

isa Political Science Advising Guide

Detailed information about ISA programs at these host institutions is available on ISA's website by following the links below. If you would like to receive specific course syllabi, or have further questions about any of these recommendations, please feel free to contact ISA's Academic Affairs Department at academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com.

Courses are in English unless otherwise noted.

AFRICA

ISA Meknes Study Center (Meknes, Morocco)

The Language, Culture & Society program at the [ISA Meknes Study Center](#) provides students with little to no Arabic or French language experience the opportunity to enroll in courses taught in English. Students have the option to choose from a variety of courses in many fields, such as Political Science, Middle Eastern Studies, Gender Studies, Religious Studies, and International Relations.

ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity is available.

Sample Courses:

- [Islamic Society and Politics](#)
- [The Geostrategic Importance of Morocco](#)
- [Peace and Conflict Resolution](#)
- [Representation of Geopolitical Conflict in Western and Arab News Media](#)
- [Arabic for Diplomacy, International Relations and Politics](#) (course in Arabic)

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University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa)

The [University of Cape Town](#) offers ISA students the opportunity to study South African and International Politics in Cape Town. ISA's summer program [South African Society and Politics](#) is a unique chance to study politics in a shortened session. The University of Cape Town is South Africa's oldest university and one of the continent's leading teaching and research institutions.

ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity is available.

Sample Courses:

- [Advanced South African Politics](#)
- [Afropolitanism-South African History and Politics](#)
- [Conflict in World Politics](#)
- [Political Theory](#)
- [Power](#)
- [Third World Politics](#)

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Other Regional Options:

- [University of the Western Cape](#) – Cape Town, South Africa
- [Nelson Mandela University](#) – Port Elizabeth, South Africa

ASIA

Musashi University (Tokyo, Japan)

With courses in Japanese and Asian Studies, [Musashi University](#) encourages students to gain intercultural competence while growing as global citizens. Integrating knowledge and practical experience, the East Asian Studies Program through the International Studies Center aims to foster a comprehensive educational experience both in the classroom and in Tokyo.

Sample Courses:

- [Globalization & East Asian Economies](#)
- [Japan and International Society](#)

- [Japanese Politics](#)
- [Media in East Asia](#)

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Korea University (Seoul, South Korea)

The Department of Political Science and International Relations at [Korea University](#) offers courses in Political Thought, Comparative Politics, and International Relations. With a choice of over 150 student clubs and organizations on campus, ISA students are sure to be able to take advantage of all that KU and Seoul have to offer.

Sample Courses:

- [Democracy and Capitalism](#)
- [East Asian Politics](#)
- [History of Korean-American Relations](#)
- [International Security](#)
- [Political Culture](#)
- [Understanding Korean Politics](#)

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Other Regional Options:

- [Pusan National University](#) – Busan, South Korea
- [Mahidol University](#) – Bangkok, Thailand

EUROPE

Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic)

The second newest faculty of [Charles University](#), the Faculty of Social Sciences was founded in 1990, shortly after the Velvet Revolution. It soon became a regional center of teaching and research in Area Studies, Economics, International Studies, Journalism, Media Studies, Political Science and Sociology. The courses are instructed in English, but all students must complete a two-week intensive Czech Language course for 45 total contact hours.

Sample Courses:

- [Capitalism vs. Communism: Social Democracy](#)
- [Communism and Religion](#)
- [Contemporary Politics in Central Europe](#)
- [Enlargement of the EU – Economic Issues](#)

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American University of Rome (Rome, Italy)

The International Relations program at the [American University of Rome](#) offers a curriculum with a focus on Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, with courses in Political Science, Economics, Public Administration, Law and other areas of related interest. These courses incorporate elements of comparison with (and the role of) the United States. The University and the International Relations Club also sponsor lectures, seminars, films and visits to embassies and other sites in Rome.

