

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.A.

International studies (IS) is an interdisciplinary major with a broad background in international and transnational political, social, economic, commercial, and environmental affairs, together with a comparative study of politics, economics, security, and culture. The goal is to provide students with the necessary tools to understand global processes in their totality and how they are situated and lived in specific regions. The major provides an integrated program of courses that lays the foundation for professional training in a wide variety of areas. Such a foundation can be invaluable in securing a place in competitive graduate or professional schools, which, in turn, prepare students for government service, or for other careers with an international focus, including those in multinational corporations, international finance, non-governmental organizations, and institutions of teaching and research.

The IS major complements numerous majors across campus. Many students choose to double major or enhance their studies with one or more certificates, such as the global health certificate or those offered by the area studies centers.

This major is interdisciplinary, offering a wealth of options. Careful planning and consultation with the IS advisor is especially important.

IS MAJORS SPECIALIZE IN ONE OF THREE OPTIONS:

Option I: Global Security

In this option, majors explore conditions that challenge the ability of people and societies to survive. Students consider the causes of and solutions to political crises and violent conflicts in interstate, transnational, and domestic settings. Using historical and regional approaches, students develop a better understanding of the dilemmas the state and the global community face when confronted by threats to human rights, peace, and stability.

Option II: Politics and Policy in the Global Economy

This option offers a multidisciplinary survey of international economic and political institutions and transactions, as well as the policy issues pertaining to international commerce and trade, international finance and monetary relations, international macroeconomic policy coordination, US trade imbalances, aid and development, and related environmental and natural resource problems.

Option III: Culture in the Age of Globalization

In this option, majors investigate cross-cultural interactions at different levels: local, national, and transnational. Students engage in such issues as cosmopolitanism; international and global flows of images, ideas, and people; questions of identity; changing assumptions of what it means to be indigenous and foreign; globalization and technology; and the impact of globalization on cultures.

STUDY ABROAD

International studies and studying abroad are a natural combination. While study abroad is not a requirement for the major, all IS students are strongly encouraged to pursue a significant international experience during the course of the undergraduate career. Whether through a study abroad program, an internship, or service learning, the experience of

studying or working in a foreign culture is invaluable. Many courses taken abroad will count toward the IS major. See the IS advisor for specific guidelines. More information about study abroad and internships is available through International Academic Programs (<http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>).

HOW TO GET IN

Students are advised to declare the major by the end of the sophomore year and/or before studying abroad.

To be eligible to declare the international studies major a student must have completed these courses:

Code	Title	Credits
INTL ST 101	Introduction to International Studies	3-4
Introductory Economics (complete one):		4-8
ECON 101 & ECON 102	Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 111	Principles of Economics-Accelerated Treatment ²	
A A E 215 & ECON 102	Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
Complete the 5th unit of a foreign language		3-4
Consult the list of Foreign Language courses on the Requirements page		

¹ This requirement must be completed before graduation. ESL 118 substitutes for the foreign language admission requirement.

² ECON 111 requires placement in MATH 221 or higher and is limited enrollment.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatedystudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (<https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf>)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

Foreign Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR • Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language
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Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature • Social Sciences, 12 credits • Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	108 credits
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Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	60 intermediate or advanced credits
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Major	Declare and complete at least one (1) major
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Total Credits	120 credits
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UW-Madison Experience	30 credits in residence, overall
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	30 credits in residence after the 86th credit
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Minimum GPAs	2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison 2.000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW–Madison
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NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S *only need to fulfill the major requirements* and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

Students must declare the major, complete the common requirements, and the requirements for one of these options (p. 6) within the international studies major.

