

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

## Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies

International Studies is an interdisciplinary, stand-alone major that includes four Specialty Tracks:

- Asian Studies
- European Studies
- Latin American Studies
- International Affairs

The first three Specialty Tracks are area studies, which investigate how people of a specific region understand and interpret the world, as well as the ways in which others have interpreted the people of that region, and the complex interactions between the two. The fourth track, International Affairs, explores the depth and breadth of culture, politics, policies, and processes in their international contexts.

**Majors in International Studies will choose one Specialty Track.**

### Specific Course Requirements

The international studies major requires a minimum of 32 credit hours (eight courses).

#### I. Core Common Courses (INTR 230 & 465) (8 credits)

#### II. Specialty Track Courses (16 credits)

#### III. Study Abroad

#### IV. Modern Language (0-8 credits), or International Electives or Additional Language Work (0-8 credits)

#### I. Core Common Courses: (4 credits x 2 = 8 credits), which must include:

Code	Title	Credits
INTR 230	Theories & Methods in International Studies	4

Note: Students should take this course in the spring 12-week semester of their **sophomore** year. If a student is abroad during their sophomore spring 12-week semester or joins the major late, this course can be taken during the spring 12-week semester of their junior year (or, with permission of the Chair, their senior spring 12-week semester).

Code	Title	Credits
INTR 465	International Research Colloquium	4

Note: Majors in International Studies will normally take INTR 465 during the fall 12-week semester of their **senior** year. If they are abroad during the fall semester of their senior year, and thus cannot take INTR 465, then they must take Independent Studies (INTR 460) during their senior spring semester, finish a research paper at least 20 pages (double-spaced, 12 font size) in length, and ideally will present their research findings at the Guilford Undergraduate Symposium (G.U.S.) during the spring.

#### II. Four Specialty Track Courses : (4 credits x 4 = 16 credits), which must include: One designated core survey course

For each track, and three additional courses within the same track (two of which must be at the 300/400 level). Note: this requirement of coursework at the 300/400 level cannot be fulfilled by INTR 465: *International Research Colloquium*.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Asian Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)</b>		
- Core Survey Course (4 credits)		
HIST 164	Asia Pacific in Modern Times	4
Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 = 12 credits)		
Note: two of the three courses must be at 300/400 level		
HIST 188	History of East Asia to 1800	4
HIST 266	Modern China in Film	4
HIST 268	Gender and Sexuality in Chinese History	4
HIST 283	Imperial China	4
HIST 284	China in Revolution	4
HIST 285	Samurai in Word and Image	4
HIST 268	Gender and Sexuality in Chinese History	4
JAPN 220	Women in Modern Japan	4
JAPN 221	Contemporary Japanese Society	4
JAPN 310	Media, Gender and Nation in Japan	4
PSCI 210	East Asian Politics	4
PSCI 275	Asia and the World	4
PSCI 315	Chinese Politics	4
PSCI 316	China and the World	4
REL 208	Hinduism	4
REL 283	HP:Religions of the Minorities of Southwest China	4
REL 317	Women in Tibetan Buddhism	4
REL 318	Tibetan & Himalayan Religions	4
REL 319	Buddhist Emptiness	4
REL 445	Shamanism	4
<b>European Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)</b>		
- Core Survey Course (4 credits)		
HIST 238		
- Select three of the following (4 credits x 3 = 12 credits)		
Note: two of the three courses must be 300/400 level		
ART 235	Art History: Renaissance in Florence (HIST 235)	4
HIST 235	The Renaissance in Florence (ART 235)	4
ENGL 221	British Literature I	4
ENGL 222	British Literature II	4
ENGL 223	Shakespeare	4
ENGL 306	Medieval Literature	4
ENGL 309	Early Modern Literature	4
ENGL 327	British Romantic Literature	4
ENGL 328	Victorian Literature	4
FREN 315	French and Francophone Cinema	4
FREN 365	Literature and Culture: Period	4
FREN 375	Literature and Culture: Theme	4
FREN 385	Literature and Culture: Genre	4
GERM 310	Contemporary German Culture	4
GERM 311	German Youth Culture	4

