International Studies

Interdisciplinary Major and Minor

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The International Studies Program promotes a holistic appreciation of the different values and structures that characterize the world’s diverse societies, as well as an understanding of the institutions that produce economic, social, cultural, and political interdependence among nations.

A major or minor in international studies provides students with the background necessary to pursue a variety of public and private-sector careers. Employment opportunities are as numerous and varied as the interests and abilities of individual students. Majors may find employment in diplomatic or foreign service; international business, law, or labor relations; international development, social service, the travel industry, or health agencies and cultural organizations. Many of our students pursue graduate work in the fields of international relations, international development, peace studies, conflict resolution studies, public health, or law. We encourage all International Studies majors to study abroad, minor in a foreign language, and hope that they will pursue internship opportunities as well. The minor complements any major area by providing students with an international focus in their field.

The program is administered by the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, courses taught in other schools and professional programs at UAB may be relevant to the curriculum developed by a student in pursuit of his or her specific career goals.

International Studies is an interdisciplinary major. Courses eligible to apply to this major may vary with the emphasis that a student chooses. See your advisor for identifying an appropriate curriculum in your area of interest.

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in International Studies

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Select three of the following courses, from at least two different departments:

- HY 467 Modern France 1815 - Present
- HY 468 Modern German History
- HY 469 Stalin and Stalinism
- HY 470 The Soviet Union Since 1953
- HY 471 Russian Intellectual History
- HY 472 Terror and Terrorism from French Revolution to Present
- HY 475 Modern China
- HY 476 Japan to the 19th Century
- HY 477 Modern Japan
- PSC 102 Foundations of Comparative Politics
- PSC 350 African Politics
- PSC 351 European Political Systems
- PSC 352 Latin/South American Political Systems
- PSC 353 Asian Political Systems
- PSC 360 International Security
- PSC 361 North/South International Relations
- PSC 362 Diplomacy
- PSC 363 Nationalism in World Politics
- PSC 367 Politics of the Middle East and Northern Africa
- PSC 383 International Conflict & Conflict Management
- PSC 395 Special Topics in Political Science
- PSC 456 Revolution and Political Violence
- PSC 458 Human Trafficking
- PSC 465 International Law
- SOC 200 Social Change
- SOC 278 Our Interconnected World

### Cultural Literacy

Select three of the following courses, from at least two different departments: 9

- AAS 235 Introduction to African History and Culture
- AAS 320 African Identity/Personality
- AAS 331 African Diasporic Traditions
- AAS 330 African Aesthetics and Traditional Religion
- AAS 385 The History of Haiti
- ANTH 101 Introducing Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 104 Introduction to Peace Studies
- ANTH 309 Egypt in the Age of the Pyramids
- ANTH 319 Food and Culture
- ANTH 320 World Religions
- ANTH 357 Anthropology of Gender
- ANTH 409 Peace through Global Governance
- ANTH 412 Peaceful Societies and Peace Systems
- ANTH 419 Religion, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness
- ANTH 421 Technological Monitoring of Cultural Resources, Human Rights and Conflict
- ANTH 445 Medical Anthropology & Health Disparities
- ANTH 446 Explorers, Mummies and Hieroglyphs
- ANTH 450 Advanced Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 483 Intern in Peace, Justice and Environmental Study
- ARH 101 The Art Experience
- ARH 203 Ancient and Medieval Art
- ARH 204 Early Modern-Contemporary Art
- ARH 206 Survey of Asian Art
- ARH 321 Italian Renaissance Art
- ARH 370 Tomb Art in East Asia
- ARH 372 Buddhist & Hindu Art in India to 1200
- ARH 374 Landscape and Image in East Asia
- ARH 377 Piety and Power: Art in India after 1200
- ARH 465 Aspects of Contemporary Art
- ARH 471 Post-Partition Identity in South Asian Cinema
- ARH 478 Seminar: Buddhist Arts of East Asia
- ARH 479 Study Abroad: Art & Culture of South Asia
- EH 217 World Literature I: Before 1660
- EH 218 World Literature II: 1660-Present
- EH 423 African Women's Literature
- EH 424 African-American Special Topics
- HY 218 History of the Roman Empire
- HY 230 Middle East 550 BCE to 1453 CE
- HY 235 War in the Modern World
- HY 285 Mapping Our World
- HY 314 Roman Republic
- HY 330 Middle East 550 BCE to 1453 CE
- HY 271/371 Traditional East Asian History and Culture
- HY 357 Religion in Early Modern European History
- HY 371 Traditional East Asian History and Culture
- HY 370 End of the U.S.S.R.
- HY 440 The Holocaust on Film
- HY 444 Nazi Germany
- HY 454 Topics in Middle Eastern History
- HY 459 Spain and the Spanish Inquisition
- HY 465 French Enlightenment
- HY 478 Topics in European History
- MU 366 Music in World Cultures
- MU 367 Introduction to Ethnomusicology
- PHL 232 Classical Political Thought
- PHL 233 Modern Political Theory
- PHL 239 Eastern Philosophy
- PHL 442 History of Philosophy: From Kant to Nietzsche
- PSC 104 Foundations of Political Theory
- PSC 341 Classical Political Thought
- PSC 342 Modern Political Theory
- WLL 121 Songs of Social Change through World Cultures
- WLL 220 World Literatures in English Translation
- WLL 303 History of World Movies I: The Origins to 1960
- WLL 304 History of World Movies II