- Culture in the Age of Globalization
- Global Security
- Politics and Policy in the Global Economy

A student may not declare or earn more than one major option. The major requires 35 credits total.⁴

COMMON MAJOR REQUIREMENTS INTRODUCTORY REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
INTL ST 101	Introduction to International Studies	3-4
Introductory Economics (complete one of the following):		4-8
ECON 101 & ECON 102	Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 111	Principles of Economics-Accelerated Treatment	
A A E 215 & ECON 102	Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
Foreign Language (Complete one):		3-4
AFRICAN 329	Fifth Semester Arabic	
AFRICAN 330	Sixth Semester Arabic	
AFRICAN 435	Advanced Studies in Swahili Language-Grammar	
AFRICAN 436	Advanced Studies in Swahili Language-Readings	
AFRICAN 445	Advanced Readings in Arabic Texts	
AFRICAN 475	Fifth Semester Yoruba	
AFRICAN 476	Sixth Semester Yoruba	
AFRICAN 493	Fifth Semester, A Language of Southern Africa	

AFRICAN 494	Sixth Semester, A Language of Southern Africa	FRENCH 312	Advanced Oral and Written Expression: Writing Across the Humanities
AFRICAN 495	Fifth Semester, A Language of Northern Africa	FRENCH/ INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World
AFRICAN 496	Sixth Semester, A Language of Northern Africa	FRENCH/ INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Government, Organizations, and Enterprise
AFRICAN 498	Sixth Semester, A Language of West Africa	FRENCH/ INTL BUS 315	Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in Professional Communication
ASIALANG 301	Fifth Semester Chinese	FRENCH 321	Introduction to Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Literature
ASIALANG 302	Sixth Semester Chinese	FRENCH 322	Introduction to Literature of Modernity
ASIALANG 303	Fifth Semester Japanese	FRENCH 325	Visual Culture in French/ Francophone Studies
ASIALANG 304	Sixth Semester Japanese	FRENCH 347	Introduction to Medieval, Renaissance, and Early Modern Civilization
ASIALANG 305	Fifth Semester Korean	FRENCH 348	Modernity Studies
ASIALANG 306	Sixth Semester Korean	FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies
ASIALANG 321	Fifth Semester Asian Language	FRENCH/ITALIAN/ PORTUG/ SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages
ASIALANG 323	Fifth Semester Filipino	FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature
ASIALANG 324	Sixth Semester Filipino	FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature
ASIALANG 325	Fifth Semester Hmong	FRENCH 433	Readings in Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Literature
ASIALANG 326	Sixth Semester Hmong	FRENCH 449	Francophone Modernity Studies
ASIALANG 348	Fifth Semester Indonesian	FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries
ASIALANG 328	Sixth Semester Indonesian	FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries
ASIALANG 329	Fifth Semester Thai	FRENCH 472	French/Francophone Literature and Women
ASIALANG 330	Sixth Semester Thai	FRENCH 590	Advanced Phonetics
ASIALANG 331	Fifth Semester Vietnamese	FRENCH 595	Theory and Practice of French/ Francophone Drama
ASIALANG 332	Sixth Semester Vietnamese	GERMAN 235	Dutch Conversation and Composition
ASIALANG 333	Fifth Semester Hindi	GERMAN 249	Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening
ASIALANG 334	Sixth Semester Hindi	GERMAN 258	Intermediate German-Reading
ASIALANG 335	Fifth Semester Tibetan	GERMAN 262	Intermediate German-Writing
ASIALANG 336	Sixth Semester Tibetan	GERMAN 303	Literatur des 19. Jahrhunderts
ASIALANG 337	Fifth Semester Persian	GERMAN 305	Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts
ASIALANG 338	Sixth Semester Persian	GERMAN 313	Third Semester Dutch for Graduate Students
ASIALANG 339	Fifth Semester Urdu	GERMAN 325	Topics in Dutch Literature
ASIALANG 340	Sixth Semester Urdu	GERMAN 337	Advanced Composition & Conversation
ASIALANG 343	Fifth Semester Burmese	GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics
ASIALANG 344	Sixth Semester Burmese	GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics
ASIALANG 345	Fifth Semester Khmer		
ASIALANG 346	Sixth Semester Khmer		
ASIALANG 507	Fifth Semester Southeast Asian Language		
ASIALANG 508	Sixth Semester Southeast Asian Language		
ASIALANG 517	Fifth Semester South Asian Language		
ASIALANG 527	Sixth Semester South Asian Language		
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature		
ESL 118	Academic Writing II ¹		
FRENCH 227	Exploring French: Intermediate-Level Course for Entering Students		
FRENCH 228	Intermediate Language and Culture		
FRENCH 271	Introduction to Literary Analysis		
FRENCH 311	Advanced Composition and Conversation		