Sample Courses:

- [Conflict and Peace in the Mediterranean](#)
- [Conflict Resolution and Negotiation](#)
- [Ethics and Global Politics](#)
- [International Human Rights](#)
- [Migration and Multiculturalism in Europe](#)
- [U.S. and Europe Since 1945](#)

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Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain)

With a wide variety of political science courses in English, the [Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona](#) offers ISA students the chance to study at the Sant Pau campus in the heart of Barcelona. The UAB is a great option for students who wish to learn more about the Spanish language and culture in conjunction with their international studies coursework.

Sample Courses:

- Cultures without State: The Case of Catalonia
- Geopolitics and International Relations
- Inequality, Poverty and Globalization
- Mediterranean Politics
- Spanish History and Politics: 1936 to the Present
- The Political Economy of European Integration

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ISA Study Center with Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (Seville, Spain)

The [ISA Study Center with Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo](#) accommodates students at all levels of Spanish language proficiency. International Relations courses at the ISA Study Center are taught by experienced scholars who introduce hands-on learning activities in order to enhance student learning.

Sample Courses:

- A World of Protests: The New Social Movement
- Economics and Politics of the EU
- International Relations
- Making Sense of the Middle-East
- New Terrorism and Globalization

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Other Regional Options:

- [King's College London](#) – London, England
- [Kingston University](#) – London, England
- [Queen Mary, University of London](#) – London, England
- [University of Westminster](#) – London, England
 - Host University [Internship](#) Offered
- [University of Reading](#) – Reading, England
- [Université Catholique de Lille](#) – Lille, France (summer program only)
- [Institut Catholique de Paris](#) – Paris, France
- [Freie Universität Berlin](#) – Berlin, Germany
- [Dublin City University](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [Maynooth University](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [Trinity College Dublin](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [University College Dublin](#) – Dublin, Ireland
- [National University of Ireland, Galway](#) – Galway, Ireland
- [University of Limerick](#) – Limerick, Ireland
- [Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore](#) – Milan, Italy (courses in English and Italian)
- [University of Glasgow](#) – Glasgow, Scotland
- [Universitat Pompeu Fabra](#) – Barcelona, Spain
- [Universidad de Deusto](#) – Bilbao, Spain
 - Host University [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Universidad de Granada](#) – Granada, Spain
- [Universidad de Málaga](#) – Málaga, Spain
- [Universidad de Salamanca](#) – Salamanca, Spain (courses in English and Spanish)
- [Universidad de Sevilla](#) – Seville, Spain (courses in English and Spanish)
- [Universidad Pablo de Olavide](#) – Seville, Spain (courses in English and Spanish)

LATIN AMERICA

Universidad de Belgrano (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

The Political Science department at the [Universidad de Belgrano](#) offers a range of courses focusing on the new social, political, and economic realities of the Argentina, the Southern Cone region, and global sphere. The department also organizes multiple

conferences, round tables, and seminars in which ISA students can participate. Political Science and International Relations courses are available at UB in English and Spanish.

Sample Courses:

- [Contemporary Political and Social Movements](#)
- [Human Rights and Cultural Representations](#)
- [International Relations of Latin America](#)
- [Political and Social Change](#)
- [U.S.-Latin American Relations](#)

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Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (Valparaíso, Chile)

With political science and international relations courses offered in both English and Spanish, [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso](#) is a great choice for students who wish to study the political and social context of Chile and Latin America. ISA students of all levels of Spanish language proficiency can study at the PUCV, but students who wish to take courses with local students must be at an advanced language level.

