

# International Relations Program Capstone Planning Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NetID: \_\_\_\_\_

IR Topic Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

IR Region Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Course (Dept./Number/Title): \_\_\_\_\_

## Capstone Requirements

The senior capstone for the International Relations major requires an original, substantive research project combining the student's topic and geographic region concentrations, undertaken in the context of an approved senior seminar. Final research papers must be at least 4,000 words in length for the regular capstone and 6,000 for the Distinction capstone, excluding abstract, tables, charts, bibliography. Final papers must be submitted to the course instructor and to the International Relations Program through the IR Capstone organization on Blackboard. Students must receive a grade of "C" or better both in the seminar course and on the capstone paper itself, or a "B" on both if a candidate for Distinction in International Relations.

## Student Agreement

I intend to use this course as the platform for my senior capstone research project for the International Relations major. I understand that my research topic must be approved by both the course instructor and the International Relations Program and must meet both the course requirements and the IR capstone requirements.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(Student – sign either electronically or the hard copy and forward electronically to instructor, along with your proposal)*

## Instructor Agreement

I approve the use of this course as the platform for the above student's capstone project for the International Relations major. I will submit the paper grade to the International Relations Program at the completion of the semester, as well as confirm the topic and regional focus of the paper.

Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(Instructor – sign either electronically or the hard copy and forward electronically to amalle03@syr.edu)*

Int'l Relations Undergrad. Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
or Program Chair Signature

**\*\*A research project proposal must be attached and submitted with this form.\*\***

This form must be submitted by the instructor, signed by the student and instructor, to the IR Program office ([amalle03@syr.edu](mailto:amalle03@syr.edu)) for review before the capstone project plans can be approved. When approved, students' names are added to the SU Blackboard "My Organization" submission site for "IR Capstone" for the current semester.