+2 accelerated program, entering freshmen should score 1870 or better on the SAT or 28 on the ACT and be ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Students also may petition for entrance to the 3+2 program at the end of the first year. For continuation on to the M.A. level in the fourth year, the following standards must be met:

- Completion of the appropriate required first year courses in the major.
- The recommendation of at least one faculty member in the major, or in the IPCR program.
- Demonstrated excellence in written and verbal communication.
- The maintenance of a 3.5 GPA.
- Enrollment in the 3+2 program is contingent on the completion of required courses in the allotted time frame and upon available space. Admissions decisions will be made by the Director and Assistant Director of International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Program Structure

The specific course sequence for each track is available on request. Overall, a student will complete 128 hours toward the B.A. degree in either Political Science or International Studies and 38 hours toward the M.A. degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

This is achievable in five years as some of the IPCR courses that students take in the fourth year will count toward the undergraduate degree. This allows five-year accelerated students to begin their graduate studies in the fourth year, together with all the incoming IPCR graduate students, while completing remaining undergraduate credit requirements. Students complete their senior thesis during their third year as the fourth year is spent on graduate methods training and preparation the master's thesis proposal.

Five-Year Accelerated IPCR (3+2 program) with International Studies

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (3+2 program)

Students wishing to pursue the five-year accelerated B.A. in International Studies and M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution will complete all requirements for the B.A. in International Studies and the M.A. in IPCR in five years.

In years one to three, students are expected complete all Undergraduate Curriculum requirements as well as most requirements for the International Studies major, including the majority of their coursework, study abroad, the language requirement, and Senior Thesis. In year four, they complete the International Studies major as well as all first-year requirements for the IPCR degree. This is made possible through a number of courses that count for both the IS major and the IPCR degree. In year five, they complete their IPCR requirements, including study abroad, internship and thesis.

Undergraduate Curriculum and Major Requirements for the International Studies Track

The International Studies major is highly flexible. It requires 12 courses in the major (typically 46-48 credits) plus a language proficiency requirement. (Depending on a student's level of proficiency, this consists of 0-4 courses or 0-16 credits.) Students must take four 100 level courses, IS Research Writing (IS 201), five 200-300 level courses, and the Senior Seminar sequence (IS 490-91). Four of these courses must be within the student's concentration.

Additionally, International Studies majors must study abroad, and they typically take a good

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number of courses that count toward the major while abroad. For many, Undergraduate Curriculum requirements will be met in the course of completing courses for the major. Typically, the following requirements will be met fully through the International Studies major: Self and Society, Modern Languages, Global Connections, Cultural Legacies, Global Connections Experience, Senior Seminar. Additionally, the following requirements will typically be partially or fully met through the International Studies major: Quantitative Reasoning, Writing, University Seminars. The following requirements are not met through the International Studies major: Creative Expressions, Natural and Physical World, Visual Literacy, First-Year Seminar. Additionally a math class and EN 101 are not taken within the major. Students should anticipate taking 7 to 12 courses to meet Undergraduate Curriculum requirements that do not also count toward the major as well as the 2-credit Global Connections Reflection course. (See below for details.)

Study Abroad Possibilities for the International Studies Track

International Studies students must study abroad for at least one semester during years one or two. If they are eligible for First Year Study Abroad Experience (FYSAE), they may study abroad for two semesters, but they will need to consult with advisers to ensure that they are on target to complete all requirements for the B.A. by the end of year four. If students are not participating in FYSAE, there is a possibility of studying abroad for all of year two, but they will need to consult with advisers upon entry to the program to ensure that they are on target to complete all requirements for the B.A. by the end of year four. Students who study abroad for two semesters in year two must take IS 201 (Research Writing) in the spring of year one and must take the gateway class for their concentration in fall of year one. They also must have their coursework abroad approved prior to going away for the entire year.

Five-Year Accelerated IPCR (3+2 program) with Political Science

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (3+2 program)

Students who want to pursue the accelerated B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution will complete all degree requirements in five years.

In years one to three, students complete all Undergraduate Curriculum requirements as well as most of the requirements for the Political Science major, including the Senior Thesis and any study abroad. In year four, students complete all requirements for the Political Science major and begin coursework for the IPCR master's program. This is made possible as a number of IPCR courses are cross-listed as Political Science courses and will be counted as undergraduate credits. In year five students complete their IPCR requirements, including study abroad, internship and thesis.

Undergraduate Curriculum and Major Requirements for the Political Science Track

Most Political Science majors in the accelerated program will choose the International Relations concentration. To complete this concentration, of the 40 credits required by the Political Science major, 20 must be selected from approved international offerings. All Political Science majors must take PS 101, 150, 241, 245 or 330, 490 and 491. Additionally, Political Science majors must take four electives at least two of which must be at the 300 level. Political Science majors typically take two to six courses within the major that meet Undergraduate Curriculum requirements within the major. The following Undergraduate Curriculum requirements can typically be met within the Political Science major: Self and Society, Senior Capstone, Global Connections and Research and Writing. Additionally, if students take a

recommended Statistics class, they can meet a Quantitative Reasoning requirement. There is also the possibility that certain University Seminars will count toward the Political Science Major. The additional Undergraduate requirements must be taken outside the major.

Study Abroad Possibilities for the Political Science Track

Political Science majors may study abroad any semester except for the fall of the third year due to the need to complete the Thesis Seminar. Students should work with their advisers, who will ensure that they are on track to meet all the requirements for the accelerated program.