

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies

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

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

The first four 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 fifth 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
African Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)		
-Core Survey Course (4 credits): select one of the following:		
HIST 242	Africa Since 1800	4
SOAN 358	African Cultures in Film	4
Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 = 12 credits)		
Note: two of the three courses must be 300/400 level		
ENGL 334	African Women Writers	4
FREN 275	French-Speaking Africa, in English Translation	4
FREN 311	The Francophone World	4
HIST 241	Africa Before 1800	4
HIST 343	Women in Modern Africa	4
IDS 411	Gender & Development in Africa	4
IDS 483		
JPS 252	Comm & Peace:Post-Gen Rwanda	4
PSCI 222	African Government and Politics	4
REL 171	Rumi and Revolution	4
REL 201	Women and Gender in Islam	4
REL 204	Islam	4
REL 310	Islam and Modernization	4
SOAN 215		4
SOAN 234	Culture & Sexuality in Africa	4
SOAN 235	African Families in Transition	4
Asian Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)		
- 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 286	Buddhist Pilgrimage in East Asia	4
REL 317	Women in Tibetan Buddhism	4

REL 318	Tibetan & Himalayan Religions	4	- Core Survey Course (4 credits), select one of the two following:
REL 319	Buddhist Emptiness	4	HIST 272 Modern Latin America 4
REL 445	Shamanism	4	SOAN 245 Race and Ethnicity in Latin America 4
European Studies Specialty Track (16 credits)			- Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 + 12 credits)
- Core Survey Course (4 credits)			Note: two of the three courses must be 300/400 level
HIST 238			ECON 336 Economic and Social Development: "Beneath' the United States." 4
- Select three of the following (4 credits x 3 = 12 credits)			ENGL 378
Note: two of the three courses must be 300/400 level			HIST 271 Colonial Latin America 4
ART 235	Art History: Renaissance in Florence (HIST 235)	4	HIST 373
HIST 235	The Renaissance in Florence (ART 235)	4	SOAN 331 Latinx Migration Patterns 4
ENGL 221	British Literature I	4	SPAN 310 Contemporary Latin America 4
ENGL 222	British Literature II	4	SPAN 320 Culture and Society: Mexico, Central America and Caribbean 4
ENGL 223	Shakespeare	4	SPAN 322 Culture and Society: South America 4
ENGL 306	Medieval Literature	4	SPAN 340 Film, Life and Literature of Latin America 4
ENGL 309	Early Modern Literature	4	SPAN 402 Senior Seminar: Latin America 4
ENGL 327	British Romantic Literature	4	SOAN 430 Inequality in Latin America 4
ENGL 328	Victorian Literature	4	Special Topics Course approved by the Chair of International Studies
FREN 315	French and Francophone Cinema	4	International Affairs Specialty Track (16 credits)
FREN 365	Literature and Culture: Period	4	- Core Survey Course (4 credits), select one of the four following:
FREN 375	Literature and Culture: Theme	4	ECON 222 Microeconomic Principles: Public Policy 4
FREN 385	Literature and Culture: Genre	4	BUS 246 International Business 4
GERM 310	Contemporary German Culture	4	PSCI 103 International Relations 4
GERM 311	German Youth Culture	4	SOAN 216 HP:The Anthropology of Colonialism 4
GERM 320	Culture and Society: The Weimar Republic	4	- Select three of the following (4 credits X 3 = 12 credits)
GERM 400	Seminar	4	ART 203 Arts:Afr,Asia & the Americas 4
HIST 101	The Medieval Web	4	BUS 251 International Experience 4
HIST 102	The Web of Europe since 1400	4	BUS 333 Money and Capital Markets (ECON 333) 4
HIST 219	The Age of Dictators: Europe, 1920s-30s	4	ECON 221 Macroeconomic Principles: "Global Vision: the U.S. in the World Economy" 4
HIST 233	Medieval Civilization: Crusades and Chivalry	4	ECON 333 Money and Capital Markets (BUS 333) 4
HIST 236	Reformation: Luther to Fox (REL 236)	4	ECON 335 Comparative Economic Systems: "The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire" 4
REL 236	Reformation: Luther to Fox (HIST 236)	4	ECON 336 Economic and Social Development: "Beneath' the United States." 4
HIST 237	Europe in Revolution, 1789-1914	4	ECON 342 Poverty, Power and Policy 4
HIST 255	The Second World War	4	ECON 344 Environmental and Resource Economics 4
HIST 289	The French Revolution and Napoleon	4	ECON 432 International Economics: "Beside' the United States" 4
HIST 314	Immigration & a Multicultural Europe, 1800-Present	4	ENGL 270 World Literature 4
HIST 336	The Elizabethan Age (ENGL 336)	4	ENGL 272 World Cinema 4
ENGL 336	The Elizabethan Age (HIST 336)	4	ENVS 101 Environmental Science, Policy and Thought: Introduction to Environmental Studies 4
IDS 452	Cultural History of Ancient Greece from Homer to the Death of Socrates	4	GEOL 151 HP:Climate and History 4
MUS 310	Early Music and Culture	4	IDS 402 Business Ethics (BUS 402) 4
PHIL 310	Ancient Western Philosophy	4	IDS 428 Agricultural Revolutions 4
PHIL 320	Modern Western Philosophy	4	IDS 435 Understanding Poverty 4
REL 415	Contemporary Theology:Holocaust	4	IDS 442 International Development 4
SOAN 216	HP:The Anthropology of Colonialism	4	REL 310 Islam and Modernization 4
SPAN 311	Contemporary Spain	4	PECS 103 Voices of Liberation 4
SPAN 321	Culture and Society: Golden Age of Spain	4	PECS 110 Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies 4
SPAN 323	Culture and Society: Beginnings of a Nation (The Integration of Three Cultures)	4	PECS 206 Challenges of Global Democratization (PSCI 206) 4
SPAN 403	Senior Seminar: Spain	4	
THEA 130	Theatre and Culture I	4	
THEA 131	Theatre and Culture II	4	
Latin American Studies (16 credits)			

PECS 215	War and Peace in the Middle East	4
PECS 236	Conflict Transformation for Peacebuilding and Justice (JPS 236)	4
PECS 235	Peacebuilding in Divided Societies	4
PECS 246	Mediation & Conflict Intervention	4
PECS 315	Human Rights	4
PECS 316	Globalization: Economics & Social Justice	4
PECS 330	Nonviolence: Theories and Practice	4
PECS 345	Social Change: Promoting Peace	4
PECS 355	Culture, Conflict, Negotiation	4
PECS 363	Reconciliation and Justice	4
PECS 468	Religion, Spirituality and Social Change	4
PHIL 241	Ethics In a Digital World	4
PHIL 242	Environmental Ethics	4
PHIL 249	Pacifism and Just War Theory	4
PSCI 105	Comparative Politics	4
PSCI 201	Comparing Countries	4
PSCI 206	Challenges of Global Democratization (PECS 206)	4
PSCI 266	Global Terrorism	4
PSCI 319	Modern Environmental Problems	4
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
Total Credits		572

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