

BA in International Studies

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies is an individually designed major with a strong multicultural and global focus. Students in the major have the opportunity to design a major that reflects their own interests and goals. The increased level of flexibility requires a higher level of commitment than is typical of traditional majors because students MUST do the work of building their own degree. International Studies majors acquire analytical skills and knowledge that will enable them to understand and contribute to shaping the quickly evolving global community. The program prepares students for graduate study and careers in academia, teaching, law, business, public policy, humanitarian aid, non-profit organizations, government, and diplomacy. Students in the program will study advanced foreign language and participate in a study abroad experience to fulfill degree requirements.

Major Program Requirements

A student majoring in the BA in International Studies must complete 18 hours of specified Core coursework to fulfill Arts and Science Foundation Requirements, an additional 42 hours minimum for the major, and a study abroad experience. A minimum grade of C- is required for courses taken for the major. A minimum cumulative GPA in all major coursework is 2.0. In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>).

The information below pertains to the BA in International Studies and most of its emphasis areas. Links to additional information can be found on the International Studies Home Page (<https://internationalstudies.missouri.edu>). Students interested in the emphasis area of International Business and a dual degree option with the BSBA in Business Administration, can find additional information on the International Business Catalog Page (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-international-business/>).

Required Core Coursework

Complete the following courses:

ANTHRO 2030	Cultural Anthropology	3
GEOG 1100	Regions and Nations of the World I	3
or GEOG 1200	Regions and Nations of the World II	
POL_SC 1400	International Relations	3
or POL_SC 2700	Comparative Political Systems	

In addition, complete 3 of the following courses and at least one of the courses completed must come from the Humanities section:

Biological and Physical Sciences Core Courses		
ATM_SC 3600	Climates of the World	3
BIO_SC 1060	Basic Environmental Studies	3
BIO_SC 1400	Evolution for Everyone	3
GEOL 1050	Planet Earth	3
GEOL 1100	Introduction to the Earth with Laboratory	4
GEOL 1200	Environmental Geology with Laboratory	4

GEOL 1250	The World's Oceans	3
Behavioral Sciences Core Courses		
ANTHRO 1000	Introduction to Anthropology: Human Biology, Prehistory, and Culture	3
ANTHRO 1300	Multiculturalism: An Introduction	3
PEA_ST 2000	Exploration in Social and Economic Justice	3
SOCIOL 1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
or RU_SOC 1000	Rural Sociology	
SOCIOL 2200	Social Inequalities	3
WGST 2040	Perspectives on Empowerment	3
WGST 2250	Gender, Race, Class and Sexuality in the Americas	3
Social Sciences Core Courses		
ECONOM 1014	Principles of Microeconomics	3
or ABM 1041	Applied Microeconomics	
ECONOM 1015	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or ABM 1042	Applied Macroeconomics	
ECONOM 3224	Introduction to International Economics	3
ECONOM 4326	Economics of International Trade	3
PEA_ST 1050	Introduction to Peace Studies	3
WGST 1120	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
Humanities Core Courses (at least one course from the list below is required)		
ARCHST 1600	Fundamentals of Environmental Design	3
ARH_VS 1110	Ancient and Medieval Art	3
ARH_VS 1120	Renaissance through Modern Art	3
ENGLISH 2155	Introduction to World Literatures	3
ENGLISH 2159	Introduction to World Literatures, 1890 to Present	3
FILMS_VS 2020	World Cinema for Non-Majors	3
FILMS_VS 2820	Trends in World Cinema	3
FRENCH 4820	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context	3
or FRENCH 4820W	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context - Writing Intensive	
GERMAN 3510	Think Global: Fundamentals of Globalization and Digital Technologies (Also offered as H, W)	3
GERMAN 4810	Case Studies in an Inter/Multicultural World	3
GERMAN 4820	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context	3
or GERMAN 4820W	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context - Writing Intensive	
GN_HON 2112H	Here Be Monsters	3
GN_HON 2113H	Reasonable Devils and Dark Visions	3
GN_HON 2114H	Diagnosing the Dark	3
JOURN 1000	The News Media: Journalism and Advertising in a Democratic Society	3
MUSIC_NM 1310	Masterpieces of Western Music	3
MUSIC_NM 1313	Introduction to World Music	3
PEA_ST 2410	Philosophies of War and Peace	3
PEA_ST 3510	Think Global: Fundamentals of Globalization and Digital Technologies	3
PHIL 2100	Philosophy: East and West	3
REL_ST 1100	Introduction to Religion	3

REL_ST 2100	Indigenous Religions	3
REL_ST 2110	Global Religions	3
REL_ST 2630	History of Christian Traditions	3
REL_ST 2700	Islam	3
REL_ST 4750	Women, Religion and Culture	3
RUSS 4820	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context	3
or RUSS 4820W	Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context - Writing Intensive	
WGST 2080	Perspectives on Sexual and Gender Diversity	3

Major Requirements (42 hours minimum)

Language Requirements (6 hours minimum)

For the major, students must complete 6 hours minimum in a single foreign language, beyond the elementary level.