GERM 320	Culture and Society: The Weimar Republic	4	ART 203	Arts:Afr,Asia & the Americas	4
GERM 400	Seminar	4	BUS 251	International Experience	4
HIST 101	The Medieval Web	4	BUS 333	Money and Capital Markets (ECON 333)	4
HIST 102	The Web of Europe since 1400	4	ECON 221	Macroeconomic Principles: "Global Vision: the U.S. in the World Economy"	4
HIST 219	The Age of Dictators: Europe, 1920s-30s	4	ECON 333	Money and Capital Markets (BUS 333)	4
HIST 233	Medieval Civilization: Crusades and Chivalry	4	ECON 335	Comparative Economic Systems: "The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire"	4
HIST 236	Reformation: Luther to Fox (REL 236)	4	ECON 336	Economic and Social Development: "'Beneath' the United States."	4
REL 236	Reformation: Luther to Fox (HIST 236)	4	ECON 342	Poverty, Power and Policy	4
HIST 237	Europe in Revolution, 1789-1914	4	ECON 344	Environmental and Resource Economics	4
HIST 255	The Second World War	4	ECON 432	International Economics: "'Beside' the United States"	4
HIST 289	The French Revolution and Napoleon	4	ENGL 270	World Literature	4
HIST 314	Immigration & a Multicultural Europe, 1800-Present	4	ENGL 272	World Cinema	4
HIST 336	The Elizabethan Age (ENGL 336)	4	ENVS 101	Environmental Science, Policy and Thought: Introduction to Environmental Studies	4
ENGL 336	The Elizabethan Age (HIST 336)	4	GEOL 151	HP:Climate and History	4
IDS 452	Ancient Greece from Homer to Socrates	4	IDS 402	Business Ethics (BUS 402)	4
MUS 310	Early Music and Culture	4	IDS 428	Agricultural Revolutions	4
PHIL 310	Ancient Western Philosophy	4	IDS 435	Understanding Poverty	4
PHIL 320	Modern Western Philosophy	4	IDS 442	International Development	4
REL 415	Contemporary Theology:Holocaust	4	REL 310	Islam and Modernization	4
SOAN 216	HP:The Anthropology of Colonialism	4	PECS 103	Voices of Liberation	4
SPAN 311	Contemporary Spain	4	PECS 110	Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies	4
SPAN 321	Culture and Society: Golden Age of Spain	4	PECS 206	Challenges of Global Democratization (PSCI 206)	4
SPAN 323	Culture and Society: Beginnings of a Nation (The Integration of Three Cultures)	4	PECS 215	War and Peace in the Middle East	4
SPAN 403	Senior Seminar: Spain	4	PECS 236	Conflict Transformation for Peacebuilding and Justice (JPS 236)	4
THEA 130	Theatre and Culture I	4	PECS 235	Peacebuilding in Divided Societies	4
THEA 131	Theatre and Culture II	4	PECS 246	Mediation & Conflict Intervention	4
<b>Latin American Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)</b>					
- Core Survey Course (4 credits), select one of the two following:					
HIST 272	Modern Latin America	4	PECS 315	Human Rights	4
SOAN 245	Race and Ethnicity in Latin America	4	PECS 316	Globalization: Economics & Social Justice	4
- Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 + 12 credits)					
Note: two of the three courses must be 300/400 level					
ECON 336	Economic and Social Development: "'Beneath' the United States."	4	PECS 330	Nonviolence: Theories and Practice	4
HIST 271	Colonial Latin America	4	PECS 345	Social Change: Promoting Peace	4
SOAN 331	Latinx Migration Patterns	4	PECS 355	Culture, Conflict, Negotiation	4
SPAN 310	Contemporary Latin America	4	PECS 363	Reconciliation and Justice	4
SPAN 320	Culture and Society: Mexico, Central America and Caribbean	4	PECS 468	Religion, Spirituality and Social Change	4
SPAN 322	Culture and Society: South America	4	PHIL 241	Ethics In a Digital World	4
SPAN 340	Film, Life and Literature of Latin America	4	PHIL 242	Environmental Ethics	4
SPAN 402	Senior Seminar: Latin America	4	PHIL 249	Pacifism and Just War Theory	4
SOAN 430	Inequality in Latin America	4	PSCI 105	Comparative Politics	4
Special Topics Course approved by the Chair of International Studies					
<b>International Affairs Specialty Track (16 credits)</b>					
- Core Survey Course (4 credits), select one of the four following:					
ECON 222	Microeconomic Principles: Public Policy	4	PSCI 201	Comparing Countries	4
BUS 246	International Business	4	PSCI 206	Challenges of Global Democratization (PECS 206)	4
PSCI 103	International Relations	4	PSCI 266	Global Terrorism	4
SOAN 216	HP:The Anthropology of Colonialism	4	PSCI 319	Modern Environmental Problems	4
- Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 = 12 credits)					
			PSCI 330	Global Power and Wealth	4
			PSCI 345	Avoiding War, Making Peace	4
			PSCI 391	Globalization and Its Discontents	4
			REL 230	Comparative Religious Ethics	4
			SOAN 103	Cultural Anthropology	4
			SOAN 321	Development Anthropology	4

