

International Studies Major and Minor

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Advising: Political Science Department, Main 320, (435) 797-1306

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.

Departmental Honors

Students who would like to experience greater academic depth within their major are encouraged to enroll in departmental honors. Through

original, independent work, Honors students enjoy the benefits of close supervision and mentoring, as they work one-on-one with faculty in select upper-division departmental courses. Honors students also complete a senior project, which provides another opportunity to collaborate with faculty on a problem that is significant, both personally and in the student's discipline. Participating in departmental honors enhances students' chances for obtaining fellowships and admission to graduate school. Minimum GPA requirements for participation in departmental honors vary by department, but usually fall within the range of 3.30-3.50. Students may enter the Honors Program at almost any stage in their academic career, including at the junior (and sometimes senior) level. The campus-wide Honors Program, which is open to all qualified students regardless of major, offers a rich array of cultural and social activities, special classes, and the benefit of Honors early registration. Interested students should contact the Honors Program, Main 15, (435) 797-2715, honors@cc.usu.edu. Additional information can be found online at: <http://www.usu.edu/honors/>

Graduation Requirements

International Studies Major (39 credits minimum) (3.0 GPA)

A. Core Courses (15 credits)

ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (F,Sp) (3 cr) or	
ANTH 2010 (BSS) Peoples of the Contemporary World (Sp) (3 cr)	3
ECON 1500 (BAI) Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles (F,Sp) (3 cr) or	
ECON 3400 (DSS) International Economics for Business (F,Sp,Su) (prereq: ECON 2010) (3 cr)	3
GEOG 1300 (BSS) World Regional Geography (F)	3
HIST 1500 (BHU) Cultural and Economic Exchange in the Pre-Nineteenth Century World (F,Sp) (3 cr) or	
HIST 1510 (BHU) The Modern World (F,Sp,Su) (3 cr)	3
POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics (F,Sp)	3

B. Electives (6 credits)

Students may earn these credits by taking any of the courses listed in the four area options: (1) World Economy and Development, (2) Peace and Security, (3) Global Environment and Natural Resources, and (4) Peoples and Nations.

C. Language Requirement

Students must acquire at least a basic knowledge of one foreign language. Students must successfully complete *either* one course at the 3000 level *or* pass a competency examination at the same level.

D. Area Option Requirement (15 credits)

Students must choose *one* option from the four listed below. Students must complete courses from *at least two* different departments within their chosen option, for a total of 15 credits.

E. Senior Research Project (3 credits)

Each student must complete a senior research project which must fit within the area option chosen by the student.

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Area Options

World Economy and Development

ANTH 5160 (DSS) Cities and Development (Sp)	3
ANTH/GEOG/SOC 5650 (DSS) Developing Societies (F)	3
BA 4300 International Finance (F,Sp)	3
BA 4590 Global Marketing Strategy (F,Sp) (prereq: BA 4540, 4550)	3
BIS 4550 (CI) Principles of International Business Communications (Sp)	3
ECON 5100 History of Economic Thought (Sp) (prereq: ECON 2010)	3
ECON/POLS 5120 Economics of Russia and Eastern Europe, 9th Century to 21st Century (F)	3
ECON 5150 (DSS) Comparative Economic Systems (Sp) (prereq: ECON 2010)	3
ECON 5400 International and Development Economics (F) (prereq: ECON 4020 or 5000; ECON 4010 or 5010)	4
HIST 4610 Themes and Methods in Economic History	3
MHR 3820 (DSS) International Management (F,Sp)	3
MHR 4890 (CI) Business Strategy in a Global Context (F,Sp,Su) (prereq: senior standing; MHR 3110; BA 3400, 3500, 3700)	3
PHIL 3520 (DHA) Business Ethics (Sp)	3
PLSC 4300 World Food Crops and Cropping Systems: The Plants That Feed Us (Sp)	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
POLS 4480 International Trade Policy (Sp)	3
POLS 5210 Comparative Political Change/Development (F)	3
SOC 3600 Sociology of Urban Places (F)	3
SOC 3610 (DSS) Rural Sociology (F)	3
SOC 4730 Women in International Development (Sp)	3