GERMAN 367	Study Abroad in German Literature	ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 659	Dante's Divina Commedia
GERMAN 368	Study Abroad in German Culture	ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 671	Il Duecento
GERMAN 369	Study Abroad in German Linguistics	JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
GERMAN 377	Study Abroad in Dutch Literature	LATIN 301	Latin Literature of the Roman Republic
GERMAN 378	Study Abroad in Dutch Culture	LATIN 302	Latin Literature of the Roman Empire
GERMAN 379	Study Abroad in Dutch Linguistics	LATIN 505	Elementary Prose Composition
GERMAN 410	Kultur 1648-1918	PORTUG 225	Third Year Conversation and Composition
GERMAN 411	Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts	PORTUG 226	Third Year Conversation and Composition
GERMAN 625	Letterkunde der Lage Landen	PORTUG 311	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
GERMAN 632	A Theme in German Literature	PORTUG 312	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
GERMAN 645	Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen	SCAND ST 251	Readings in Norwegian Literature
GERMAN 677	Seminar in German Culture Studies	SCAND ST 261	Readings in Swedish Literature
GREEK 401	Greek Drama	SCAND ST 271	Readings in Danish Literature
GREEK 505	Elementary Prose Composition	SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900
GREEK 510	Homer	SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century
GREEK 511	Hesiod	SCAND ST 375	The Writings of Hans Christian Andersen
GREEK 512	Greek Lyric Poets	SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages
GREEK 520	Greek Comedy	SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature
GREEK 521	Greek Tragedy	SCAND ST 420	The Woman in Scandinavian Literature
GREEK 532	Thucydides	SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen
GREEK 551	Attic Orators	SCAND ST 423	The Drama of August Strindberg
GREEK 560	Hellenistic Greek	SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I	SCAND ST 433	The Scandinavian Tale and Ballad
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II	SCAND ST 434	The Art of Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen
HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry	SCAND ST 435	The Icelandic Sagas
HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 514	Biblical Texts, Poetry	SCAND ST 496	The Scandinavian Heritage in America
ITALIAN 230	Modern Italian Culture	SLAVIC 275	Third Year Russian I
ITALIAN 311	Advanced Italian Language	SLAVIC 276	Third Year Russian II
ITALIAN 312	Writing Workshop	SLAVIC 277	Third Year Polish I
ITALIAN 321	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture I	SLAVIC 278	Third Year Polish II
ITALIAN 322	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture II	SLAVIC 302	Zarys historii literatury polskiej
ITALIAN 423	Corso Di Stilistica Applicata	SLAVIC 307	Study Abroad in Poland
ITALIAN/FRENCH/ PORTUG/ SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages		
ITALIAN 450	Special Topics in Italian Literature		
ITALIAN 452	Special Topics in Italian Studies: Culture, Film, Language		
ITALIAN 601	L'Ottocento		
ITALIAN 621	Il Settecento		
ITALIAN 631	Lineamenti Di Letteratura Italiana		
ITALIAN 636	Il Romanzo Italiano		
ITALIAN 637	La Poesia del Novecento		
ITALIAN 651	Il Rinascimento		

SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad
SLAVIC 309	Russian Area Studies on Study Abroad
SLAVIC 315	Russian Language and Culture I
SLAVIC 316	Russian Language and Culture II
SLAVIC 321	Fourth Year Russian I
SLAVIC 322	Fourth Year Russian II
SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I
SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II
SLAVIC 350	Special Topics in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
SLAVIC 420	Chekhov
SLAVIC 421	Gogol
SLAVIC 422	Dostoevsky
SLAVIC 424	Tolstoy
SLAVIC 440	Soviet Literature
SLAVIC 472	Historia literatury polskiej po roku 1863
SPANISH 223	Introduction to Hispanic Cultures
SPANISH 224	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures
SPANISH 226	Intermediate Language Practice with Emphasis on Writing and Grammar
SPANISH 311	Advanced Language Practice
SPANISH 319	Topics in Spanish Language Practice
SPANISH 320	Spanish Phonetics
SPANISH 322	Survey of Early Hispanic Literature
SPANISH 327	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SPANISH 361	Spanish Civilization
SPANISH 363	Spanish American Civilization
SPANISH 417	Literatura del Siglo de Oro
SPANISH 435	Cervantes
SPANISH 453	Literature of the Twentieth Century
SPANISH 460	Literatura Hispanoamericana
SPANISH 461	The Spanish American Short Story
SPANISH 462	Spanish American Theater and Drama
SPANISH 464	Spanish American Poetry and Essay
SPANISH 466	Topics in Spanish American Literature
SPANISH 468	Topics in Hispanic Culture
SPANISH/CHICLA 469	Topics in Hispanic Cultures in the U.S.
SPANISH 470	Undergraduate Seminars in Hispanic Literature/Culture/Linguistics

Total Credits

10-16

AREA STUDIES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one of:		
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 277	Africa: An Introductory Survey	3-4
E A STDS/ ASIAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 255	Introduction to East Asian Civilizations	
GEOG 340	World Regions in Global Context	
HISTORY 120	Europe and the Modern World 1815 to the Present	
HISTORY 139	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
HISTORY 142	History of South Asia to the Present	
HISTORY/ASIAN/ GEOG/POLI SCI/ SOC 244	Introduction to Southeast Asia: Vietnam to the Philippines	
HISTORY/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/ C&E SOC/ GEOG/LACIS/ POLI SCI/SOC/ SPANISH 260	Latin America: An Introduction	
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949	
HISTORY/ASIAN/ E A STDS 342	History of the Peoples Republic of China, 1949 to the Present	
HISTORY 348	France from Napoleon to the Great War, 1799-1914	
HISTORY 349	Contemporary France, 1914 to the Present	
HISTORY 359	History of Europe Since 1945	
HISTORY 378	History of Africa Since 1870	
HISTORY 410	History of Germany, 1871 to the Present	
HISTORY 424	The Soviet Union and the World, 1917-1991	
HISTORY/ SCAND ST 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	
HISTORY/ ASIAN 458	History of Southeast Asia Since 1800	
INTL ST 266	Introduction to the Middle East	
SLAVIC/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 253	Russia: An Interdisciplinary Survey	
SLAVIC/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 254	Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey	

Total Credits

3-4

COMPLETE THE OPTION CORE AND ISSUES AND ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES OF THE DECLARED OPTION (P. 6)

RESIDENCE & QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all INTL ST courses and courses approved for the major
- 2.000 GPA on 15 Upper-Level major credits, taken in residence
- 15 credits in the major, taken on the UW–Madison campus³

¹ ESL 118 is accepted for the Foreign Language requirement

² ECON 111 requires placement in MATH 221 or higher is limited enrollment

³ Major courses designated Intermediate and Advanced level are considered upper level.

