INTernational Politics,
B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Program Description
This major, administered within the Department of Political Science, is
designed to provide students with a broad, comprehensive education
in international politics by offering students options in International
Relations, International Political Economy, and Security Studies. While
most of the required courses are in the areas of international and
comparative politics, the curriculum includes courses in economics,
geography, risk analysis, and history. The major provides an opportunity
to study in detail a variety of crucial contemporary issues—conflict among
and within nations, democratization, economic and political globalization,
regional conflicts and the emerging importance of non-state actors—as
well as analysis of foreign and economic policy making and security
issues in the United States and other nations.

The major prepares students for career opportunities:

• with U.S. government executive agencies dealing with foreign affairs,
  international and homeland security, and the international economy;
• with relevant committees of the U.S. Congress;
• with multinational corporations, banks, and consulting firms; and
• with international organizations.

The major also provides preparation for law and business schools and for
graduate study in political science and international relations.

What is International Politics?
International Politics is an interdisciplinary major focused on how power
operates within and between states in the international arena. The
program combines economics, history, and political science to examine
topics such as human rights, ethnic conflict, terrorism, economic and
political development and globalization, the environment, foreign and
economic policy making, and national security. Students have the option
to concentrate in either International Relations, International Political
Economy, or National Security Studies.

You Might Like This Program If...
You are interested in learning about different cultures and political
systems around the world and how their interactions create and are
influenced by political and economic cooperation and conflict. This major
is a good choice for students interested in national security, foreign
policy, war, crime, and terrorism as well as in languages and history.
International Relations is an exciting interdisciplinary major dealing with
today’s global problems and potential solutions.