Peace and Security

GEOG/POLS 3430 Political Geography (Sp)	3
HIST 3230 Early Modern Europe	3
HIST 3240 Modern Europe from 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 3310 Balkans Since 1389	3
HIST 3410 The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 3460 Comparative Asian History	3
HIST 4290 Europe and the French Revolution, 1700-1815	3
HIST 4310 History of Nationalism	3
HIST 4390 British Imperialism from 1688 to the Present	3
HIST 4810 American Military History	3
HIST 4820 World War II in Europe	3
HIST 4821 World War II in Asia	3
PHIL 4610 (DHA) Social and Political Philosophy (Sp)	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
POLS 3190 (DSS) Gender, Power, and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3400 (DSS) United States Foreign Policy (F,Sp)	3
POLS 4210 European Union Politics (Sp)	3
POLS 4220 (CI) Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation (Sp)	3
POLS 4280 Politics and War (Sp)	3
POLS 4410 Global Negotiations (Sp)	3
POLS 4450 (CI) United States and Latin America (Sp)	3
POLS 4460 National Security Policy (Sp)	3
POLS 4470 Foreign Policy in the Pacific (Sp)	3
POLS 4890 Special Topics (F,Sp) (1-5 cr) or	
POLS 4990 (CI) Senior Research Seminar (F,Sp) (3 cr)	1-5

(Note: POLS 4890 and 4990 may *only* be counted toward the major when the topic is appropriate.)

Global Environment and Natural Resources

AWER 4750 Fundamentals of Remote Sensing Science (F)	3
AWER 4930 Geographic Information Systems (F)	4
BIOL 3100 (CI) Bioethics (Sp)	3
ECON 1550 (BSS) Introduction to Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (F)	3

ECON 5560 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics (Sp) (prereq: ECON 1550 or 2010)	3
ENVS 2340 (BSS) Natural Resources and Society (F,Sp)	3
ENVS 3330 Environment and Society (Sp)	3
ENVS 5550 Environment, Resources, and Development Policy (Sp)	3
ENVS 5640 Conflict Management in Natural Resources (Sp)	3
FRWS 2200 (BLS) Ecology of Our Changing World (F,Sp)	3
GEOG 1000 (BPS) Physical Geography (F,Sp,Su)	3
GEOG 2130 Population Geography (Sp)	3
HIST 3530 African Environmental History	3
HIST 3950 (DHA/CI) Environmental History	3
PHIL 3510 (DHA) Environmental Ethics (F,Sp)	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
POLS 5200 Global Environment (F)	3
SOC 4620 (DSS) Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources (Sp)	3

Peoples and Nations

ANTH 3130 (CI) Peoples of Latin America	3
ANTH 3160 (DSS) Anthropology of Religion (F)	3
ANTH 3200 (DSS/CI) Perspectives on Race (Sp)	3
ANTH 4100 The Study of Language (F,Sp)	3
ANTH 4130 (DSS) Medical Anthropology: Matter, Culture, Spirit, and Health (Sp)	3
ANTH 5100 (DSS) Anthropology of Sex and Gender (Sp)	3
ENGL/HIST 2040 (BHU) British and Commonwealth Cultures (Sp)	3
ENGL 4230 Language and Society (F)	3
ENGL 5320 (CI) Literature and Cultural Difference (Sp)	3
GEOG 2030 (BSS) Human Geography (Sp)	3
GEOG 2130 Population Geography (Sp)	3
GEOG 4200 (CI) Regional Geography (F,Sp,Su)	3
HIST 3240 Modern Europe from 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 3260 History of Spain and Portugal	3
HIST 3280 East Central Europe Since 1520	3
HIST 3310 Balkans Since 1389	3
HIST 3330 The Soviet Union and its Heirs	3
HIST 3410 The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 3460 Comparative Asian History	3
HIST 3480 History of China	3
HIST 3510 Africa and the World	3
HIST 3630 History of Modern Latin America	3
HIST 3640 History of Social Movements in Latin America	3
HIST 3650 Caribbean History	3
HIST 3660 History of Mexico	3
HIST 4310 History of Nationalism	3
HIST 4330 Modern Germany with Special Emphasis on the Twentieth Century	3
JCOM 4020 (DSS) Mass Media and Society (Sp)	3
PHIL 3700 Philosophy of Religion (F)	3
PHIL 3710 Philosophies of East Asia (F)	3
POLS 2200 (BSS) Comparative Politics (F,Sp)	3
POLS 3190 (DSS) Gender, Power, and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3210 (DSS) Western European Government and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3220 (DSS) Russian and East European Government and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3230 Middle Eastern Government and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3250 (DSS) Chinese Government and Politics (F)	3
POLS 3270 (DSS) Latin American Government and Politics (F)	3
POLS 4220 (CI) Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation (Sp)	3
POLS 4230 Issues in Middle East Politics (Sp)	3
POLS 4260 Southeast Asian Government and Politics (Sp)	3
PSY 4240 (DSS) Multicultural Psychology (F) (prereq: PSY 1010)	3
SOC 2370 Sociology of Gender (F)	3
SOC 3200 (DSS) Population and Society (F,Sp)	3
SOC 4330 Sociology of Religion (F)	3
SOC 4710 Asian Societies (Sp)	3

