International Studies

The International Studies (INST) Major at UNO is an interdisciplinary program that provides an international focus and foundation for professional careers in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors, as well as graduate studies. Among these careers and further studies are international management and business, diplomacy and foreign service, national security and intelligence, international law and policy, conflict mediation, humanitarian aid, international development, non-profit organizations, international education, and public affairs. The members of the International Studies Faculty encourage students majoring in International Studies to place significant emphasis on the study of foreign language and other cultures. Many INST majors have a double major or a minor in a foreign language.

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 general INST major, Global Strategic Studies concentration and/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.

Writing in the Discipline

All students are required to take a writing course within their major. For the INST major, the following are some of the recommended courses: ENGL 2420 Critical Approaches to Language Studies, ENGL 3050 Writing for the Workplace, ENGL 3980 Technical Writing, or JMC 2100 + JMC 2104 Media Writing Lecture + Lab.

Check with the INST advisor for additional approved advanced writing courses.

Student Groups

Sigma Iota Rho (International Studies Honorary Society)

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Degrees Offered

- International Studies, Bachelor of Arts (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-ba)

Minors Offered

- International Studies Minor (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-minor)

INST 2130 GLOBAL CHALLENGES (3 credits)

An interdisciplinary, team-taught course which examines the seven global challenges - population, resources, technology, information, economies, conflict, governance - facing the world in the 21st century. The class introduces students to a range of interdependent factors and forces that influence international affairs.

Distribution: Social Science General Education course and Global Diversity General Education course

INST 3000 PERSPECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (1-6 credits)

Topical and or general analysis of selected countries and regions offered in conjunction with possible study tours in those areas under investigation. Internships and/or study abroad experiences usually form the basis for the course. Can be repeated up to 12 hours. This course may be taken for honors credit.

INST 4140 TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (3 credits)

This course examines a topic involving a wide range of international studies theories, methods, and fields to provide international studies majors a sense of how the elements of international studies fit together to form a coherent interdisciplinary. A student may take the course more than once as topics will change each semester.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL 1160, junior or above

INST 4990 SENIOR E-PORTFOLIO (0 credits)

This E-Portfolio course is part of International Studies’ Student Outcomes effort. It is designed to help monitor the success of the program through monitoring students’ performance in the program. Graduating seniors must register for and complete INST 4990 - Senior E-Portfolio in the term in which they plan to graduate.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Students must register for INST 4990 in the term in which they plan to graduate. Not open to non-degree graduate students.