⁴ A maximum four courses from a single SUBJECT may be applied to the 35 credits in the major. This excludes INTL ST courses and courses cross-listed in INTL ST. *For example: A student with five POLI SCI courses that could apply to the major will see only four of those courses applying in the international studies major. (However, if one of those POLI SCI courses is also cross-listed in INTL ST, that course will not count against the limit, and thus, all five POLI SCI courses will apply in the major). The degree audit (DARS) enforces this limitation.*

Though some courses are identified as acceptable for two or more requirements, a course may meet only one requirement within the major. *For example, a course that could count in either Option Core or Option Issues will meet only one of those requirements, based on which requirement needs that course to become satisfied. The degree audit (DARS) determines the best scenario.*

OPTIONS IN THE MAJOR

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- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: CULTURE IN AN AGE OF GLOBALIZATION ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-CULTURE-AGE-GLOBALIZATION-BA/](http://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-CULTURE-AGE-GLOBALIZATION-BA/))
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: GLOBAL SECURITY ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-GLOBAL-SECURITY-BA/](http://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-GLOBAL-SECURITY-BA/))
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: POLITICS AND POLICY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-POLITICS-POLICY-GLOBAL-ECONOMY-BA/](http://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/INSTITUTE-REGIONAL-INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-BA/INTERNATIONAL-STUDIES-POLITICS-POLICY-GLOBAL-ECONOMY-BA/))

Each option in the major **requires 35 credits**. Students select one Area Studies course (above), and the option-specific requirements for Core, Issues, and Elective classes (below).⁴

¹ ESL 118 is accepted for the Foreign Language requirement

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HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the International Studies Major in consultation with the International Studies advisor(s). They must declare prior to enrollment in their Senior Honors Thesis (typically second semester of junior year).

REQUIREMENTS FOR HONORS IN THE MAJOR

To earn Honors in the Major in International Studies, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA in major courses

- Complete 16 upper-level major credits, taken for Honors, with individual grades of B or better in each course⁵
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits, or two Senior Seminars, with grades of B or better; choose from:

Code	Title	Credits
Senior Honors Thesis (2 courses):		
AFRICAN 681 & AFRICAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
E A STDS 681 & E A STDS 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
ECON 681 & ECON 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
FRENCH 681 & FRENCH 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
GERMAN 681 & GERMAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester and Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester	
HISTORY 681 & HISTORY 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
INTL ST 681 & INTL ST 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
POLI SCI 681 & POLI SCI 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
PORTUG 681 & PORTUG 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
SLAVIC 681 & SLAVIC 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
SPANISH 681 & SPANISH 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
Senior Seminar (2 courses):		
INTL ST 601	Topics in Global Security	
INTL ST 602	Topics in Politics and Policy in the Global Economy	
INTL ST 603	Topics in Culture in the Age of Globalization	

⁵ Intermediate and Advanced level courses are Upper Level. A maximum of two courses and 8 credits from UW–Madison Study Abroad may apply to this requirement.

DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR

Students not enrolled in the Honors Program may receive Distinction in the Major. Criteria include:

- A minimum 3.500 grade point average in the major
- Completion of a Senior Thesis, Senior Seminar, or 'substantial extra work' in an advanced course in the major
- A letter of recommendation from a member of the UW–Madison faculty to the international studies advising staff (submitted three weeks prior to the date of graduation).

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. 'In residence' means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. (Interdisciplinarity) analyzing contemporary political, economic, security and cultural realities globally from multi-disciplinary perspectives, ideally including humanities, social sciences, humanitarian, and sometimes natural science approaches.
2. (Depth of knowledge) mastering at the undergraduate generalist level major issues related to key themes in International Studies (e.g. culture, global security and political economy) by taking 15 credits in one particular theme area.
3. (Regional (studies) grounding) understanding the social, political, economic and cultural forces and conditions that have given rise to the unity and diversity of a specific region of the world today.
4. (Language knowledge) mastering at the undergraduate generalist level a particular facet of life in one or more region of the world by studying a foreign language to at least the advanced (5th semester) level.
5. (Analytical skills) demonstrating the ability to think critically and analytically, the capacity to write clearly and effectively, and the ability to identify and evaluate research methods and outcomes.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Freshman

