

Stanford | Program in
Global Studies | International Relations

The International Relations



Capstone

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Capstone Objectives

1. Permit you to **reflect on, apply, and integrate** what you learned and experienced as an IR major.
2. Support an individual or group project that captures your interests and provides a tangible takeaway from your undergraduate major.
3. Provide a group experience in developing and presenting your work.

How to Complete the Capstone Requirement

1. Honors thesis: Completion of IR honors or an interdisciplinary honors program
2. Capstone paper: An original research paper building on prior work, completed during a one-quarter class in the senior year
3. Capstone project: A self-designed project completed over the course of the senior year
4. Policy practicum: A course in which students perform research on behalf of a partner organization (enrollment limited)

Capstone Timelines

	Autumn	Winter	Spring
Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Dr. Takeuchi to discuss options and ideas Collect materials during overseas study, and/or internships 		
		Apply for honors and/or policy practicum	Begin honors program (if applicable)

	Autumn	Winter	Spring
Senior Year*	Honors thesis		
		Capstone paper (5 units)	
	Capstone project: design class (3 units)	Capstone project: individual work (2 units)	
	Policy Practicum (5 units)		

Project Examples

- A podcast series (using soundbites, interviews, etc.)
- A mini-documentary
- An educational website or booklet (in collaboration with an NGO or a community group)
- A long-form feature article or commentary, a collection of op-eds or shorter essays
- An art exhibit, photo journalism, creative writing
- A mobile app, AI/machine-learning tools

What You Can Do Now

1. Meet with Dr. Takeuchi to discuss options and ideas.

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2. Think about how overseas study and/or internships can contribute to the capstone.
3. Take or plan courses to build upon in the capstone.
4. Consider applying for this winter's policy practicum, IR 192: Accountability in International Development.
5. Keep an eye out for further communications!



Questions?