

# International Studies Major and Minor

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**Degrees offered:** Bachelor of Arts (BA), Joint BA with Disciplinary Major

## Overview

Students majoring in International Studies select one of two tracks. The **Breadth Track** is intended for students who want a broad exposure to international studies. Students must take 24 credits of core and elective courses, complete a departmental minor, complete three years of language study, spend at least eight weeks living in a foreign country, and complete a senior project. Students who complete their programs will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The **Depth Track** is pursued as part of a joint major and is intended for students who want to tie their disciplinary skills to an in-depth study of a particular area of the world. Requirements are similar to those for the Breadth Track, except that courses, study abroad, the senior project, and the disciplinary major must be structured to complement one another. Students who complete their programs will receive a joint Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies *and* the disciplinary major.

The **International Studies minor** requires 12 credits of international studies courses and one year of language study.

## Requirements

**Breadth Track Major.** This track of the International Studies major is intended for students who want breadth in their undergraduate studies. Requirements are as follows:

1. Completion of 24 credits, including 12 credits of international studies core courses and 12 credits of international studies electives. At least 12 of the 24 credits must be at the 3000 level or above. A list of international studies core and elective courses may be obtained from the Provost's Office or from the Science/HASS Advising Center in SC 302.
2. Completion of a departmental minor (other than a foreign language minor).
3. Three years (22 credits) of foreign language study or demonstration of equivalent proficiency.
4. A minimum of eight weeks living in a foreign country or countries. To qualify, this experience should assist the student in meeting the educational goals of the proposed program of study.
5. Completion of a senior project focusing on international issues or problems relating to one or more foreign countries. (Three credits are allowed for the senior project.)
6. Passing grade received in every course approved for the program of study and composite GPA of at least 2.5 in the major.

**Depth Track Major.** This track of the International Studies major is pursued as part of a joint major. It is intended for students desiring to tie their disciplinary skills to an in-depth study of a particular area of the world. For example, by completing both sets of requirements, a student could obtain a BA in Economics and International Studies. Requirements are as follows:

1. Completion of 24 credits, including 12 credits of international studies core courses and 12 credits of international studies electives. At least 12 of the 24 credits must be at the 3000 level or above. A list of international studies core and elective courses may be obtained from the Provost's Office or from the Science/HASS Advising Center in SC 302.
2. Three years (22 credits) of study in a single foreign language or demonstration of equivalent proficiency.
3. A minimum of eight weeks living in a country where the chosen foreign language is spoken. To qualify, this experience should enhance the student's understanding of her or his major discipline.
4. A senior project involving both the student's discipline and the country selected by the student in requirement #3. (Three credits are allowed for the senior project.)
5. With the exception of language credit, no double counting of courses is allowed between the disciplinary and the International Studies majors.
6. Passing grade received in every course approved for the program of study and composite GPA of at least 2.5 in the major.

**Minor.** Requirements for the International Studies minor are as follows:

1. Completion of 12 credits of international studies core courses. A list of international studies core courses may be obtained from the Provost's Office or from the Science/HASS Advising Center in SC 302.
2. One year (8 credits) of foreign language study or a demonstration of equivalent proficiency.
3. With the exception of language credit, no double counting of courses between the disciplinary major and the international studies minor is allowed.
4. Passing grade in every course approved for the program of study.