SOAN 322	Environmental Anthropology	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>500</b>

electives. Any final decisions about which coursework counts for which requirements will be made by Chair of International Studies.

### III. Study Abroad

All majors are required to study abroad for at least one semester. Note that many (but not all) study abroad courses can count toward students' specialty track course requirements. Students are expected to obtain requisite permission for counting study abroad courses toward the major *prior* to their international study experience.

The "one-semester" study abroad requirement can also be met by taking three (3) 3-credit or 4-credit 3-week (Fall or Spring) intensive study abroad courses (i.e. the 3-week intensive courses offered under the 3-12/12-3 curriculum). Of the three 3-week intensive study abroad courses, two must be to regions matching the student's Specialty Track. In the case of students following the International Affairs Specialty Track, the three 3-week intensive courses may be study abroad courses to any region. Any summer-semester coursework for three or more academic credits may also be considered for fulfilling this requirement. In case of any ambiguity about whether or not any particular 3-week intensive study abroad course can count toward a particular area track, a final decision will be made by the Chair of International Studies.

### IV. Proficiency in a Modern Language relevant to the chose Specialty Track, at the second Intermediate level or its equivalent

Determined by the Modern Language Studies Department's appropriate proficiency exam (0-8 credits, or 0-2 course units, depending on one's placement). This requirement can be fulfilled by the completion of a Modern Language course at the second intermediate level with a C- or above, or by testing out of that level in the Modern Language Studies Department's placement exam. Only the third and fourth semester (i.e. second year) of language credits count toward the major. In case of any ambiguity in choice of language, a consultation with the Chair of International Studies is required.

As students need at least 32 credits (or 8 course units) to complete the major, if students place out of the Foreign Language requirement for the International Studies major, they must take at least two (4 credits each x 2 = 8 credits, or 2 course units) additional elective courses in any area (any "specialty track"). In other words, these courses may be (but do not need to be) within the student's specialty track. These courses may be at any level. These electives may be fulfilled by additional advanced language coursework in the student's chosen modern language. These electives may also be fulfilled by language coursework in a different language (i.e. different from the language(s) for which the student has already demonstrated proficiency), or any combination of the two (e.g. one semester of language and one elective course from any track, or one semester each in two different languages, etc.). If a student places into the fourth semester of language at Guilford and thus only needs to complete a single semester of language in order to fulfill the language requirement for the International Studies major, then this International Studies Open Elective requirement for the student will be only one (4 credit) course. Students who do not place out of either the third or fourth semester (i.e. second year) of language do not need to take any credits in this major requirement, as they will fulfill 8 credits (or 2 course units) of language for the major as they complete the equivalent of the second year of language study. Students may elect to count approved 3-credit (or 2-credit or 1-credit) courses for elective credit but must then take more than two (4-credit) course in order to meet the minimum requirement of credits if, for example, they pass out of the foreign language requirement and therefore need eight (8) credits of