



International Studies addresses the global problems of security, development, ethnic conflict, and human rights, as well as problems relating to the environment and natural resources. Coursework cultivates the development of language and intercultural skills and helps expand each student's capacity to make informed judgments regarding complex international and global issues. With its theoretical models and real-world applications, International Studies is an exciting and highly relevant interdisciplinary major. The department is home to diverse faculty members who are highly committed to both teaching and research.

QUICK FACTS

- Diverse faculty with a wide-range of international experience
- Each year faculty work with several Undergraduate Research Fellows on projects which result in publication and presentations of professional meetings.
- Four different "area options" allow students to draw upon faculty across the university
- Area Options: Peace and Security, World Economy and Development, Global Environment and Natural Resources, and Peoples and Nations

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- You could pursue anything from international policy to philanthropic work to teaching English as a second language in a foreign country
- Great preparation for graduate school or law school
- Work for various federal agencies (CIA, Department of State, Department of Defense, etc.), state government offices, military branches, schools, or businesses with an international portfolio

INTERNSHIPS

- A handful of students seek internships abroad each year. Professor Colin Flint helps coordinate these efforts (see contact information below).
- If you have acquired an international internship and need help funding it, you can apply for the Internship Assistance Award. For more information, contact the Department of Political Science at 435-797-1306 or visit <http://politicalscience.usu.edu/htm/study/internships>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- The political science department offers a number of scholarships to eligible students each year. Scholarship applications are available online or can be picked up in the office, located in MAIN 320, at the beginning of Spring Semester.
- For information regarding scholarships offered through the Department of Political Science, please contact the department at (435) 797-1306 or at politicalscience@usu.edu.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
- Transfer students from other institutions or from other USU majors need a 2.5 career GPA for admission to this major in good standing.
- For more information, contact:

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International Studies Major (BA) Graduation Requirements

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.

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.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree signifies proficiency in one or more foreign languages. Specifically, the BA requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

- Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language by successful completion of one course at the 2020-level or higher (or its equivalent).
Or
- Demonstration of proficiency in American Sign Language by successful completion of COMD 4920 and COMD 4780, and by passing an exit interview.
Or
- Demonstration of proficiency in two foreign languages by successful completion of the 1020 course level in one language and the 2010 course level in the second language (or its equivalent).
Or
- Completion of an upper-division (3000-level or higher) foreign language grammar or literature course requiring the 2020 course level (or its equivalent) as a prerequisite. Conversation courses cannot be considered for satisfying this requirement.

For nonnative English-speaking students only, the following options are available:

- Successful completion of the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) program for international students.
Or
- TOEFL, Michigan, or IELI placement scores high enough to meet the University admission criteria.

Additional Information

Students must complete the General Education Requirements.

Students must also complete the University Studies Depth Requirements:

- Complete at least 2 credits in approved 3000-level or above courses from two of the following three categories: Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA), Life and Physical Sciences (DSC) and Social Sciences (DSS). Selection of depth areas depends upon the emphasis area of the major. Classes should be selected in consultation with the major advisor. With current area options, the requirement is a DHA and a DSC. Courses taken for the depth categories (DHA) and (DSC) requirement may not also be counted in the major.

Requirements

In addition to completing the necessary core courses listed below, students must also choose **one area option** 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.

Graduation Requirements

International Studies Major (39 credits minimum) (2.5 GPA)
Minimum GPA for Admission: 2.5, Career
Minimum GPA for Graduation: 2.5, major courses; 2.5, Career
Minimum Grade Accepted: C- in major requirements

Pre-Major Requirements

Students who wish to become International Studies majors must apply for admission after completing the Department's pre-major program. New freshmen in good standing are eligible to declare the pre-major. Continuing students and transfer students with a 2.5 GPA are eligible to declare the pre-major. When the pre-major courses are completed with a GPA of 2.5, the student will be able to declare the International Studies major. A student must be declared as an International Studies major in order to apply for graduation.

A. Complete the Following Core Courses (18 credits):

ANTH 1010 – Cultural Anthropology (BSS) <i>or</i>	
ANTH 2010 – Peoples of the Contemporary World (BSS).....	3
ECN 1500 – Intro. to Econ. Inst., Hist., and Prin. (BAI) <i>or</i>	
ECN 3400 – Intro. to Global Econ. Inst. and Bus. Env. (DSS).....	3
GEOG 1300 – World Regional Geography (BSS) <i>or</i>	
POLS 2400 – Introduction to Geopolitics.....	3
HIST 1500 – Pre-Modern World (BHU) <i>or</i>	
HIST 1510 – The Modern World (BHU).....	3
POLS 2100 – Introduction to International Politics <i>or</i>	
POLS 2200 – Comparative Politics.....	3
POLS 2500 – Introduction to International Studies.....	3