Sample Courses:

- [Global World Order: Latin American and Western Perspectives](#)
- [International Relations](#)
- [Political and Social Change in Chile in Latin America](#)
- [Sociopolitical History of Latin America in the 20th and 21st Centuries](#)
- [The Revolutionary Era](#)

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Other Regional Options:

- [Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina](#) – Florianópolis, Brazil (courses in Portuguese)
- [Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez](#) – Viña del Mar, Chile (courses in Spanish)
 - [ISA Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Universidad del Norte](#) – Barranquilla, Colombia (courses in Spanish)
 - Host University [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Universidad Veritas](#) – San José, Costa Rica
 - [ISA Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Pontificia Universidad Católica - Madre y Maestra](#) – Santiago, Dominican Republic (courses in Spanish)
 - [ISA Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú](#) – Lima, Peru (courses in Spanish)
 - [ISA Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
- [Universidad del Pacífico](#) – Lima, Peru (courses in English and Spanish)
 - [ISA Service-Learning](#) opportunity available

PACIFIC

University of Melbourne (Melbourne, Australia)

The School of Social and Political Sciences at the [University of Melbourne](#) offers a wide range of courses in areas including Criminology, Development Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Public and Social Policy, Socio-Legal Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology. UM's program in Politics and International Studies is ranked 25th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject. [Cricos Code: 00116K]

Sample Courses:

- [Australia Now](#)
- [Australian Foreign Policy](#)
- [Campaigns and Elections](#)
- [Global Environmental Politics](#)

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University of Newcastle (Newcastle, Australia)

The Politics and International Relations program at the [University of Newcastle](#) takes a multidisciplinary approach to the field and looks at the impact of policies, religion, ethnicity, nationalism and globalization on international affairs. [Cricos Code: 00109J]

Sample Courses:

- [Australian Aborigines and Human Rights](#)
- [Australian Politics and Government](#)
- [Global Power and World Order](#)
- [Introduction to Politics](#)
- [Organizations, Politics and Society](#)
- [The Global Politics of Indigenous People](#)

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University of Auckland (Auckland, New Zealand)

Courses in Politics and International Relations at the [University of Auckland](#) cover five main strands: Comparative Politics; Politics and the Media; International Relations; Public Policy; and Political Theory. Often a single course will cover two or more of these different strands. The University of Auckland is in the top 100 for politics in the world, according to the 2015 QS World University Rankings.

Sample Courses:

- [Comparative Media Politics](#)
- [Gender, Politics, and the Media](#)
- [Media and Conflict](#)
- [Modern Political Thought](#)
- [New Zealand Politics](#)
- [War, Anarchy and the State: Theorising International Relations](#)

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University of Otago (Dunedin, New Zealand)

Politics courses at the [University of Otago](#) cover a broad range of theories and comparative studies to give students a stronger sense of the intersections between people and power. The department of Politics offers courses that touch upon the following areas: International Relations; Political Theory; New Zealand Politics/Policy Studies; Comparative Politics/Area Studies.

Sample Courses:

- [Comparative Politics – Introduction](#)
- [Democracy](#)
- [Environmental Politics](#)
- [Global Political Economy](#)
- [New Zealand Politics – Introduction](#)
- [Theories of Justice](#)

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Victoria University of Wellington (Wellington, New Zealand)

Situated in New Zealand's capital city, [Victoria University of Wellington](#) is especially well placed to give students the chance to study the nation's politics, the institutions of government and the manner in which foreign affairs are conducted. On the periphery of world affairs, Wellington paradoxically offers a unique vantage point from which to examine international relations. Moreover, the Political Science and International Relations program runs regular Research Seminars during teaching periods.

Sample Courses:

- [Dictatorships and Revolutions](#)
- [Introduction to Government and Politics: New Zealand](#)
- [Maori Politics](#)
- [New Zealand in the World](#)
- [Political Change in Southeast Asia](#)
- [Religion, Law and Politics](#)

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Other Regional Options:

- [University of Queensland](#) – Brisbane, Australia
- [Griffith University](#) –Gold Coast, Australia
 - [Host University Internship Offered](#)
- [La Trobe University](#) – Melbourne, Australia
- [Macquarie University](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of New South Wales](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of Sydney](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [James Cook University](#) – Townsville, Australia
- [University of the South Pacific](#) – Suva, Fiji
- [AUT University](#) – Auckland, New Zealand
- [University of Canterbury](#) – Christchurch, New Zealand