Regional/Cultural Area (12 hours minimum)

Could include additional language and literature courses from the language of major study, as well as coursework with an international focus from Philosophy, Religious Studies, Art History, Film Studies, and Civilization courses.

Social/Behavioral Sciences Area (12 hours minimum)

Could include coursework with an international focus from Geography, History, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Rural Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies and Peace Studies.

Emphasis Areas (12 hours minimum)

The emphasis area options are: East Asian Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-east-asian-studies/>), Environmental Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-environmental-studies/>), European Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-european-studies/>), International Business (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-international-business/>), Latin American Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-latin-american-studies/>), Peace Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-peace-studies/>), or South Asian Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandsociology/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-south-asian-studies/>). Course work with an international focus of the student's choice allowing the study of one area in depth. For all emphasis except International Business, the area is typically related to the foreign language the student is studying. Students are encouraged to take 9 credits from a single department or area. The 3-credit capstone experience will complete the 12 hours of credit in the emphasis area. The International Business emphasis has a different set of requirements. For details on requirements in an emphasis area, refer to each degree page.

Capstone Options

Policies

- The Capstone must be completed in the final 45 hours of coursework.
- Students must earn a C- or higher to fulfill the Capstone requirement.
- Students must have a Capstone approved by their academic advisor.

- Students may complete an Internship or Readings that is not used as a Capstone.
- Students may not earn retroactive credit for internships.

Internships 4940

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to apply for approval of an internship project.
- Students must not have any active Student Conduct holds.
- Students may not complete an internship at an existing position.
- Students must work 50 hours for each credit hour earned.
- Only internships in the United States can be approved.
- During the Internship period, students must submit the following assignments:
 - a well-written proposal outlining the details of the internship must accompany the application
 - a carefully-prepared factual report about the internship which addresses the questions outlined in the student's internship proposal
 - a résumé which includes the student's internship experience and documents the tangible skills they attained while working
 - an interpretative essay in which students connect what they have learned from their internship experience with their academic work in their individualized major
 - Internship supervisors must submit a performance evaluation.
- Internships receive a grade of S or U (pass/fail).
- The Office of Multidisciplinary Degrees reserves the right to deny internship project approval to any student it believes will not be a good representation of the University.

Readings 4960

Students work independently with MU faculty on research and/or professional projects. A student finds a campus professor with whom to work. Together, they create concrete objectives for a meaningful project. The professor guides and supervises the student towards completion of the project and is responsible for awarding a letter grade for the course.

Service-Learning 4970

Service-Learning provides hands-on experience in service experiences that are coordinated in collaboration with MU and the community. Service-Learning experiences create valuable learning environments for students as they connect with the community in partnerships that provide effective and far-reaching assistance to those in need. To apply, students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.

4000-level Capstone course

Students can select a 4000-level course in the Focus Area to fulfill the Capstone requirement. This course does not need to be a departmental Capstone in order to fulfill the requirement.

Study Abroad Experience Requirement

- Students should study abroad for a minimum of 4 weeks.
- If a program is less than 4 weeks, it must be approved by the academic advisor.
- Credit earned during a study abroad experience may be used to fulfill major requirements.
- Students should complete their study abroad experience prior to their last year.
- Preparation for a study abroad experience should begin a year in advance.

- Information on study abroad is available at the International Center website (<https://international.missouri.edu/studyabroad/>).

Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLSH 1000		3 Foreign Language	5
Core Humanities		3 POL_SC 1400 or 2700	3
Foreign Language		5 Biological/Physical Science Course w/Lab	5
American History or Government course		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning course	3
		14	16
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GEOG 1100 or 1200		3 Foreign Language	3
Foreign Language		3 ANTHRO 2030	3
Core Humanities		3 Writing Intensive 1000+	2
General Elective 1000+		3 Biological/Physical Science Course	4
General Education Behavioral Science		3 Core Humanities 2000 level	3
		15	15
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Social/Behavioral 2000+ Major		3 Regional/Cultural 3000+ Major	3
Social/Behavioral Science 1000+ Major		3 Regional/Cultural 2000+ Major	3
General Education Humanities 2000+		3 Regional/Cultural 3000+ Major	3
Regional/Cultural 1000+ Major		3 Social Behavioral 3000+ Major	3
Foreign Language		3 Social Behavioral 3000+ Major	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
General Elective 3000+		3 Focus Area 3000+ Major	3
General Elective 1000+		3 Focus Area Capstone 4000 Level	3
Focus Area 3000+ Major		3 General Elective 1000+	3
Writing-Intensive/Focus Area 3000+ Major		3 General Elective 1000+	3
General Elective 1000+		3 General Elective 3000+	3
		15	15

Total Credits: 120