### Electives

Students must take six semester hours from any of the above approved list of courses AND/OR from the list below:

- ANTH 120 Language and Culture
- ANTH 200 Applied Anthropology
- ANTH 231 Archaeology of the Origins of Civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Mediterranean
- ANTH 340 Archaeology and History Bible Lands
- ANTH 360 Ecological Anthropology
- ANTH 404 Human Rights, Peace, and Justice
- ANTH 407 Peace Ethology
- ANTH 408 Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- ANTH 413 Peace & Environmental Sustainability
- CMST 415 Intercultural & International Communication
- HY 339 The Holocaust in History and Literature
- HY 422 Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide 1912-2012
- PSC 201 Introduction to Public Health
- PUC 202 Introduction to Global Health
- PUC 302 Epidemiology
Grade and Level Requirement

A grade of C or better is required in all International Studies courses. Students must demonstrate second-year proficiency in a foreign language. Students must ensure that at least 9 hours are (a) taken in an approved geographic concentration, or (b) follow an approved global theme. Geographic areas currently include Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. At least 15 credits must be taken at the 300 level or above, including 9 hours at 400 level. Students must fulfill an international experience. This requirement may be satisfied by one of the following: participation in a study abroad program; participation in a course with a substantial international, applied component to it; or participation in an internship with an international organization or company or an entity offering an international component.

Additional Requirements

General Electives

Students must take general electives to reach the 120 semester hour requirement.

Proposed Program of Study for a Major in International Studies

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A minor is required for the International Studies major. All core courses must be from the approved list for Core Area I-IV. The number of minor courses and general electives may vary.

Minor in International Studies

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Select twelve hours from the following courses, at least six hours must be taken at the 300 level or above:

- AAS 385 The History of Haiti
- ANTH 101 Introducing Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 104 Introduction to Peace Studies
- ANTH 231 Archaeology of the Origins of Civilization in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Mediterranean
- ANTH 245 Peoples of the World Mediterranean
- ANTH 248 Peoples of the World: Latin America
- ANTH 318 Economic Development and Indigenous Societies
- ANTH 319 Food and Culture
- ANTH 320 World Religions
- ANTH 357 Anthropology of Gender
- ANTH 360 Ecological Anthropology
- ANTH 407 Peace Ethology
- ANTH 408 Conflict Resolution in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- ANTH 413 Peace & Environmental Sustainability
- ANTH 418 The Power of Nonviolence
- ANTH 419 Religion, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness
- ANTH 432 Villains, Victims, & Vigilantes
- ANTH 447 Advanced Peace Studies
- ANTH 450 Advanced Cultural Anthropology
- ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I
- ARH 101 The Art Experience
- ARH 203 Ancient and Medieval Art
- ARH 204 Early Modern-Contemporary Art
- ARH 206 Survey of Asian Art
- ARH 471 Post-Partition Identity in South Asian Cinema
- ARH 478 Seminar: Buddhist Arts of East Asia
- CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese I
- CJ 115 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- EC 405 Economic Development and Growth
- EC 407 International Economics
- EH 217 World Literature I: Before 1660
- EH 218 World Literature II: 1660-Present
EH 422/522 African Literature
EH 423/523 African Women's Literature
FR 201 Intermediate French I
GN 201 Intermediate German I
HY 234 The World Since 1945
HY 239 The Holocaust in History and Literature
HY 245 Introduction to Latin American History
HY 247 Indians, Spaniards & Creoles
HY 248 Modern Latin America
HY 251 Nineteenth-Century Europe
HY 252 Twentieth Century Europe
HY 258 Introduction to Early Modern Spanish History
HY 259 History of the Russian Empire
HY 264 Russian Revolution: 1917-1921
HY 265 History of the Soviet Union 1917-1991
HY 271 Traditional East Asian History and Culture
HY 272 Modern East Asia
HY 285 Mapping Our World
HY 317 History of Ancient Greece
HY 318 History of the Roman Empire
HY 319 Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages
HY 341 The U.S. and Latin America
HY 342 Sex & Latin American Society
HY 343 Modern Latin America
HY 353 The Christians in History
HY 355 The Reformation
HY 356 Religion in Early Modern European History
HY 370 End of the U.S.S.R.
HY 371 Traditional East Asian History and Culture
HY 374 The Pacific War, 1931-1945
HY 419 The Second World War
HY 421 The Vietnam Wars, 1945-1975
HY 422 Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide 1912-2012
HY 446 Nations of the Andes
HY 447 Modern Mexico
HY 453 Clash of Civilizations
HY 454 Topics in Middle Eastern History
HY 455 Renaissance and Reformation
HY 456 Seventeenth-Century Europe: Absolutism, Revolution and Science
HY 457 Nineteenth-Century Europe
HY 458 Modern Europe
HY 459 Spain and the Spanish Inquisition
HY 461 English History: 1307-1660
HY 463 Victorian Britain
HY 464 Modern Great Britain
HY 465 French Enlightenment
HY 466 The French Revolution
HY 467 Modern France 1815 - Present
HY 468 Modern German History
HY 469 Stalin and Stalinism
HY 470 The Soviet Union Since 1953
HY 471 Russian Intellectual History
HY 472 Terror and Terrorism from French Revolution to Present
HY 475 Modern China
HY 476 Japan to the 19th Century
HY 477 Modern Japan
ITL 201 Intermediate Italian I
ITS 482 Internship in International Affairs
JPA 201 Intermediate Japanese I
MU 366 Music in World Cultures
MU 367 Introduction to Ethnomusicology
PHL 239 Eastern Philosophy
PSC 102 Foundations of Comparative Politics
PSC 104 Foundations of Political Theory
PSC 266/466 The United Nations
PSC 341 Classical Political Thought
PSC 342 Modern Political Theory
PSC 350 African Politics
PSC 355 Politics of Development
PSC 360 International Security
PSC 362 Diplomacy
PSC 363 Nationalism in World Politics
PSC 461 International Political Economy
PSC 465 International Law
PUH 201 Introduction to Public Health
PUH 202 Introduction to Global Health
PUH 302 Epidemiology
PY 319 Psychopathology and Culture
SOC 200 Social Change
SOC 278 Our Interconnected World
SOC 335 Human Sexuality: A Comparative Approach
SOC 370 Population Problems
SOC 480 Sociology of Health and Illness
SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I
WLL 121 Songs of Social Change through World Cultures 3
WLL 220 World Literatures in English Translation 3
WLL 485 World Language Capstone Seminar 3

