

<b>Student Name:</b>		<b>PSU ID:</b>		<b>Today's Date:</b>	
<b>Final Faculty Advisor:</b>		<b>SIA Scholarship Recipient? Y/N</b>		<b>Grad Date:</b>	

Consult the [Course Catalog](#) for course descriptions and pre-requisites and [LionPATH](#) for the schedule and availability of courses.

### Core Curriculum (18 credits)

1 <sup>st</sup> semester (Fall)			2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (Spring)		
Course No.	Course Title	# credits	Course No.	Course Title	# credits
INTAF 802	Foundations of Diplomacy and International Relations Theory	3	INTAF 801	Actors, Institutions, and Legal Frameworks in International Affairs	3
INTAF 804	Global Cultures and Leadership	3	INTAF 803	Multi-Sector & Quantitative Analysis	3
INTAF 506	International Economics	3	INTAF 890	Colloquium: Current Policy Challenges	3

### Electives and Optional Concentration

*Elective courses must be at the 400, 500 or 800-level to count toward SIA degree requirements. To view a list of pre-approved SIA and PSU electives, visit <http://sia.psu.edu/academics/electives>.*

Indicate Optional Concentration:	SIA and/or PSU Electives (21 credits required)				
<i>At least 4 unique classes/12 credits are required for a concentration.</i>	Course No	Course Title	# credits	Semester/Year	For conc.?
<input type="checkbox"/> International Security Studies					
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution					
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Resources					
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanita. Resp. & Human Rights					
<input type="checkbox"/> International Energy Policy					
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle East Studies					
<input type="checkbox"/> International Cyber-Security					
<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l Business and Economics					
<input type="checkbox"/> Customized Concentration <i>(specify below):</i>					

### Capstone Experience (3 credits)

*First Step! Read [guidelines and information](#)*

<b>Semester/Year:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTAF 595 Internship
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTAF 594 Master's Paper <i>Topic:</i>

### Foreign Language Requirements (*Intermediate Proficiency*)

*Submit [Language Proficiency Verification Form](#) to SIA Academic Adviser*

<b>Language:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proficiency Test ( <i>at 15-credit level</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earned credit ( <i>4 consecutive undergrad classes at Intermediate Proficiency OR 4 Penn State language courses totaling 15 credits</i> )		

Director of Academic Advising Signature      Date

## Academic Notes:

### ***SIA Degree Requirements***

- SIA program consists of 42 credits (18 core credits; 21 elective credits; 3 Capstone credits)
- Per The Graduate School policies, 6 credits must be 500-level courses (Capstone course may not be counted toward the 500-level requirement).
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to graduate from the program. Warnings will be issued if GPA drops below a 3.0.

### ***Optional Concentrations***

- Concentrations take strategic advantage of the research, policy, and coursework expertise of top tier faculty within the SIA as well as across the university.
- Students may declare their area of concentration after entry into the program.
- Four unique courses are required for the selected concentration with a minimum of 12 credit hours. Double counting electives is not allowed if pursuing more than one concentration. Each concentration requires 4 unique electives.
- Students may opt to take elective courses not prescribed in the optional concentration; however, the 4 courses should have a focus representing the student's academic and professional interest in international affairs.
- Students may also design their own customized concentration and must enroll in 4 relevant elective courses.

### ***Electives***

- 21 credits must be taken as elective coursework to satisfy the SIA degree requirements.
- Elective courses must be at the 400, 500 or 800-level to count toward the SIA degree.
- Students may select to enroll in courses from the [pre-approved SIA or PSU Elective list](#) on the SIA website.
- Electives NOT listed on the pre-approved list require submission of the [Elective Course Substitution Form](#) and approval from the SIA Academic Advisor prior to course enrollment.

### ***Capstone and Independent Study Courses***

- SIA Registrar schedules students for INTAF 595 Internship, INTAF 594 Master's Paper, or INTAF 596 Independent Study. Visit [sia.psu.edu/academics/capstone-experience](http://sia.psu.edu/academics/capstone-experience) to review the internship and Master's paper guidelines.
- Students may choose to split their internship credits over 2 semesters (i.e. 1 credit in summer; 2 credits in Fall)
- The Internship and Master's Paper receive an "R" research grade but does NOT get calculated into the GPA.
- Independent Studies receive a grade which gets calculated into the GPA but does NOT satisfy an elective.

### ***Foreign Language Courses***

- An [equivalent](#) of (i) 4 semesters of a foreign language at Penn State or at undergrad institution or a combination of both; (ii) native acquisition; or (iii) performance on a [proficiency evaluation](#) equivalent to 15 credits.
- Language courses < 400 level do NOT get calculated into the student's GPA.
- Foreign language classes focused on language acquisition may NOT count toward SIA elective requirements.

### ***Integrated Undergraduate Graduate (IUG) Program***

- A maximum of 12 credits can be double-counted for the undergraduate and SIA degrees.
- 50% of the double-counted courses must be at the 500 or 800-level.
- The Masters paper or undergraduate thesis (if required) may NOT be double-counted for both degrees.
- IUG students should submit an [IUG End of Semester Report](#) each semester to their undergraduate advisor AND to the SIA Registrar noting how the courses should be reflected on their respective degree transcripts.

### ***Law School Courses***

- Up to 9 Law credits or 12 credits for JD/SIA students can be counted as electives toward the SIA degree.
- Students interested in taking Law electives need to request permission from the Law faculty member as well as the SIA Director and Director of Academic Advising. If approved, the SIA Registrar will enroll student if space is available.
- Law courses will show up on transcript with the assigned letter grade but will NOT get calculated into your GPA.

### ***Miscellaneous Advising Notes***

- Courses below the 400-level do NOT get calculated into your GPA NOR count toward SIA degree requirements.
- Many 400-level elective courses have pre-requisites. Students must ensure they meet pre-requisites prior to scheduling the course. Some courses may require prior approval from the instructor or academic department.
- Students on financial aid or scholarships should confirm minimum # of credits to be considered a full-time student.