B. Complete two area option courses (6 credits) chosen with undergraduate advisor:

- In an effort to support essential learning outcomes, careful selection of major courses will enhance a student’s undergraduate experience. As International Studies is an interdisciplinary degree with many options, careful planning will develop experience in the social sciences and foster critical and creative thinking skills of inquiry, analysis, and evaluation.
- With the pre-major students may fulfill all but three of their general education breadth courses: BAI (ECN 1500), BSS (ANTH 1010, ANTH 2010, GEOG 1300), and BHU (HIST 1500, HIST 1510). The three remaining are the BLS, BPS and BCA. Two of those three must have a USU prefix.
- Note: Advanced Placement credits are not used to fulfill major requirements. Credits taken for International Studies Major Requirements may not be used to fulfill requirements of other majors and minors without departmental approval.

Major Courses

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Area Option Requirement (12 credits): Students may choose four classes from **one** of the area options listed below. Students must complete courses from at least two different departments within their chosen option, for a total of 12 credits.
4. Senior Research Project (3 credits): Each student must complete a senior research project which must fit within the area option chosen by the student.
5. International Experience: 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 may be based in a foreign country or the US, must have a clear international focus, and must be supervised by the international studies advisor. All internships must be pre-approved by the international studies advisor. Students may count a total of 3 credits earned during an internship toward completion of the major.

Area Options

Global Development:

GEOG 5650 – Developing Societies (DSS) <i>or</i>	
SOC 5650 – Developing Societies (DSS).....	3
ECN 5100 – History of Economic Thought.....	3
ECN 5150 – Comparative Economic Systems (CI/DSS).....	3
ECN 5400 – International Trade Theory.....	3
FIN 4300 – International Finance.....	3

HIST 3510 – Africa and the World.....	3
HIST 3630 – History of Modern Latin America.....	3
HIST 3670 – Slavery in the Atlantic World.....	3
HIST 3770 – Contemporary America, 1945-Present.....	3
MGT 3820 – International Management (DSS).....	2
MGT 4590 – Marketing Strategy.....	3
MGT 4890 – Strategic Planning and Execution (CI).....	3
MIS 4550 – Prin. of International Business Comm. (CI).....	3
PHIL 3520 – Business Ethics (DHA).....	3
POLS 3100 – Global Issues.....	3
POLS 4890 – Special Topics <i>or</i>	
POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar (CI).....	1-5 ¹
POLS 5120 – Econ. of Russia/East Europe, 9th to 21st Cent.....	3
POLS 5210 – Comparative Political Change/Development.....	3
POLS 5480 – International Trade Policy.....	3
SOC 3320 – Work and Inequality.....	3
SOC 3600 – Sociology of Urban Places (DSS).....	3
SOC 3610 – Rural Sociology (DSS).....	3

Peoples and Nations:

ANTH 3130 – Peoples of Latin America (CI).....	3
ANTH 3160 – Anthropology of Religion (DSS).....	3
ANTH 3200 – Perspectives on Race (DSS/CI).....	3
ANTH 4100 – The Study of Language <i>or</i>	
LING 4100 – The Study of Language.....	3
ANTH 4130 – Introduction to Medical Anthropology (DSS).....	3
ANTH 5130 – Ethnographic Field School.....	3
ANTH 5190 – Applied Anthropology Practicum.....	1-5 ¹
CMST 3270 – Culture and Public Discourse.....	3
CMST 3330 – Intercultural Communication (DSS).....	3
ENGL 4230 – Language and Society.....	3
GEOG 1400 – Human Geography (BSS).....	3
GEOG 2130 – Population Geography.....	3
HIST 3240 – Modern Europe from 1789 to the Present.....	3
HIST 3280 – East Central Europe Since 1520.....	3
HIST 3330 – Modern Russia and the Soviet Experience.....	3
HIST 3410 – The Modern Middle East.....	3
HIST 3460 – Comparative Asian History.....	3
HIST 3483 – Modern East Asia.....	3
HIST 3510 – Africa and the World.....	3
HIST 3630 – History of Modern Latin America.....	3
JCOM 4020 – Mass Media and Society (DSS).....	3
LANG 3550 – Culture of East Asia (DHA).....	3
LANG 3570 – Narrative Ethics in Asian Literature & Film.....	3
LATS 2200 – Introduction to Latin America.....	3
LING 3100 – Language in Context.....	3
LING 4900 – Analysis of Cross-Cultural Difference.....	3
PHIL 3600 – Philosophy of Religion (DHA).....	3
PHIL 3710 – Philosophies of East Asia.....	3
POLS 3210 – West. Euro. Government and Politics (DSS).....	3
POLS 3220 – Russ./East Euro. Government and Politics (DSS).....	3
POLS 3230 – Middle Eastern Government and Politics.....	3
POLS 3240 – African Government and Politics.....	3
POLS 3250 – Chinese Government and Politics (DSS).....	3
POLS 3270 – Latin American Government and Politics (DSS).....	3
POLS 3410 – International Human Rights System.....	3
POLS 4220 – Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation (CI).....	3
POLS 4230 – Issues in Middle East Politics.....	3
POLS 4260 – Southeast Asian Government and Politics.....	3
POLS 4890 – Special Topics <i>or</i>	
POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar (CI).....	1-5 ¹
PSY 4240 – Multicultural Psychology (DSS).....	3
SOC 3200 – Population and Society (DSS).....	3

