



# International Studies

## College of Liberal Studies

International Studies is an interdisciplinary minor that draws on courses in departments from throughout the university. Over 200 courses have been approved in departments as varied as Anthropology, Geography, Marketing, Foreign Languages, Art, Philosophy, Economics, Political Science, and History. Students design individualized programs of study in consultation with the Director of International Studies Curriculum. With the globalization of all aspects of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, an International Studies minor is a valuable complement to any major in the university.

### Undergraduate Programs

#### Minor:

- International Studies
- International Studies with European Emphasis
- International Studies with Latin American Emphasis
- International Studies with Asian Emphasis
- International Studies with Mideast Emphasis

### Program Features

The International Studies minor includes a balance between courses with a global focus and those that focus on particular countries or regions. Students are encouraged to specialize within the minor. For example, they can elect a Latin American or European emphasis, or they might choose to take a number of courses that focus on women's issues, educational issues or on the problems of developing countries. In their senior year, International Studies minors complete an independent research project under the guidance of a faculty member of their choice.

### Sample Courses

- Contemporary Global Issues
- World Theatre
- Women and Gender in Africa
- Asian Government and Politics
- Spanish American Civilization
- History of the Middle East

### Career Opportunities

#### Entry Level

- International Sales
- NGO Employee
- Peace Corp Volunteer
- Study Abroad Adviser

#### Further Education:

- Graduate study in philosophy, religion, history, psychology, social sciences, counseling, humanities, communication, medicine and the arts
- Law School
- Business School

#### Long Term Career Development

- Diplomat
- Professor of International Studies [with Ph.D.]
- Director of International Education
- Director of International Relief Operations
- Foreign Service Officer
- International Banker
- International Manager
- International Lawyer
- NGO Manager

### Occupational Outlook

Because it is interdisciplinary, a minor in international studies can enhance almost any major in the university. Increasingly, businesses have shown an interest in hiring graduates with a broad liberal arts background. Knowledge of the world beyond the United States is of great interest to employers seeking to internationalize their operations. Political science students can enlarge their understanding of politics by taking courses in history, anthropology and foreign language. Business students can benefit greatly from an understanding of the history and political structures of other countries with which they might eventually do business. Foreign language majors can gain greater expertise in the countries where their language is spoken by taking additional courses in the art, music, politics or geography of the region. Because the United States continues to see immigration from all areas of the world, an understanding of other cultures is equally important in domestic careers such as the health and legal professions. International Studies in combination with another major can be a major "plus" in the job market.

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