

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

Students majoring in International Studies begin with foundational coursework in international relations, economics, geography, and sociology/anthropology, and complete their degree requirements with a senior research project. The challenges and perils that face the global community are multifaceted and complex. Students acquire different sets of knowledge, tools, and perspectives to deal with the complexities that face local to global communities.

Complementary Studies and International Opportunities

Students complement their International Studies major with coursework in related departments like politics, economics, sociology, history or foreign languages, and in the Dolan School of Business. Many students also pursue related interdisciplinary programs, such as environmental studies, women's studies, peace and justice, and area studies with which International Studies works especially closely. They also study economics and business emphasizing multinational organizations and regional trade pacts, economic and political systems, socio-cultural structures, microfinance and diversities that have operational significance for community and economic development and international business.

The International Studies Program reinforces multidimensional learning with real-world experience through language studies, service learning, Model United Nations, the Undergraduate Journal of Global Citizenship, internships, and study abroad opportunities, and through work with our faculty on research projects. Students are expected to engage in one or more of these forms of experiential learning.

Graduation with Honors in International Studies

Fairfield University has a campus chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, the national honor society for international studies. Students must have attained a junior standing and completed at least twenty-one hours of course work toward the International Studies/Business major. Students with an overall GPA of 3.30 or greater and a GPA of 3.40 or higher in their International Studies or International Business major will be nominated for membership.

Requirements

For a 30-credit major in International Studies, students complete the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational Courses		
INST 1050	People, Places, and Global Issues	3
INST 1051	Introduction to International Relations	3
INST 1052	Culture and Political Economy	3
INST 1053	Introduction to Economics	3
or ECON 1011 & ECON 1012	Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Macroeconomics	
INST 4999	Senior Capstone Seminar	3

Electives

Select five electives to develop a specialization in International Studies ¹	15
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Total Credits 30

¹ These electives may be taken any time during the student's undergraduate studies, though students may wish to spread these courses over their junior and senior year. Students in study abroad may take approved courses to satisfy these electives.

Students are encouraged to complete INST 1050, INST 1051, INST 1052, and INST 1053 in their First and/or Sophomore years. Students should work closely with their advisor to select courses that cohere into a unified program.

Magis Core Curriculum

Beginning with the Class of 2023, all undergraduate students will be required to complete the Magis Core Curriculum. Please refer to the Curricula section of this undergraduate catalog for a detailed explanation of the Magis Core. International Studies foundational courses satisfy several of the Magis Core requirements.

International Studies and International Business Electives

Code	Title	Credits
AETH 2293	Ethics of War and Peace	3
ANTH 1115	Cultures of Africa	3
ANTH 1120	Islamic Societies and Cultures	3
ANTH 1125	Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation	3
ANTH 2015	Refugees and Culture	3
ANTH 2100	Culture and Inequality	3
ANTH 3700	Grant Writing for the Social Sciences	3
ANTH 3710	Theory and Practice in Anthropology	3
COMM 2240	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 2241	Communication and Culture: East and West	3
ECON 2120	Introduction to Environmental Economics	3
ECON 3230	Comparative Economic Systems	3
ECON 3231	International Trade	3
ECON 3233	International Economic Policy and Finance	3
ECON 3235	Economic Development	3
ECON 3237	Fair Trade and Microfinance	3
FNCE 3200	Global Capital Markets	3
FNCE 4240	International Financial Management	3
HIST 1189	Modern Latin America, 1800-Present	3
HIST 2251	The American Century: The United States and the World Since 1900	3
HIST 2265	History of the Indian Subcontinent: Colonialism, Nationalism, and Democracy, c.1857 to Today	3
HIST 2270	History of Global Humanitarian Action	3
HIST 2273	History and Culture of Central and Eastern Europe Since 1945	3
HIST 2274	Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Global Crises	3
HIST 2284	20th Century Russia	3

HIST 2285	Modern China: 1800 to Present	3
HIST 3366	Gender, Culture, and Representation: Women in China and Japan, 1600 to Present	3
INBU 2154	Contemporary Issues Affecting the Global Business Environment	3
INST 2150	International Operations of Non-Profits	3
INST 2471	United Nations Security Council Crisis Simulation	3
INST 2481	International Human Rights	3
INST 3980	Internship	3
INST 3990	Independent Study	3
ISOM 4310	E-Business Applications	3
LCST 3301	Justice and the Developing World	3
MGMT 4350	International Law	3
MGMT 4360	Negotiations and Dispute Resolution	3
MGMT 4370	Managing Non-Profit Organizations	3
MGMT 4385	Managing People for Global Business	3
MGMT 4390	Cross-Cultural Management	3
MKTG 3312	Global Marketing	3
PHIL 2263	The Concept of Human Rights	3
POLI 1102	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI 2251	Islam and Muslim Politics	3
POLI 2252	African Politics	3
POLI 2253	Latin American Politics	3
POLI 2255	Middle East Politics	3
POLI 2256	Asian Politics	3
POLI 2257	Northern Ireland: Politics of War and Peace	3
POLI 2258	Political Violence	3
POLI 2259	The Development Gap	3
POLI 2331	Introduction to Peace and Justice	3
POLI 2472	Politics of Humanitarian Action	3
POLI 2474	International Environmental Policies	3
POLI 2476	United States Foreign Policy	3
POLI 2477	International Political Economy	3
POLI 2478	International Law	3
POLI 2479	Threats to Global Security in the 21st Century	3
POLI 2480	Border Politics	3
POLI 4303	Gender, War, and Peace	3
POLI 4304	Seminar on Global Environmental Politics	3
POLI 4314	International Perspectives on International Politics: Moving Beyond Western Paradigms	3
RLST 2335	Liberation Theology	3
SOCI 1145	Globalization	3
SOCI 1150	Introduction to International Migration	3
SOCI 1155	Sociology of Europe	3
SOCI 1160	Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Society	3
SOCI 1165	Social Change in Developing Nations	3

Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
INST 1050	People, Places, and Global Issues	3
Credits		3
Second Year		
INST 1050	People, Places, and Global Issues (if not taken during first year)	3
INST 1051	Introduction to International Relations	3
INST 1052	Culture and Political Economy	3
INST 1053 or ECON 1011 <i>and</i> ECON 1012	Introduction to Economics (usually offered in the Fall Semester) or Introduction to Microeconomics <i>and</i> Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
Credits		9
Third Year		
Thematic Electives		15
Credits		15
Fourth Year		
Thematic Electives		
INST 4999	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Credits		3
Total Credits		30