

International Studies, B.A.

The major in International Studies provides an interdisciplinary perspective on global politics, economics, cultures and history. International studies majors acquire twenty-first-century analytical skills and knowledge that will enable them to understand and contribute to shaping the rapidly evolving global community. The degree in international studies prepares students for careers in a variety of fields such as international public policy, international business and finance, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and academic research and teaching.

Requirements for the major include a core set of courses: Introduction to Global Studies, Global Cultures and Society, Global Political Ideologies, Global Political Economy, Human Rights and Global Governance, and Global Environmental Issues. Also required is an additional lower-division social science course, and the Global and International Studies Forum. Students also choose both a geographic focus and a global focus to enable them to broaden and deepen areas of knowledge and topics of particular interest. The final requirements are competence in a language other than English and an international experience or approved internship.

All students must meet the University Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

All students must meet the School Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofsocialsciences/#schoolrequirementstext>).

Requirements for the Major

All International Studies majors must complete a minimum of 16 courses for a letter grade, with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

A. Complete:	
INTL ST 1	Introduction to Global Studies
B. Select four from the following:	
INTL ST 11	Global Cultures and Society
INTL ST 12	Global Political Ideologies
INTL ST 15	Global Political Economy
INTL ST 16	Human Rights and Global Governance
INTL ST 17	Global Environmental Issues
C. Select one from the following:	
ANTHRO 2A	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
HISTORY 21A	World: Innovations
HISTORY 21B	World: Empires and Revolutions
HISTORY 21C	World: Nation, War, and Rights
ECON 13	Global Economy
POL SCI 41A	Introduction to International Relations
POL SCI 51A	Introduction to Politics Around the World
SOC SCI 5D	US and World Geography
SOCIOL 2	Globalization
D. Competency in a language other than English. ¹	
E. Geographic Focus: Select two upper-division courses in any one geographic area. ²	
F. Global Focus: Select five upper-division courses. At least two courses must be from Module A. ²	
Module A:	
INTL ST 100	Global Trials
INTL ST 101A	Global Social Movements
INTL ST 101B	Global Cities and Slums
INTL ST 102A	Global Refugees and Stateless People
INTL ST 103A	Global Health
INTL ST 104A	Global Trafficking
INTL ST 104BW	Global Gender and Sexuality
INTL ST 106A	Global Political Ecology
INTL ST 106B	Global Food Environment
INTL ST 146	Global Indigeneity
INTL ST 146W	Global Indigeneity
INTL ST 148W	Global Futures

INTL ST 150	Racism and Global Apartheid
INTL ST 155	Racial Capitalism
INTL ST 163	Global Inequalities
Module B:	
Courses for Module B (Global Focus and Geographic Focus) are listed below.	
G. Two quarters of INTL ST 183A, one quarter of which must be taken during the junior or senior year as a capstone experience.	
H. At least one quarter of international experience. ³	

Global Focus

INTL ST 112A	International Business
INTL ST 115	Global Poverty and Inequality in the 21st Century
INTL ST 122	Nuclear Environments
INTL ST 124A	Introduction to the Comparative Study of Legal Cultures
INTL ST 130	Transnational Gangs
INTL ST 141B	Homeland Security
INTL ST 145A	International Law
INTL ST 147CW	International Humanitarianism
INTL ST 152A	Non-Government Organization (NGO) Fundamentals
INTL ST 153F	Militarism and Gender
INTL ST 157C	Comparing European and US Societies
INTL ST 161A	Political Islam
INTL ST 165	Introduction to Contemporary Middle East Politics
INTL ST 175A	U.S. War on Terrorism
INTL ST 177G	Revolution and Reaction in Cold War Latin America
INTL ST 183CW	Seminar Conflict Resolution
INTL ST 183E	Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective
INTL ST 189	Special Topics: Global Focus in International Studies

Geographic Focus

INTL ST 102B	Global Asias and Orientalism
INTL ST 143A	Vietnam War
INTL ST 158B	Peoples of the Pacific
INTL ST 158D	China in the Global Age
INTL ST 161A	Political Islam
INTL ST 162B	Peoples and Cultures of Post-Soviet Eurasia
INTL ST 165	Introduction to Contemporary Middle East Politics
INTL ST 176C	Political Power in Contemporary China
INTL ST 177C	Revolution in Latin America
INTL ST 177D	U.S. Intervention in Latin America
INTL ST 177E	Cuban Society and Revolution
INTL ST 177G	Revolution and Reaction in Cold War Latin America
INTL ST 179	Special Topics: Geographic Focus in International Studies
ANTHRO 125Z	Arabs and Muslims in the US
ANTHRO 139	Special Topics in Cultural and Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 141A	Ancient Civilization of Mexico and the Southwest
ART HIS 100	Studies in Ancient Art
ART HIS 134E	Topics in Modern European Art
ART HIS 150	Studies in Asian Art
ART HIS 155B	Medieval India
ART HIS 167	Topics in the History of Modern Latin American and Latinx Art
CHC/LAT 121	Latina/Latino Pop: Latina/Latino Popular Culture

