



Explore the forces that shape our interconnected world. The International Relations major at Franklin invites you to study global politics, culture, and economics while developing the analytical and cross-cultural skills essential for leadership in diplomacy, business, law, and beyond.

 **LUGANO, SWITZERLAND**



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SWITZERLAND
U.S. UNIVERSITY & SWISS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

BACHELOR'S STRUCTURE

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS

The International Relations (IR) major provides a multidisciplinary foundation for understanding how nations, institutions, and individuals interact on the global stage. Drawing from political science, sociology, history, economics, and cultural studies, you will learn to examine the causes and consequences of global change.

Whether pursuing careers in international organizations, government, or the private sector, you will graduate prepared to think critically and act effectively in an increasingly complex world.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

66
CREDITS

Academic Travel
(12 credits)
Academic Writing
(12 credits)
First Year Seminar
(3 credits)
Global Responsibility
(18 credits)
Modern Language
(15 credits)
Quantitative Literacy
(6 credits)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

51
CREDITS

Foundation Courses
(15 credits)
Required Courses
(12 credits)
Major Electives
(12 credits)
Interdisciplinary Electives
(6 credits)
Capstone Requirement
(6 credits)

ELECTIVES

3
CREDITS

In order to meet the minimum requirements of 120 credits, you will need to add elective courses

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



BERND BUCHER

Associate Professor and
Program Director, Political
Science



GAIA CLARA BARCILON BRENNIA

Adjunct Professor,
Legal Studies



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MORRIS MOTTALE

Professor Emeritus,
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Associate Professor,
Political Science



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Assistant Professor,
Comparative Politics



**ARMANDO
ZANECCCHIA**

Professor Emeritus, Political
Science and International
Management

LEARN MORE

**AND DISCOVER
THE COURSE LIST**

ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS

POL 216T CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Examine the key forces shaping today's international order—from power politics to climate diplomacy. Travel to explore how states and global actors interact to address war, energy, and human rights challenges.

POL 281T POLITICS OF SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Explore how nations across the world pursue sustainability through politics, economics, and culture. Through case studies and field research, investigate renewable energy, agriculture, and biodiversity in global context.

POL 376T INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

Discover how international cooperation tackles urgent environmental challenges from climate change to biodiversity loss. On-site in Botswana, study conservation, sustainability, and the role of global organizations in protecting our planet.



LEARN MORE

**ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL
AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES**

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of attendance at Franklin University for a first-year undergraduate student or transfer student has two main factors.

DIRECT COSTS*: Tuition, housing, meals and health insurance.

INDIRECT COSTS: Books, materials, travel, and personal expenses.

*Some special conditions apply to students from partner institutions.

Please contact admissions@fus.edu for details.

SWISS/EU/EEA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for

Swiss citizens or nationals of an EU/EEA member state.

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 22,650	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,800
Second Semester	CHF 22,150	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,300

US/CANADA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in US dollars (USD) for

US citizens or permanent residents and to Canadian citizens

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	\$35,105	+ \$2,700	= \$37,805
Second Semester	\$34,555	+ \$2,700	= \$37,255

INTERNATIONAL TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Tuition and Fees shown below are in Swiss Francs (CHF) for students who are **not citizens of Switzerland, the US, or an EU country.**

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 36,435	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 39,085
Second Semester	CHF 35,935	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 38,585

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Visit www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?



Dual Accreditation
US (MSCHE)
& Swiss (AAQ)



Residential Campus
8 Residence Halls



350+ Students
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community



Academic Travel
Once a Semester for
Experiential Learning



19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability
and Transformation)



WURI Ranking 2025
24th for Innovation
19th for Ethics and Integrity
17th for ESG Trend



10:1
Student to
Faculty Ratio



75% of Franklin graduates
obtain full-time employment
within 6 months after graduation.

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also offered as a 3-year accelerated bachelor's degree, designed for students with specific high school academic credentials who are admitted to Franklin with advanced standing credit, equivalent to 30 US credits. This option grants students a jump start on their introductory level University courses.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at admissions@fus.edu or visit www.fus.edu