



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Globalization, or the integration of the different peoples and cultures of the world through actions and communications, has proceeded at such a rapid phase that now the world has become almost one ‘global village’. Countries and other actors in the international system have become dependent upon one another regardless of geography and nationalities. Actions in one part of the world now produce far-reaching effects. Consequently, international issues have become a major part of nearly every area of study — and an important educational need of any student planning to play an active role in our society.

Thus, the on-campus International Studies program is designed to study global and regional problems from an interdisciplinary perspective. Related activities help to broaden students’ international horizons and assist them in the development of expertise in their area of interest. The program pulls together courses from anthropology, art, business, economics, education, English, the languages, health, history, the humanities, music, philosophy, political science, sociology, and religion. Faculty from various disciplines and academic departments comprise different area studies teams.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

The International Studies Major aims to help students develop a comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework for studying various countries, regions, and issues in the global community. The major is designed to serve the educational and career needs of students who are interested in studying issues from a transnational perspective, and who are planning careers with internationally focused agencies of the public and private sector, international organizations, and foundations.

Students who major in International Studies must elect an area of concentration from one of the following: African, Asian, Development, Diplomatic, Latin American, Russian and Eastern European, or Western European Studies. The major consists of four core courses and six courses in the area of concentration.

Students who declare a major in International Studies can not declare a minor in any of the areas but may add another area

of concentration. A course may count toward only one area of concentration.

Major Sequence:

A minimum of ten course units to include the following: (At least four courses must be at the 300-400 level.)

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) A course on international systems, structures, and processes
- 3) A course on the nature and analysis of culture
- 4) Senior Seminar
- 5) Six additional courses in the area of concentration. Study abroad experience is strongly encouraged.

Geographical Area Concentration

Each student declaring a concentration in a geographic area

- Africa
- Asia
- Latin America
- Russia and Eastern Europe
- Western Europe

must take one course beyond the general education language requirements in a language of the area, and five courses from various disciplines in the cultural, economic, historical, political, and social life of the area.

"I have a passion for international relations, but I believe it cannot be understood without history – International Studies allowed the interdisciplinary freedom to study both and do a senior seminar of my own choosing."

Graduating Senior, Class of 2005

Functional Area Concentration

Each student declaring a concentration in a functional area

► Development Studies

► Diplomatic Studies

must take six courses from across the various disciplines that are related to the concentration.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINORS

The International Studies Minors are recommended for students who would like to enhance or supplement their major with an international background. The Minor is designed for students who are interested in studying global and regional issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students can pursue either an area studies minor — African, Asian, Latin American, Russian and Eastern European, or Western European Studies — or a functional area studies minor — Development or Diplomatic Studies.

Minor Sequence in African Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Five additional courses: three courses must come from a list of Africa-Specific Courses, one course must come from a list of courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and one course must come from a list in Social Science and Natural Science. One of the courses from Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science and Natural Science may be substituted by an African language course completed during study abroad in Africa or by French 203.

Minor Sequence in Asian Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Language proficiency: Japanese 201 or equivalent in another Asian language
- 3) Four additional courses: two courses from a list of courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and two courses from a list of courses in the Social Sciences and the Natural Sciences. (Students may also forego the language requirement and take an additional course from the list of courses on Asia.)

Minor Sequence in Latin American Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Language proficiency: Spanish 203 or equivalent

"...learning how the world works from the immensely complex political, economic and cultural systems that shape people's realities to the injustice of how those realities differ from country to country and person to person. . ."

Graduating Senior, Class of 2002

- 3) Four additional courses from a list of courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and Social Sciences, with at least one from each.

Minor Sequence in Russian and Eastern European Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Language Proficiency: Russian 202 or equivalent in another language in the region
- 3) Four additional courses from a list of courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts, the Social Sciences and Business, with at least one from each.

Minor Sequence in Western European Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Language Proficiency: French, German, or Spanish 203 or equivalent
- 3) Four additional courses from a list of courses in Fine Arts and Literature, Social Sciences, Business and Economics, and Cultural History and Philosophy with at least one but no more than two from each category.

Minor Sequence in Development Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Five additional courses from a list of courses in the Humanities and Fine Arts, Business and Economics, and the Social Sciences and Health, with at least one from each.

Minor Sequence in Diplomatic Studies

- 1) International Studies 240: Introduction to International Studies
- 2) Five additional courses: one each from a list of courses in the Humanities, and Business and Economics, and three courses from a list of courses in the Social Sciences.

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