INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

A major in international studies must meet or exceed the requirements for a major as specified by the College of Arts and Sciences. Beyond the core courses and foreign language classes, the curriculum for INST majors is constructed of those courses that have an international focus in disciplines such as history, political science, information technology, geography/ geology, sociology, management, marketing, economics, philosophy and religion, English, and related courses in the fine arts and humanities.

INST majors can choose either a general INST degree or choose a concentration in global strategic studies, area studies or international management and business leadership.

Degree Requirements

All coursework taken for the international studies major must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better. There is a minimum of 30 credits of required coursework, plus foreign language requirement which is described in more detail below.

Foreign Language Requirements:

At a minimum, in order to satisfy the INST foreign language requirement, majors who are completing an area studies concentration must complete the equivalent of three years of one university-level foreign language study (completion of a minor is recommended) or two years each of two foreign languages. At least one foreign language studied by those completing an area studies concentration must be associated with the area chosen.

For students who are completing the global strategic studies concentration or the international management and business leadership concentration, the foreign language requirement will be two years of one foreign language (16 hours) or one year of foreign language (10 hours) supplemented with 6 hours of language credits from studying abroad.

If a student is a native speaker of another language, formal foreign language study may not be required.

**Code**  | **Title**                                    | **Credits**
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INST 2130 | GLOBAL CHALLENGES | 3 |
INST 4140 | TOPICS IN INTERNATNL STUDIES | 3 |
INST 4990 | SENIOR E-PORTFOLIO | 0 |
GEOG 1000 | FUNDAMENTALS OF WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY | 3 |
PSCI 2210 | INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | 3 |
ECON 2200 | PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (MICRO) | 3 |
ECON 2220 | PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (MACRO) | 3 |

There is an option for majors to have no concentration or choose from one of three concentrations:

- Area Studies (p. 1)
- Global Strategic Studies (p. 1)
- International Management and Business Leadership (p. 1)

**No concentration option**

This option is meant to open the possibility of majoring in INST but not declaring a specific concentration. The INST core courses listed above are required then at least 15 hours of 3000-4000 level international studies coursework that is designed in coordination with the academic advisors must be completed. In the last semester before graduation, students must complete the e-portfolio requirements.

**Area Studies**

This Concentration offers the opportunity to focus on one or more areas of regional interest. Examples include Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. Please discuss with an academic advisor the possibility of other areas of concentration, including Africa, Central Asia South Asia (CASA), and East Asia which will depend on the availability of relevant courses at a given time. In addition to the INST core courses, at least 15 hours of 3000-4000 level coursework that focuses on the region selected must be completed. At a minimum, majors who choose this concentration must complete the equivalent of three years of one university-level foreign language study (completion of a minor is recommended) or two years each of two foreign languages. At least one foreign language studied by those choosing this concentration must be associated with the area chosen. Study abroad in your area of interest is strongly recommended. Course lists for Area Studies will differ according to the area and availability of courses offered.

**Global Strategic Studies**

This concentration is designed for individuals interested in careers in government, national security and intelligence, in teaching in secondary and higher education, and in graduate school studies in any of these areas. The foreign language requirement for this concentration will be two years of one foreign language (16 hours) or one year of foreign language (10 hours) supplemented with 6 hours of language credits from studying abroad.

**International Management and Business Leadership**

This concentration is recommended for individuals interested in careers in the global business sector, in government, with international organizations and foundations, and international hotel management. Students choosing this concentration may take courses from the areas of International Finance, International Marketing, International Management, and International Economics, as well as related courses in Political Science, Geography, History, and Sociology. The foreign language requirement for this concentration is two years of one foreign language (16 hours) or one year of foreign language (10 hours) supplemented with 6 hours of language credits from studying abroad.

Students must add the following to their core courses:

**Code**  | **Title**                                    | **Credits**
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ACCT 2010 | PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING I | 3 |
ACCT 2020 | PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING II | 3 |
and must complete at least 15 hours of 3000-4000 level business courses

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