# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.A.

## Degree Requirements (120 hours)

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### Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist Papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed [here](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

### 1. Carolina Core Requirements (35-44 hours)

**CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)**

*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

- any CC-CMW courses ([https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

**ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)**

- any CC-ARP courses ([https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

**SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)**

- Two 4-credit hour CC-SCI ([https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)) laboratory science courses

**GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)**

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required for all baccalaureate degrees. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses ([https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.

### 2. College Requirements (15-18 hours)

**Foreign Language (0-3 hours)**

- only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency

**History (3 hours)**

The College of Arts and Sciences requires one additional GHS course beyond the Carolina Core GHS requirement.

- If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a *U.S. history* course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a *non-U.S. history* course.
- If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a *non-U.S. history* course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a *U.S. history* course.

Please select the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement from the approved list of U.S. and non-U.S. history courses ([https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/)).
Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (12 hours)
- Social Science (3 hours)
- POLI 303*
- Fine Arts/ Humanities (9 hours)
  - A Bachelor of Arts from the College of Arts and Sciences requires three 3-hour Fine Arts/ Humanities Courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-fine-arts-humanities/)

3. Program Requirements (34-46 hours)
Cognate or Minor (12-18 hours)
Students must complete a cognate (12 hours) or a minor as part of this program. In lieu of a cognate or minor, an additional major may be added to a student’s program of study. Additional majors must include all major courses as well as any prescribed courses noted (*) in the bulletin. Prescribed courses noted in the bulletin may be shared with Carolina Core, College requirements, and Program requirements in the primary program.

Cognate (12 hours)
The cognate must consist of twelve (12) hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of but related to the major. The cognate may be taken in one or more departments or programs.

Courses offered by departments and programs that are acceptable for cognate credit are outlined in the section titled Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-cognate/). Some major programs have specific cognate requirements. It should be emphasized that the cognate is not a second set of elective courses to be chosen at random by the student. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

For Bachelor of Arts degrees, all cognate courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Minor (18 hours)
In place of the cognate a student in the College of Arts and Sciences may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. It differs from the cognate inasmuch as the courses must follow a structured sequence.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/).

Electives (16-34 hours)
120 (or 128) degree applicable credits are required to complete any degree at UofSC. After the cognate, minor or second major is complete, any additional credits needed to reach 120 (or 128) total credits can be fulfilled by electives. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Note: 1-22 hours of electives will be needed to reach hours to graduate and Program Requirements will range from 22-37 hours, if completing either the Intensive Major or the B.A. with Distinction in International Studies.

4. Major Requirements (24 hours)
A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Major Courses (9 hours)

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>POLI 105</td>
<td>Introduction to Politics</td>
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<td>POLI 315</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
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<td>POLI 316</td>
<td>Comparative Politics</td>
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Total Credit Hours 9

Major Electives (15 hours)
15 hours in approved internationally focused courses, to be chosen from the list below. At least six hours must be POLI courses.

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<td>Comparative Politics of Developing Countries</td>
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<td>Comparative Politics of Industrialized Countries</td>
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<td>POLI 383</td>
<td>Genocide: A Comparative Perspective</td>
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<td>POLI 416</td>
<td>Revolution and Political Violence</td>
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<td>POLI 448</td>
<td>Politics and Government of China</td>
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<td>POLI 480</td>
<td>Politics and Government of Russia</td>
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<td>Politics and Governments of Europe</td>
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<td>Middle East Politics</td>
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International Relations:

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<tr>
<td>POLI 330</td>
<td>International Organization</td>
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<td>POLI 340</td>
<td>The Conduct and Formulation of United States Foreign Policy</td>
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<td>Contemporary United States Foreign Policy</td>
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<td>POLI 342</td>
<td>National Security Policies of the United States</td>
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<td>Theories of War in International Relations</td>
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<td>POLI 420</td>
<td>International Law</td>
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<td>Law and Contemporary International Problems</td>
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<td>Ideology and World Politics</td>
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<td>Nationalism and Ethnicity in World Politics</td>
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<td>POLI 433</td>
<td>Economic Aspects of International Politics</td>
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<td>International Relations of Latin America</td>
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<td>POLI 440</td>
<td>Russian Foreign Policy</td>
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<td>POLI 442</td>
<td>Globalization and Security</td>
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<td>International Relations of East Asia and the Pacific</td>
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<td>International Relations in Japan</td>
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<td>POLI 445</td>
<td>Political Economy of Africa's Regions</td>
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<td>POLI 446</td>
<td>International Relations of Africa</td>
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Approved Non-POLI Major Courses

