

# International Studies

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## International Studies (<https://internationalstudies.missouri.edu>)

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.

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## International Business (<https://internationalstudies.missouri.edu/node/9/>)

The dual degree program in International Business leads to the BS in Business Administration from the Trulaske College of Business and the BA in International Studies from the College of Arts & Science. This degree typically takes 4 1/2 to 5 years to complete. Students in the program will study advanced second language and participate in a study abroad experience to fulfill degree requirements.

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## Faculty

**Director of International Studies, Associate Teaching Professor M. Volz**

Faculty for International Studies are housed within various departments.

\* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.

\*\* Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

## Undergraduate

- BA in International Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies/>)

- with emphasis in East Asian Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-east-asian-studies/>)
- with emphasis in Environmental Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-environmental-studies/>)
- with emphasis in European Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-european-studies/>)
- with emphasis in International Business (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-international-business/>)
- with emphasis in Latin American Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-latin-american-studies/>)
- with emphasis in Peace Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-peace-studies/>)
- with emphasis in South Asian Studies (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-south-asian-studies/>)

In addition to developing a deeper knowledge in the emphasis areas described above, International Studies and International Business majors acquire analytical skills and knowledge that will enable them to understand and meaningfully engage with the quickly evolving global community. International Studies graduates from Mizzou gain competencies in the following areas.

**Global and International Interconnections:** Students will analyze how international processes and structures influence local and traditional life and cultures, and how local cultures can also often have a global impact.

**Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Perspectives:** Students will analyze global interconnectedness through multiple disciplinary lenses including the impact of historical, political, geographical, economic, and environmental processes on present-day global structures and related issues and challenges.

**Cross-Cultural Knowledge, Experience, and Competency:** Through structured analysis of other cultures and first-hand cross-cultural experience, including study abroad and advanced language study, students will gain a deep understanding of at least one other culture, and factors that can facilitate or hinder positive cross-cultural interactions.

## Graduate

While the College does not offer a graduate degree specific to international studies, the Graduate School does offer a graduate academic Minor in International Development.

This catalog provides a complete list of graduate degree options (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>) for all Schools and Colleges at the University of Missouri.

### INTL\_S 3001: Topics in International Studies - General

Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.

**Credit Hour:** 1-6

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**INTL\_S 4290: Pre-Departure Seminar for the TaLK Program**

Prior to beginning the TaLK Program in Korea, students will explore Korean language, culture and educational system through seminars and workshops provided by the Asian Affairs Staff and guest speakers. Graded on A-F basis only.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent

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**INTL\_S 4940: Internship in International Studies**

Internship limited to students pursuing the AB in International Studies degree. May be repeated to a maximum of six hours. Graded on S/U basis only.

**Credit Hour:** 1-6

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**INTL\_S 4960: Readings in International Studies**

Independent readings with supervisory faculty member. Open only to International Studies majors. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 hours.

**Credit Hour:** 1-6

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**INTL\_S 4960W: Readings in International Studies - Writing Intensive**

Independent readings with supervisory faculty member. Open only to International Studies majors. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 hours.

**Credit Hour:** 1

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