Joint International Relations/Modern Languages and Literatures Major

Program directors: IR: Chair; MLL: M.H. Chabut

The multidisciplinary Joint IR/MLL Major is offered jointly by the Department of International Relations (IR) and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (MLL). The program, which offers a Bachelor of Arts, incorporates courses from both IR and MLL, as well as electives from a broad cross-section of other departments, for a challenging program that requires overseas study, language facility, and undergraduate research.

The Joint IR/MLL Major recognizes that Lehigh graduates must be adequately prepared to play and active role in the world of the 21st century. For that, they will need an acute understanding of essential issues of global politics, broad linguistic and cultural skills, significant overseas experience, and both intellectual and cultural sophistication. The Joint IR/MLL Major meets those requirements with courses in economics, international relations, language, and culture. Extended study abroad and undergraduate research in more than one language are also required. The program will help students develop a deeper and richer understanding of cultural, linguistic, and political diversity around the world.

The program requires a total of 16 courses for 60-64 credits. At least one semester of study abroad in an approved Lehigh program is required, as is undergraduate research that uses sources in at least one language other than English. Each student will have two major advisors, one each from IR and MLL.

Professor. Henri J. Barkey, PhD (University of Pennsylvania); Marie-Helene Chabut, PhD (University of California San Diego); Constance A. Cook, PhD (University of California Berkeley); Kiri Lee, PhD (Harvard University); Mary A. Nicholas, PhD (University of Pennsylvania); Norrin M. Ripsman, PhD (University of Pennsylvania)

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Professor Of Practice. Limei Shan, MS (East China Normal University)

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Collateral Requirement
ECO 001 Principles of Economics 4

International Relations - five courses - 20 credits
IR 010 Introduction to World Politics 4
or IR 100 Methods and Research Design 4
or IR 105 Theories of International Relations 4
or IR 106 Foreign Policy 4
IR 220 Globalization and World Politics 4
or IR 225 International Political Economy 4
or IR 234 Great Power Politics 4
or IR 235 International Security 4
or IR 236 Causes of War 4
or IR 242 International Law 8
or IR 245 International Organization 4

Two IR advanced courses numbered 300-387 (except IR 307) or IR 393 8

Capstone Project
IR 389 IR/MLL Capstone Project 4
A research project on international politics that will include original research in at least one foreign language under the joint supervision of an adviser in IR and one in the relevant language in MLL.

Modern Languages and Literatures
Four courses in one language, either Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Russian, French (above the level of French 2), German (above the level of German 2), and Spanish (above the level of Spanish 2) 16
Two culture courses from an approved list or in consultation with the MLL advisor 6

Independent Study
One course which will include original research in at least one foreign language 4

Study Abroad
1 semester or more in an approved Lehigh program

Electives
Three electives from an approved list 1 10-12

Total Credits 60-64

1 Including courses from the departments of Sociology and Anthropology, Economics, English, International Relations, Journalism, Modern Languages and Literatures, Political Science, History, Religion, and/or programs in Africana Studies, Asian Studies, Global Citizenship, Latin American Studies, Sociology and Social Psychology, Science, Technology and Society, Women’s Studies, or other courses as approved by IR and MLL advisors. (Courses must be chosen from at least two departments.)