ANTH 203 Comparing Cultures Through Film
ANTH 204 Plagues Past and Present
ANTH 207 Gender and Culture
ANTH 208 Anthropology of Globalization and Development
ANTH 210 Human Life Cycles in Different Cultures
ANTH 211 Learning Across Cultures
ANTH 212 Food and Culture
ANTH 213 Ethnobotany: Plants and Peoples
ANTH 216 Violence and Peace: Anthropological Perspectives
ANTH 234 Caribbean Cultures
ANTH 236 Cultures of Africa
ANTH 237 Cultures of Islam
ANTH 238 Middle Eastern Cultures
ANTH 240 South Asian Cultures
ANTH 241 Southeast Asian Cultures
ANTH 242 Chinese Popular Culture
ANTH 243 Japanese Cultures
ANTH 273 Cross-Cultural Communication
ANTH 280 Humans Going Nuclear: Atomic Bombs, Cold War, and the Fallout
ANTH 301 Latin American Cultures
ANTH 342 Environmental Anthropology: Cross-cultural Perspectives on Environmental Change
ANTH 350 Anthropology & Development
ANTH 351 The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ANTH 353 Anthropology of Law and Conflict
ANTH 355 Language, Culture, and Society
ANTH 356 Anthropology of Art
ANTH 357 Psychological Anthropology
ANTH 359 Theories of Culture
ANTH 360 Anthropology of Sex
ANTH 373 Introduction to Language Sciences
ANTH 381 Gender and Globalization
ANTH 388 Cultures, Pregnancy, and Birth
ANTH 392 Global Women’s Health
ANTH 512 Gender Issues in China
ANTH 515 Tradition and Transformations in Islamic Cultures
ANTH 552 Medical Anthropology
ANTH 553 Anthropological Approaches to Narrative and Performance
ANTH 556 Language and Globalization
ANTH 557 Psychological Anthropology
ANTH 568 Nutritional Anthropology
ANTH 569 International Development and the Environment
ANTH 572 Temporal Processes in Culture
ANTH 575 Economic Anthropology
ANTH 576 Archaeology of the African Diaspora
ANTH 580 Culture and Identity in the African Diaspora
ANTH 581 Globalization and Cultural Questions