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Sample Four-year Plan for International Studies Major

Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.5, Career

Minimum GPA for Graduation: 3.0, major courses; 2.0, Career

Minimum Grade Accepted: C- in major requirements

This is a sample plan. It outlines University and major requirements in very general terms. While there are requirements that are sequential, many are flexible and do not need to be completed exactly in the order listed. Students should always check with their faculty and professional advisors to be sure they are meeting the requirements appropriately.

To make an appointment with a professional advisor, call (435) 797-3883.

Freshman Year (32 credits)

Fall Semester (16 credits)

ENGL 1010 (CL1) Introduction to Writing: Academic Prose	3
ANTH 1010 (BSS) Cultural Anthropology (3 cr) or	
ANTH 2010 (BSS) Peoples of the Contemporary World (3 cr)	3
HIST 1500 (BHU) Cultural and Economic Exchange in the Pre-Nineteenth Century World (3 cr) or	
HIST 1510 (BHU) The Modern World (3 cr)	3
Foreign Language 1010-level course	4
University Studies Breadth course	3

Spring Semester (16 credits)

GEOG 1300 (BSS) World Regional Geography	3
POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics	3
ECON 1500 (BAI) Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles	3
Foreign Language 1020-level course	4
Quantitative Literacy (QL) course	3

Complete the CIL exams by the end of the Freshman Year.

Sophomore Year (32 credits)

Fall Semester (16 credits)

ENGL 2010 (CL2) Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode	3
International Studies Area Option courses	6
University Studies Breadth course	3
Foreign Language 2010-level course	4

Spring Semester (16 credits)

International Studies Area Option course	3
Communications Intensive (CI) course	3
University Studies Breadth course	3
Foreign Language 2020-level course	4
Elective course(s)	3

Junior Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

International Studies Area Option course	3
International Studies upper-division elective course	3
Communications Intensive (CI) course	3
Quantitative Intensive (QI) course	3
Foreign Language upper-division course	3

Spring Semester (15 credits)

International Study Abroad (upper-division) (15 cr) or	
International Internship (upper-division) (15 cr)	15

Senior Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

International Studies Area Option elective course	3
International Studies upper-division elective course	3
Depth Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA) course (3 cr) or	
Depth Social Sciences (DSS) course (3 cr)	3
Elective courses	6

Spring Semester (15 credits)

Senior Thesis (upper-division) course	3
Depth Life and Physical Sciences (DSC) course	3
Upper-division elective courses	9

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(18 credits) (3.0 minimum overall GPA)

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HIST 1510 (BHU) The Modern World (F,Sp,Su) (3 cr)	3
POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics (F,Sp)	3

B. Electives (3 credits)

Any course listed in any of the four area options is acceptable.

Additional Information

For detailed information about requirements for the International Studies major and minor, see the major requirement sheet, which can be obtained from the Political Science Department, or online at: <http://www.usu.edu/ats/majorsheets/>