CHC/LAT 129	Special Topics in Literature, Arts, Media, Culture
COM LIT 100A	Nations, Regions, and Beyond
COM LIT 143	Literature, Arts, and Media
COM LIT 150	Literature in Translation
EAS 110	Topics in Chinese Literature and Society
EAS 116	Topics in East Asian Religions
EAS 120	Topics in Japanese Literature and Society
EAS 126	Topics in East Asian Linguistics
EAS 140	Topics in Korean Literature and Society
EAS 150	Topics in East Asian Literature in Translation
EAS 155	Topics in Cultural Studies in East Asia
EAS 160	Topics in East Asian Cinema
ENGLISH 103	Topics in Literature, Theory, and Criticism
ENGLISH 105	Multicultural Topics in Literatures in English
EURO ST 101B	European Studies Core II: Modern Europe (Post-1789)
EURO ST 102	Topics in Early European History and Culture: Pre-1789
EURO ST 103	Topics in Modern European History and Culture: Post-1789
FLM&MDA 130	Multicultural Topics in the Media
FLM&MDA 160	National/Regional Cinemas and Media
FRENCH 150	Topics in French Literature and Culture
FRENCH 160	French Cinema
GERMAN 150	German Literature and Culture in Translation
GERMAN 160	German Cinema
HISTORY 102B	Topics in Environmental History
HISTORY 112D	Topics in Early Modern Europe
HISTORY 114	Topics in Modern European History
HISTORY 126B	The Era of World War II: 1933-45
HISTORY 130C	Topics in the Jewish History
HISTORY 131B	Ancient Persia
HISTORY 132D	Armenians and Armenia in Ancient to Early Modern World History
HISTORY 132E	Armenians and Armenia in Modern World History
HISTORY 132H	Topics in Middle Eastern History
HISTORY 169	Topics in Latin American History
HISTORY 171D	Chinese History to 1800
HISTORY 171E	Chinese History: 1800-1949
HISTORY 174G	Topics in the History of South Asia
HISTORY 175G	Topics in the History of Southeast Asia
HISTORY 182	Special Studies in Intellectual-Cultural History
ITALIAN 150	Topics in Italian Literature and Culture
POL SCI 141C	International Political Economy of East Asia
POL SCI 141E	US Foreign Policy Toward Asia
POL SCI 142B	The International Relations of East Asia
POL SCI 147E	Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa
POL SCI 149	Special Topics in International Relations
POL SCI 152K	Immigration Politics
POL SCI 159	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
RUSSIAN 150	Topics in Russian Literature
SOC SCI 179	Special Topics in Asian American Studies

- ¹ Competency is established by college-level course work equivalent to UCI's fifth quarter of study (usually 2B).
- ² Although some courses are listed in more than one focus, students may not double count a course for both their geographic and global focus areas.
- ³ Majors are encouraged to study abroad through the University's Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) or the Independent Programs, which are available for periods of a quarter, year, or summer. When this is not possible, work overseas (through Independent Programs) or a domestic internship with the UCDC Internship Program, the UCI Washington D.C. Academic Internship Program, or Social Science Internship Program (SOC SCI 197) with an international focus may be substituted.

Honors Program in International Studies

The Honors Program allows International Studies majors to engage in research leading to the completion of an honors thesis. The topic for the honors thesis is selected by the student, in consultation with a faculty advisor, and should reflect a theme consistent with the student's module in the International Studies major.

Admission

Admission to the program is based on a formal application (<https://zfrmz.com/bPvzXJwjy0eIY8dKM7px/>) submitted prior to the start of Fall quarter. Students looking for a faculty advisor can visit the Global and International Studies faculty page (<https://www.globalstudies.uci.edu/people/faculty.php>).

Requirements

The Honors Program in the department of Global and International Studies is open to all International Studies majors who meet the minimum academic qualifications (3.5 GPA in International Studies courses and 3.0 GPA overall).

During the winter quarter of the junior year or senior year, students formally apply to the honors program. Students will be notified of their selection to the honors program by June 1. In the fall quarter, students enroll in International Studies INTL ST H180, Honors Research Seminar. In this course, each student formulates a written research plan (i.e., prospectus) for the honors thesis. Students also select a faculty member who agrees to supervise the research, evaluate the written work, and approve the honors thesis. In the winter quarter, students enroll in International Studies INTL ST H190, Honors Thesis, with their faculty advisor. The faculty advisor supervises and evaluates data collection and analysis and reads and edits chapter drafts. In the spring quarter, students enroll in a second quarter of INTL ST H190, Honors Thesis, with their faculty advisor. The thesis is to be completed by the student and approved by the advisor prior to the end of the quarter.

Honors students must also demonstrate a high level of language proficiency by completing two courses beyond the 2A level in language, literature, or culture taught in their chosen international language.

International Studies majors are also required to pursue some form of international experience, as explained in major requirement H.

- Global Studies, Graduate Emphasis
- Global Studies, Ph.D.
- International Studies, Minor