

International Studies Major and Minor

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Degree offered: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Area Options: World Economy and Development, Peace and Security, Global Environment and Natural Resources, and Peoples and Nations

Admission Requirements for this Major

1. New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
2. Transfer students from other institutions or from other USU majors need a 2.5 total GPA for admission to this major in good standing.

Overview

Problems of security, development, ethnic conflict, and human rights, as well as problems relating to the environment and natural resources, are increasingly confronted at a global rather than a national level. With its theoretical models and real-world application, the study of international studies is an exciting and highly relevant interdisciplinary major. This program cultivates the development of language and intercultural skills, develops understanding of global problems and circumstances, and expands the student's capacity to make informed judgments regarding complex international and global issues.

Requirements

In addition to completing the necessary core courses listed below, students must also choose **one area option** from one of the four available options. Through these options, students gain a level of expertise in their chosen area.

Each student must also complete a senior research project (3 credits). This project must fit within the area option chosen by the student. Under the direction of a faculty member, this project may be completed within the context of an existing course, or may be completed independently under the guidance of the chosen faculty member.

In addition to the senior research project and the choice of one area option, the student must also complete an international experience component. The student may choose the traditional study abroad experience in an accredited program, which must be approved by the international studies advisor. The student may also choose an internship. The internship must have a clear international focus and must be supervised by a faculty member. The relevant faculty member, as well as the international studies advisor, must approve proposals for internships. Students may count a total of 3 credits earned during an internship toward completion of the major.

Graduation Requirements

International Studies Major (39 credits minimum). Students must complete *at least* 39 approved semester credits. These must include POLS 2100; ECON 1500 or 3400; ANTH 1010 or 2100; GEOG 1030; and HIST 1020 or 1030. Students must also select a minimum of 6 upper-division credits from any one of the following four area options: (1) World Economy and Development, (2) Peace and Security, (3) Global Environment and Natural Resources, and (4) Peoples and Nations. In addition, students must acquire at least a basic knowledge of one foreign language. Students must successfully complete *either* one language course at the 3000 level, *or* pass a competency examination at the same level. An overall GPA of 3.0 is required.

Minor (18 credits). Students may obtain a minor in International Studies by completing a total of 18 semester credits. These must include POLS 2100; ECON 1500 or 3400; ANTH 1010 or 2100; GEOG 1030; and HIST 1020 or 1030. Students must also select 3 elective upper-division credits from any one of the following four area options: (1) World Economy and Development, (2) Peace and Security, (3) Global Environment and Natural Resources, and (4) Peoples and Nations. An overall GPA of 3.0 is required.