

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, students must also complete an international experience component. Students may choose a traditional study abroad experience in an accredited program, which must be approved by the international studies advisor. Students may also choose an internship. The internship must have a clear international focus and must be supervised by the international studies advisor, who 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@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)

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

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
ECN 1500 (BAI) Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles (F,Sp,Su) (3 cr) **or**
ECN 3400 (DSS) International Economics for Business (F,Sp,Su) (prereq: APEC/ECN 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 one course at the 3000 level *or* (if this is not possible) receive a waiver from the international studies advisor.

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/GEOG/SOC 5650 (DSS) Developing Societies (F)	3
ECN 5100 History of Economic Thought (Sp)	
(prereq: APEC/ECN 2010)	3
ECN 5150 (DSS) Comparative Economic Systems (F,Sp)	
(prereq: APEC/ECN 2010)	3
ECN 5400 International Trade Theory (F)	
(prereq: ECN 4020; ECN 3010 or 4010)	3
FIN 4300 International Finance (F,Sp)	3
HIST 4610 Themes and Methods in Economic History	3
MGT 3820 (DSS) International Management (F,Sp)	3
MGT 4590 Global Marketing Strategy (F,Sp)	
(prereq: MGT 3500, 4540, 4550)	3
MGT 4890 (CI) Business Strategy in a Global Context (F,Sp,Su)	
(prereq: senior standing; FIN 3400; MGT 3110, 3500, 3700)	3
MIS 4550 (CI) Principles of International Business Communications (Sp)	3
PHIL 3520 (DHA) Business Ethics	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
POLS 5120 Economics of Russia and Eastern Europe, 9th Century to 21st Century (F)	3
POLS 5210 Comparative Political Change/Development (F)	3
POLS 5480 International Trade Policy (Sp)	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 (Sp)	3
HIST 4821 (DHA) World War II in Asia (Sp)	3
PHIL 4610 (DHA) Social and Political Philosophy	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
POLS 3400 (DSS) United States Foreign Policy (F,Sp)	3
POLS 3700 Terrorism and Counterterrorism (F)	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 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

APEC 5560 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics (Sp)	
(prereq: APEC/ECN 2010)	3
BIOL 3100 (CI) Bioethics (Sp)	3
ENVS 2340 (BSS) Natural Resources and Society (F,Sp)	3
ENVS 3330 Environment and Society (Sp)	3
ENVS 5550 Sustainability: Concepts and Measurement (Sp)	3

ENVS/SOC 5640 Conflict Management in Natural Resources (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 (Sp)	3
POLS 3100 Global Issues (F)	3
SOC 4620 (DSS) Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources (Sp)	3
WATS 4750 Fundamentals of Remote Sensing Science (F)	3
WATS 4930 Geographic Information Systems (F)	4
WILD 2200 (BLS) Ecology of Our Changing World (F,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/LING 4100 The Study of Language (F,Sp)	3
ANTH 4230 (DSS) Medical Anthropology: Matter, Culture, Spirit, and Health (Sp)	3
ANTH 5100 (DSS) Anthropology of Sex and Gender (Sp)	3
ENGL 3060 (DHA) British and Commonwealth Cultures	3
ENGL 4230 Language and Society (F)	3
ENGL 5320 (CI) Literature and Cultural Difference (Sp)	3
GEOG 1400 (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	3
LANG 3550 (DHA) Culture of East Asia	3
LATS 2200 Introduction to Latin America (F)	3
LING 4900 Analysis of Cross-Cultural Difference	3
PHIL 3700 (DHA) Philosophy of Religion (F)	3
PHIL 3710 Philosophies of East Asia (F)	3
PHIL 3750 Religion and Science in the Modern World (F)	3
POLS 2200 (BSS) Comparative Politics (F,Sp)	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 4260 Southeast Asian Government and Politics (Sp)	3
PSY 4240 (DSS) Multicultural Psychology (F) (prereq: PSY 1010)	3
SOC 3200 (DSS) Population and Society (F,Sp)	3
SOC 4330 Religion, Science, and Society (Sp)	3
SOC 4370 Sociology of Gender (F)	3
SOC 4710 Asian Societies (Sp)	3
SPCH 3330 (DSS) Intercultural Communication (F,Sp)	3

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Sample Four-year Plan for International Studies Major

A sample semester-by-semester four-year plan for students working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies can be found at: <http://www.usu.edu/degreeplans/>

Students should consult with their advisor to develop a plan of study tailored to their individual needs and interests.

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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/majorsheets/>