

UMass Courses Approved for Five College IR Certificate

Spring 2024

*****SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

The UMass Amherst courses below meet the requirements for the Five College IR Certificate. Students may also take approved courses at any of the Five Colleges.

IMPORTANT:

- **Earning this certificate requires demonstrating intermediate level competence in a contemporary foreign language**
- **Only courses for which a student receives a grade of B or better will count toward the certificate.**

REQUIREMENT 1—Introductory world politics (contemporary political relations among states).

REQUIREMENT 2—Global institutions or problems, such as international law, transnational organizations, development, the history of imperialism, arms control and disarmament, the origins of war, diminishing resources, international threats to the environment, hunger, and conduct of diplomacy.

REQUIREMENT 3—The development and/or functioning of the international financial and commercial system. **REQUIREMENT 4**—A history course concerning the period between 1789 and 1945 which pays substantial attention to the development of the international system.

REQUIREMENT 5—Contemporary American foreign policy, including both its substance and the policymaking system.

REQUIREMENT 6—Fluency in a contemporary foreign language through the second-year college level or its equivalent. Must either complete four semesters of college language or provide evidence of fluency through testing or transcripts from foreign language-speaking school. (Examples: Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish.)

REQUIREMENT 7—Area studies: Two courses on the politics, economy, and/or societies of foreign areas. At least one of these must involve the study of one or more underdeveloped nations outside the U.S. and Western Europe.

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IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
2	ANTHRO 104	Culture Society and People	SB, DG
2	COMM 121	Introduction to Media and Culture	
2	COMM 226	Social Impact of Mass Media	
2	ECON 308	Political Economy of the Environment	
2, 3	ECON 321	International Monetary Theory	
3	ECON 366	Economic Development	
2	ENVIRSCI 214	Ecosystems, Biodiversity and Global Change	
2	GEOGRAPH	Intro/Human Geography	SB, DG

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2	GEOGRAPH 220	World Regional Geography	
4	HISTORY 111	World History since 1500	SB, DG
4	HISTORY 115	China: 1600 to Present	HS, DG

2 HISTORY 181 Hist Western Science and Technology II HS

2	HISTORY 325	Military History of Modern Europe: The First World War	
4	HISTORY 339	British Empire	
2	HISTORY 387	The Holocaust	
2	JUDAIC 365	Anti-Semitism in Historical Perspective	HS, DG
2	LEGAL 460	Legalization of American Indians	
2	POLISCI 111	Comparative Politics	SB, DG
1	POLISCI 121	World Politics	SB
5	POLISCI 255	American Foreign Policy	SB
2	POLISCI 357	International Organization	
2	RES-ECON 262	Environmental Economics	SB
2	SOCIOL 106	Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity	SB, DU
2	SOCIOL 261	Population Studies	
2	SOCIOL 262	Globalization and Inequality	SB, DG
2	SOCIOL 325	Political Sociology	
2	SPANISH 310	Theorizing Gender, Race & Power	

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: Africa

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	AFROAM 254	Introduction to African Studies	HS, DG
7	HISTORY 161	History of Africa Since 1500	HS, DG
7	POLISCI 346	Government and Politics of West Africa	

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: Asia

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	CHINESE 527	Reading in Modern Chinese Literature II (2nd sem)	
7	HISTORY 115	China: 1600 to Present	HS, DG

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: Western Europe

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	GERMAN 365	Berlin: Global City	
7	HISTORY 241	The Irish Experience	
7	HISTORY 321	Modern Scandinavia	
7	HISTORY 339	British Empire and Commonwealth Since 1783	

7 LEGAL 484 The Irish Peace Process: After the Good Friday Agreements

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: Latin America and the Caribbean

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	HISTORY 354	History of Mexico	

7	HISTORY 356	History of Venezuela and Colombia	
7	POLISCI 345	Revolutionary Nationalism and Imperialism in the Caribbean	
7	SPANISH 323	Spanish American Literature II	AL, DG

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: The Middle East

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	JUDAIC 102	The Jewish Experience II	HS, DG

Requirement 7 | Area Studies: Third World

IR Req	Course Name	Topic	Gen Ed
7	POLISCI 111	Comparative Politics	SB, DG

List generated based on classes in Spire as of 1-/12/23. Courses can be added or removed from Spire at any time. University Without Walls (UWW) courses are online and typically have additional costs.