Total Hours 27

Grade & Residency Requirement
A C or better is required in all International Studies courses applied to the minor. At least half of the minor must be completed at UAB or through BACHE.

Honors Program in International Studies

Purpose
The ITS Honors Program is designed for qualified, self-motivated international studies majors. Through special course distribution and credit hours requirements, as well as a directed honors thesis, students are prepared for in-depth ITS research and related graduate or professional opportunities.

Eligibility
Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. 3.0 cumulative GPA at UAB, 3.3 GPA in ITS (and maintenance of these minima).
2. Junior standing.
3. Declaration of ITS as student’s major.
4. Letter of Intent to the Director. The Director approves admission into the program in consultation with the ITS faculty.
Requirements
Students are required to successfully complete the following:

1. Completion of ITS 470 or ITS 471 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits).
2. Enrollment in ITS 497 Honors Research in International Studies (3 credits) after completion of the Seminar.
3. Following completion of ITS 497, preparation of an advanced research project which will lead to the development of a substantial research paper and, in some cases, a senior thesis under faculty supervision (all faculty affiliated with ITS are eligible to supervise the paper).
4. Defense of paper/thesis in colloquium, composed of ITS faculty and other ITS 497 students
5. Participation in SIR, the international studies honor society.

Benefits
Honors students will benefit from one-on-one mentoring with faculty in the program, which will lead to a more thorough understanding of the field and practice of international studies. This is particularly useful as students choose career goals, such as graduate school, international public service, the U.S. Foreign Service, or other opportunities. Additionally, students who complete the program will receive a certificate at the annual UAB Honors Convocation and will graduate “With Honors in International Studies.”

Contact
For more information and/or admission to the International Studies Honors Program, contact the ITS Director, 560 Heritage Hall, UAB, Birmingham, AL 35294-1152; Telephone (205) 934-5643.

Courses
ITS 101. Introduction to International Studies. 3 Hours.
A survey of the problems and practice of global cooperation and conflict. Particular attention is paid to issues of global power, wealth and social justice. This course meets the Core Curriculum requirements for Area IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

ITS 110. Directed Readings in International Studies. 1-3 Hour.
Critique of current popular works in International Studies. Prerequisite: permission of ITS director.

ITS 223. International Study Abroad. 3 Hours.
Independent study done in International setting in conjunction with non-UAB academic program. Prerequisite: permission of ITS Director.

ITS 229. International Study Abroad. 3 Hours.
Current events in international setting. Part of program supported by UAB Education Abroad. Permission of ITS director and UAB Education Abroad director.

ITS 470. Seminar in International Studies. 3 Hours.
International Studies exit seminar that draws together program themes and summarizes main threads of current global issues. Prerequisite: permission of ITS director.

ITS 471. Seminar in International Studies. 3 Hours.
Analyzing and writing in depth about the ethics and rationale for using and abusing the film medium to relate to, undermine, or support political authority. Writing, Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course.

ITS 480. Advanced Problems in International Studies. 1-3 Hour.
Independent study. Prerequisite: permission of ITS director.

ITS 482. Internship in International Affairs. 1-3 Hour.
Individually arranged assignments in international companies or organizations, monitored and evaluated by the director of international studies. Prerequisite: permission of ITS director.

ITS 497. Honors Research in International Studies. 3 Hours.
Directed research by international studies honors students under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: open only to International Studies Honors students by permission of ITS director.

ITS 499. Advanced Seminar in International Studies. 3 Hours.
Special-topic seminar treating major current event or international problem.