



# International Studies

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES

## Undergraduate Program

### MINORS:

- International Studies with emphases available in:
  - African
  - Asian
  - European
  - Latin American
  - Middle East

## Sample Courses

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

## Career Opportunities

### ENTRY LEVEL

- International Sales
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- NGO Employee
- 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
- International Manager
- Professor of International Studies [with Ph.D.]
- International Lawyer
- Director of International Education
- Director of International Relief Operations
- Foreign Service Officer
- International Banker

## Department Overview

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 21st century, an international studies minor is a valuable complement to any major in the university.

## Program Features

The international studies (INS) minor includes a balance between courses with a global focus and those that focus on particular countries or regions. Many INS minors choose to engage in an international study abroad experience as upperclassmen. Students are allowed to specialize within the minor. Students can elect an emphasis, or they may 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, students will apply the knowledge and skills acquired through the international studies program to contemporary global challenges and opportunities.

## Occupational Outlook

Because it is interdisciplinary, a minor in international studies can enhance almost any major in the university. Increasingly, businesses are interested 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. Psychology, sociology and communication studies students gain a deeper understanding of their major discipline by understanding how behavior, social structures and communication differ across cultures. 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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