ARAB 320 Introduction to Modern Arab Literature in Translation
CHIN 335 Women in China
CHIN 341 Modern Chinese Literature
CRJU 440 Homeland Security and Terrorism
ECON 303 The International Economy
ECON 503 International Trade Economics
ECON 504 International Monetary Economics
ECON 505 International Development Economics
ECON 507 Comparative Economic Systems
ECON 509 Economics of Sustainable Development
ECON 514 The Economics of Terrorism
EURO 300 Introduction to European Studies
FAMS 308 Global Media Industries
FAMS 360 Special Topics in Global Media
FAMS 361 Middle East on Screen
FAMS 363 Hong Kong Action Cinema
FAMS 365 Screening China
FAMS 598 Special Topics in Global Film and Media
FREN 330 The French Theatre Experience
FREN 397 The French Film Experience
FREN 452 French Literature and Culture After 1800
FREN 453 Francophone Literatures and Cultures
FREN 501 Contemporary France
FREN 510 Current Events in the France and the Francophone World
GEOG 210 Peoples, Places, and Environments
GEOG 223 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 225 Geography of Europe
GEOG 226 Geography of the Middle East
GEOG 228 Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
GEOG 311 Cultural Geography
GEOG 312 Geography and Global Geopolitics
GEOG 330 The Geography of Disasters
GEOG 343 Environment and Society
GEOG 378 World Tourism Geography
GEOG 512 Migration and Globalization
GEOG 515 Political Geography
GEOG 538 Global Food Politics
GEOG 568 Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change
GEOG 569 International Development and the Environment
GEOG 581 Globalization and Cultural Questions
GERM 320 German Kabarett Production
GERM 340 Readings in German Literature
GERM 450 German Literature from 1890-1945
GERM 460 Post-War and Contemporary German Literature
GERM 500 Survey of German Culture
GERM 518 German Sociolinguistics
GERM 580 Topics in German Film
GLST 300 Introduction to International Development
GLST 308 Global Media Industries
HIST 465  American Diplomatic History 3
HIST 468  American Military Experience 3
HIST 562  The Middle East and the United States: 1800 to the Present 3
HPEB 470  Principles of Global Health 3
ITAL 400  Contemporary Italian Civilization 3
ITAL 404  Twentieth Century Italian Literature 3
ITAL 412  Post-World War II Italian Cinema 3
JAPA 340  Introduction to Japanese Culture and Literature 3
JAPA 341  Modern Japanese Literature 3
JAPA 350  Japanese Culture and Society through Film 3
JAPA 351  Japanese Culture and Society through Theatre 3
JAPA 353  Japanese Culture and Society through Animation 3
JAPA 500  Japanese Language in Society 3
LING 303  Chinese Language and Society 3
LING 340  Language, Culture, and Society 3
LING 546  Japanese Language in Society 3
LING 556  Language and Globalization 3
RELG 210  Introduction to Hinduism 3
RELG 219  Ethics and the Good Life in Asian Religions 3
RELG 220  Introduction to Buddhism 3
RELG 221  Buddhist Meditation in Theory and Practice 3
RELG 230  Introduction to Judaism 3
RELG 240  Introduction to Christianity 3
RELG 250  Introduction to Islam 3
RELG 260  Anthropology of Magic and Religion 3
RELG 261  Global Human Religiosity 3
RELG 314  Religion and Culture 3
RELG 334  Asian Religious Philosophy 3
RELG 343  Religions of the African Diaspora 3
RELG 344  Hindu Devotional Traditions 3
RELG 349  Tantra: Sex, Power, and Bliss in South Asian Religions 3
RELG 350  Buddhist Stories, Poetry, and Films 3
RELG 351  Yoga: The Art of Spiritual Transformation 3
RELG 352  Religions of East Asia 3
RELG 354  Islamic Institutions and Traditions 3
RELG 358  The Qur'an and Hadith 3
RELG 359  Islamic Theology and Philosophical Thought 3
RELG 362  Science, Magic and Religion 3
RELG 367  Sufism 3
RELG 368  Messiahs, Mystics and Rebels in the Islamic World 3
RELG 369  Islamic Law 3
RELG 373  Literature and Film of the Holocaust 3
RELG 382  Jewish History II: 1500 to the Present 3
RELG 387  Jews and Muslims 3
RELG 388  Religion and Culture 3
RELG 389  Science, Magic and Religion 3
RELG 395  Plagues and Societies in World History 3
HIST 413  History of Canada 3
HIST 421  Modern Latin America 3
HIST 422  Social and Economic History of Latin America 3
HIST 423  History of Mexico 3
HIST 446  Immigration and Ethnicity in America 3
HIST 465  American Diplomatic History 3

Students are NOT required to take non-POLI courses for this major, but they may opt to take up to nine hours toward major credit from the list of approved courses.

**Intensive Major (33 hours)**

*A minimum grade of B is required in all major courses.*

In addition to the requirements for the General Major, Intensive majors must complete the following:

- An additional 6 hours of International Studies-related courses (approved by the major advisor)
- POLI 499
- Demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language through the intermediate level

Note: Foreign language proficiency will be demonstrated by earning a rating of “Intermediate high” on the ACTFL/ETS examination or a “1+” rating on the Interagency Roundtable (ILR) examination. In those languages for which such testing is not available within a foreign language department, proficiency will be demonstrated by passing with a C or better a minimum of 15 hours of one foreign language.

**B.A. with Distinction (33 hours)**

Departmental Undergraduate Research Track available to students majoring in International Studies who wish to participate in significant research activities of the major field in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor.

In addition to the requirements for the General Major, “B.A. with Distinction” majors must complete the following:

**Prerequisites**

- A minimum GPA of 3.60
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30

**Requirements**

- POLI 301
- POLI 498
- POLI 499

- Public presentation of the Senior Thesis in a venue approved by the faculty mentor, such as:
  - annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association (or any other annual meeting of the appropriate professional organization)
  - a regular (or special) session of the Political Science Research Workshop
  - sessions scheduled for the Political Science Awards Day activities
  - USC Discovery Day
  - submission to a professional journal

- A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor to be placed on file in the department or college office