

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies emphasizes the interdisciplinary pursuit of comparative and/or international politics, allowing students to tailor their program of study to focus on such topics as foreign policy, global economic or environmental studies, or international conflict and cooperation. Graduates demonstrate knowledge of the basic facts, themes, theories and concepts central to understanding international studies. Through this degree, students gain proficiency in critical thinking, writing and analysis of politics and theories of international studies.

There are two options under the B.A. in international studies degree program: a general major and the intensive major, which requires additional coursework, consistently excellent grades and a research project culminating in a senior thesis. The intensive major offers students experience that may provide an edge for pursuing future graduate studies and research.

Learning Outcomes

1. International Studies majors will demonstrate knowledge of basic facts, themes, theories and concepts central to the study and understanding of international studies.
2. International Studies majors will demonstrate critical writing skills and demonstrate proficiency in the analysis of politics and theories of international politics.
3. International Studies majors will develop a comprehensive course of study that permits a clear intellectual focus/specialization and prepares them for careers in the field or for graduate work.
4. International Studies majors will demonstrate a clear grasp of the core themes and concepts within the major course concentrations/ areas of emphasis they have selected.
5. International Studies majors will demonstrate skills in critical thinking and evaluating political data in the analysis of international politics.