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
INTL ST 101		4 ECON 101	4
ILS 138		1 Foreign Language	4
Foreign Language		4 Communication B	4
Communication A		3 Physical Science Breadth	3
Quantitative Reasoning A		3	
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Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Declare the IS Major (before 86 credits)		Issues in IS Major	3
ECON 102		3 Issues in IS Major	3
Foreign Language		4 Foreign Language Language	4
Area Studies in IS Major		3 Ethnic Studies	3
Biological Science Breadth		3 Literature Breadth	3
		Apply for Summer Internship	
		13	16

Junior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Recommend Study Abroad		Recommend Study Abroad	
Issues in IS Major		3 Issues in IS Major	3
Issues in IS Major		3 Elective in IS Major	4
5th Semester Language		3 L&S Breadth	3
L&S Breadth		3 L&S Breadth	3
L&S Breadth		3 Free Elective (or I/A level Math, Comp Sci, or Stats for BS)	3
		Apply for Summer Internship	
		15	16

Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Track Core in IS Major		3 Track Core in IS Major	3
Elective in IS Major		3 Elective in IS Major	3
L&S Breadth		3 Elective in IS Major	3
L&S Breadth		3 L&S Breadth	3
Free Elective (or IA level Math, Comp Sci, or Stats for BS)		3 Free Elective	3
		15	15

Total Credits 120

ADVISING AND CAREERS**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR ADVISING STAFF**

International studies majors have a wide variety of academic advising and career resources and support. Academic advising is essential to a successful undergraduate experience. For this reason, the international studies major has a professional advisor, a peer advisor, and a career advisor. We recommend that you meet with your advisor at least once per semester to track progress toward your degree, explore study abroad options, and begin the career exploration process. The IS major offers walk-in advising, advising workshops, and scheduled appointments. Students exploring the IS major should plan to attend an Intro to the IS Major workshop (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/news-and-events/upcoming-workshop-dates/>). To learn more about academic advising information, please visit the IS Major website (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/current-students/academic-advising/>).

Students should also begin the career advising process early. The international studies major offers a 1-credit career class designed for sophomores or juniors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with both the IS career advisor and SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science, and to apply for internship opportunities—both domestically and via International Internship Programs or the Washington DC Internship Program. The IS major also maintains a list of career events (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/news-and-events/career-and-internship-events/>) across campus that will benefit undergraduate students, hosts career workshops, and has a transition checklist to help students prepare for post-undergraduate life. For more information, please visit our website (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/current-students/careers/>).

Molly Donnellan, Academic Advisor
Csanád Siklós, Ph.D., Academic Advisor
Joel Clark, Ph.D., Career Advisor

LETTERS & SCIENCE CAREER RESOURCES

The program encourages our majors to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu>) at the College of Letters & Science. L&S graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important to us that our students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and **apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.**

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/>)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/>)
- Learn how we're transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (<http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/>)

- The Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship Program (<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wisconsin-idea-fellowships/>)

PEOPLE

The international studies major is directed by Dr. Erica Simmons, Associate Professor of Political Science.

The advisors for the international studies major are Dr. Csanád Siklós and Molly Donnellan.

The career advisor is Dr. Joel Clark.

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

STUDY ABROAD

International studies majors are strongly encourage to study abroad. The International Studies Major website (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/current-students/study-abroad/>) provides information about how to plan your experience abroad.

INTERNSHIP ABROAD

International studies majors are strongly encourage to study abroad. Please review information on the International Studies Major website (<http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu/about/current-students/internships/>) and the International Internship Program website (<http://internships.international.wisc.edu/>) about opportunities.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The international studies major encourages students to become engaged in undergraduate research. There are numerous programs (<https://teachlearn.provost.wisc.edu/initiatives-and-programs/undergraduate-research/>) that provide research opportunities for undergraduates at UW–Madison including:

- Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowships (<https://awards.advising.wisc.edu/all-scholarships/hilldale-undergraduatefaculty-research-fellowship/>)
- McNair Scholars (<http://grad.wisc.edu/mcnair/>)
- Summer Research Programs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/srop/>)
- Undergraduate Research Scholars (<https://urs.ls.wisc.edu/>)