Peace and Security:

HIST 3230 – Early Modern Europe.....	3
HIST 3240 – Modern Europe from 1789 to the Present.....	3
HIST 4290 – Europe and the French Revolution, 1700-1815.....	3
HIST 4310 – History of Nationalism.....	3

HIST 4390 – European Imperialism	3
HIST 4810 – American Military History	3
HIST 4815 – World War I: A Global Conflict (DHS)	3
HIST 4820 – World War II in Europe	3
HIST 4821 – World War II in Asia (DHA)	3
HIST 4822 – The Vietnam War	3
HIST **** - International Women’s Movements	3
PHIL 3700 – Political Philosophy	3
POLS 3100 – Global Issues	3
POLS 3400 – United States Foreign Policy (DSS)	3
POLS 3430 – Political Geography <i>or</i>	
GEOG 3430 – Political Geography <i>or</i>	
GEOG 4140 – Viol. Env.: Link Ecol./Conf. in Sub-Sah. Africa	3
POLS 3700 – Terrorism and Counterterrorism	3
POLS 4210 – European Union Politics	3
POLS 4220 – Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation (CI)	3
POLS 4280 – Politics and War	3
POLS 4410 – Global Negotiations	3
POLS 4450 – United States and Latin America (CI)	3
POLS 4460 – National Security Policy	3
POLS 4462 – US Intelligence Community	3
POLS 4463 – Grand Strategy and International Politics	3
POLS 4464 – International Security	3
POLS 4470 – Foreign Policy in the Pacific	3
POLS 4890 – Special Topics <i>or</i>	
POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar (CI)	1-5 ¹
POLS 5770 – Strategic Culture	3

Global Environment and Natural Resources:

APEC 5560 – Natural Resource and Environmental Economics	3
BIOL 3100 – Bioethics (CI)	3
ENVS 2340 – Natural Resources and Society (BSS)	3
ENVS 3330 – Environment and Society	3
ENVS 5550 – Sustainability: Concepts and Measurement	3
ENVS 5640 – Conflict Management in Natural Resources (CI) <i>or</i>	
SOC 5640 – Conflict Management in Natural Resources (CI)	3
GEOG 1000 – Physical Geography (BPS)	3
GEOG 1800 – Introduction to Geographic Information Sciences	3
GEOG 2130 – Population Geography	3
GEOG 4140 – Viol. Env.: Link Ecol./Conf. in Sub-Sah. Africa or	
HIST 3530 – African Environmental History (DHA)	3
HIST 3950 – Environmental History (DHA/CI)	3
PHIL 3530 – Environmental Ethics (DHA)	3
POLS 3100 – Global Issues	3
POLS 4820 – Natural Resources/Environmental Policy (DSS)	3
POLS 4890 – Special Topics <i>or</i>	
POLS 4990 – Senior Research Seminar (CI)	1-5 ¹
POLS 5200 – Global Environment	3
SOC 4620 – Sociology of the Env. and Nat. Resources (DSS)	3
WATS 4930 – Advanced GIS and Spatial Analysis	3
WILD 2200 – Ecology of Our Changing World (BLS)	3

¹Note: ANTH 5190, POLS 4890 and POLS 4990 may only be counted toward the major when the topic is appropriate.

Minimum University Requirements

Total Credits	120
Grade Point Average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU Credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits)	30
Completion of approved major program of study	See college advisor
Credits in minor (if required)	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECN 1500; HIST 1700, HIST 2700 or HIST 2710; HONR 1300; POLS 1100; or USU 1300)	3
General Education Requirements and University Studies Depth Requirements	See college advisor

International Studies Minor

2.5 min. overall GPA – 2.5 overall to declare, 2.5 overall to graduate. Minimum grade of C- is required.

Note: Advanced Placement courses are not used to fulfill major or minor requirements. Credits taken for International Studies Minor Requirements may not be used to fulfill requirements of other majors and minors without departmental approval.

Core Courses (18 credits)

15 credits from:

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Plus:

Elective course – choose from any course listed in any of the area options

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, LLC Bldg. A Rm. 112, (435) 797-2715, honors@usu.edu. Additional information can be found online at <http://www.usu.edu/honors/>

Requirement Changes

Graduation requirements shown are subject to change. Students should check with their departments concerning possible changes.

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