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 meaningfully engage with a 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 second 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 45 hours of coursework in the following categories: Core, Language, Regional/Cultural Humanities, Social/Behavioral, and an Emphasis Area. Students are also required to complete a capstone course within the Emphasis Area, and a 4-week minimum study abroad. The information below pertains to the BA in International Studies and emphasis areas other than International Business. 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 page (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-international-business/).

Required Core Coursework (18 Hours)

Complete the following courses:

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

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
- or GEOL 1100H Introduction to the Earth with Laboratory - Honors 4
- GEOL 1200 Environmental Geology with Laboratory 4
- or GEOL 1200H Environmental Geology with Laboratory - Honors 4
- GEOL 1250 The World’s Oceans 3

Behavioral Sciences Core Courses

- ANTHRO 1000 or ANTHRO 1000H Introduction to Anthropology: Human Biology, Prehistory, and Culture 3
- or ANTHRO 1000H Introduction to Anthropology: Human Biology, Prehistory, and Culture - Honors
- ANTHRO 1300 Multiculturalism: An Introduction 3
- PEA_ST 1052 Global Warming, Climate Change, Catastrophic Climate Destabilization 3
- or PEA_ST 1052W Global Warming, Climate Change, Catastrophic Climate Destabilization - Writing Intensive
- PEA_ST 2000 Exploration in Social and Economic Justice 3
- or PEA_ST 2000W Exploration in Social and Economic Justice - Writing Intensive
- SOCIOL 1000 or SOCIOL 1000H Introduction to Sociology 3
- or SOCIOL 1000H Introduction to Sociology Honors
- SOCIOL 2200 Social Inequalities 3
- WGST 2040 Perspectives on Empowerment 3
- WGST 2250 Gender, Race, Class and Sexuality in the Americas 3
- or WGST 2250W Gender, Race, Class and Sexuality in the Americas - Writing Intensive

Social Sciences Core Courses

- ECONOM 1000 General Economics 5
- ECONOM 1014 Principles of Microeconomics 3
- or ECONOM 1014H Principles of Microeconomics-Honors
- or ABM 1041 Applied Microeconomics
- ECONOM 1015 Principles of Macroeconomics 3
- or ECONOM 1015H Principles of Macroeconomics - Honors
- ECONOM 3224 Introduction to International Economics 3
- ECONOM 4326 Economics of International Trade 3
- or ECONOM 4326W Economics of International Trade - Writing Intensive
- PEA_ST 1050 Introduction to Peace Studies 3
- or PEA_ST 1050W Introduction to Peace Studies - Writing Intensive
- PEA_ST 3780 World Political Geography 3
- PEA_ST 4810 Case Studies in an Inter/Multicultural World 3
- SOCIOL 3210 Sociology of Globalization 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
- or ARCHST 1600W Fundamentals of Environmental Design - Writing Intensive
- ARH_VS 1130 Introduction to the History of Art 3
- or ARH_VS 1130W Introduction to the History of Art - Writing Intensive
- ENGLISH 2155 Introduction to World Literatures 3
- ENGLISH 2159 Introduction to World Literatures, 1890 to Present 3
- or ENGLISH 2159W Introduction to World Literatures, 1890 to Present - Writing Intensive
- FILMS_VS 2020 World Cinema for Non-Majors 3
- FILMS_VS 2820 Trends in World Cinema 3
- FRENCH/GERMAN/RUSS 4820 Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context 3
- or FRENCH 4820W Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context - Writing Intensive
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Additional Requirements (27 hours minimum)

Language Requirements (6 hours minimum)
For the major, students must complete 6 hours minimum in a single second language, beyond the elementary level.

International students whose native language is other than English may petition the International Studies Program to substitute the language requirement with courses that deepen their English language ability or upper-level International Studies courses.

Non-international students who can demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English comparable to a student who has completed 6 hours beyond the Elementary sequence at MU may petition the International Studies Program to substitute upper-level International Studies courses for the language requirement. If the student is proficient in a language offered at MU, the student may be evaluated by that language program. The evaluation must test the student’s ability in all the modalities appropriate for that language (reading, writing, listening, and/or speaking). If the student is proficient in a language not offered at MU, the student is responsible for finding a qualified examiner in that language, who must then be approved by the International Studies director. The evaluation must test the student’s ability in all the modalities appropriate for that language (reading, writing, listening, and/or speaking) at the mid-intermediate level or higher as defined by ACTFL proficiency guidelines.

Regional/Cultural Area (6 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 (6 hours minimum)
Could include coursework with an international focus from Geography, History, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies and Peace Studies.

Emphasis Areas (9 hours minimum)
Students must complete coursework in an emphasis area of their choice. The emphasis area options are: East Asian Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-east-asian-studies/), Environmental Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-environmental-studies/), European Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-european-studies/), Latin American Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-latin-american-studies/), Peace Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-peace-studies/), or South Asian Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-south-asian-studies/). The emphasis area is typically related to the second 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 9 hours of credit in the emphasis area. Students also have the option to pursue International Business (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/internationalstudies/ba-international-studies-emphasis-international-business/), which is a dual degree program with a separate 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.

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 40 hours for each credit hour earned.
- Students may not earn retroactive credit for internships.

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 2.0 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.
- 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.
- International students may count their time in the U.S. towards their study abroad requirement.
- Information on study abroad is available at the International Center website (https://international.missouri.edu/studyabroad/).

Minimum Grade, College, and University Requirements:
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/academicdegree_requirements/university_requirements/), including University general education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree_requirements/generaleducation_requirements/).

Semester Plan:

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