

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.A.

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/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) 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 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.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

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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L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

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. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

Students must declare the major, complete the common requirements, and the requirements for one of these options (p. 4) 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.¹

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	

POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy		
Foreign Language (Complete one):		3-4	
AFRICAN 329	Fifth Semester Arabic		
AFRICAN 330	Sixth Semester Arabic		
AFRICAN 343	Fifth Semester Summer Arabic		
AFRICAN 344	Sixth Semester Summer Arabic		
AFRICAN 435	Fifth Semester Swahili		
AFRICAN 436	Sixth Semester Swahili		
AFRICAN 445	Advanced Readings in Arabic Texts		
AFRICAN 475	Fifth Semester Yoruba		
AFRICAN 476	Sixth Semester Yoruba		
ASIALANG 301	Fifth Semester Chinese		
ASIALANG 302	Sixth Semester Chinese		
ASIALANG 303	Fifth Semester Japanese		
ASIALANG 304	Sixth Semester Japanese		
ASIALANG 305	Fifth Semester Korean		
ASIALANG 306	Sixth Semester Korean		
ASIALANG 323	Fifth Semester Filipino		
ASIALANG 324	Sixth Semester Filipino		
ASIALANG 325	Fifth Semester Hmong		
ASIALANG 326	Sixth Semester Hmong		
ASIALANG 348	Fifth Semester Indonesian		
ASIALANG 328	Sixth Semester Indonesian		
ASIALANG 329	Fifth Semester Thai		
ASIALANG 330	Sixth Semester Thai		
ASIALANG 331	Fifth Semester Vietnamese		
ASIALANG 332	Sixth Semester Vietnamese		
ASIALANG 333	Fifth Semester Hindi		
ASIALANG 334	Sixth Semester Hindi		
ASIALANG 335	Fifth Semester Tibetan		
ASIALANG 336	Sixth Semester Tibetan		
ASIALANG 337	Fifth Semester Persian		
ASIALANG 338	Sixth Semester Persian		
ASIALANG 339	Fifth Semester Urdu		
ASIALANG 340	Sixth Semester Urdu		
ASIALANG 343	Fifth Semester Burmese		
ASIALANG 344	Sixth Semester Burmese		
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 228	Intermediate Language and Culture		
FRENCH 271	Literature, Comics, and Film in French		
FRENCH 311	Advanced Composition and Speaking		
FRENCH 312	Advanced Writing Workshop		
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World		
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Government, Organizations, and Enterprise		
FRENCH 321	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature		
FRENCH 322	Modern French and Francophone Literature		
FRENCH 325	Visual Culture in French/ Francophone Studies		
FRENCH 347	Medieval and Early Modern Culture		
FRENCH 348	Modernity Studies		
FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies		
FRENCH/ ITALIAN/ PORTUG/ SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages		
FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature		
FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature		
FRENCH 449	Francophone Modernity Studies		
FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries		
FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries		
FRENCH 472	French/Francophone Literature and Women		
FRENCH 590	Introduction to Phonetics		
GERMAN 235	Dutch Conversation and Composition		
GERMAN 249	Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening		
GERMAN 258	Intermediate German-Reading		
GERMAN 262	Intermediate German-Writing		
GERMAN 305	Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts		
GERMAN 313	Third Semester Dutch for Graduate Students		
GERMAN 325	Topics in Dutch Literature		
GERMAN 337	Advanced Composition & Conversation		
GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics		
GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics		
GERMAN 367	Study Abroad in German Literature		
GERMAN 368	Study Abroad in German Culture		
GERMAN 369	Study Abroad in German Linguistics		
GERMAN 377	Study Abroad in Dutch Literature		
GERMAN 378	Study Abroad in Dutch Culture		
GERMAN 379	Study Abroad in Dutch Linguistics		
GERMAN 411	Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts		
GERMAN 625	Letterkunde der Lage Landen		

GERMAN 632	A Theme in German Literature	PORTUG 225	Third Year Conversation and Composition
GERMAN 645	Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen	PORTUG 226	Third Year Conversation and Composition
GERMAN 677	Seminar in German Culture Studies	PORTUG 311	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
GREEK 401	Readings in Greek Literature	PORTUG 312	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation
GREEK 505	Elementary Prose Composition	SCAND ST 251	Readings in Norwegian Literature
GREEK 510	Homer	SCAND ST 261	Readings in Swedish Literature
GREEK 511	Hesiod	SCAND ST 271	Readings in Danish Literature
GREEK 512	Greek Lyric Poets	SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900
GREEK 520	Greek Comedy	SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century
GREEK 521	Greek Tragedy	SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages
GREEK 532	Thucydides	SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature
GREEK 551	Attic Orators	SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen
GREEK 560	Hellenistic Greek	SCAND ST 423	The Drama of August Strindberg
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I	SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature
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/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation
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 307	Study Abroad in Poland
ITALIAN/ FRENCH/ PORTUG/ SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages	SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad
ITALIAN 450	Special Topics in Italian Literature	SLAVIC 309	Russian Area Studies on Study Abroad
ITALIAN 452	Special Topics in Italian Studies: Culture, Film, Language	SLAVIC 315	Russian Language and Culture I
ITALIAN 601	The 19th Century	SLAVIC 316	Russian Language and Culture II
ITALIAN 621	The 18th Century	SLAVIC 321	Fourth Year Russian I
ITALIAN 631	Features in Italian Literature	SLAVIC 322	Fourth Year Russian II
ITALIAN 636	The Italian Novel	SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I
ITALIAN 651	The Renaissance	SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II
ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 659	Dante's Divina Commedia	SLAVIC 420	Chekhov
ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 671	The 13th Century	SLAVIC 421	Gogol
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SLAVIC 422	Dostoevsky
LATIN 302	Latin Literature of the Roman Empire	SLAVIC 424	Tolstoy
LATIN 401	Readings in Latin Literature	SLAVIC 440	Soviet Literature
LATIN 505	Elementary Prose Composition	SLAVIC 472	History of Polish Literature after 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 Latinx Culture
SPANISH 470	Undergraduate Seminars in Hispanic Literature/Culture/Linguistics

Total Credits 10-16

AREA STUDIES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one of:		3-4
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 277	Africa: An Introductory Survey	
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	Introduction to the Modern Middle East	
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 341	History of Modern China, 1800-1949
HISTORY/ ASIAN 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 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. 4)

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**. This is in addition to completing the introductory requirements. Students select one Area Studies course (above), and the option-specific requirements for Core, Issues, and Elective classes.¹

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 residence²
- 15 credits in the major, taken on the UW-Madison campus

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 course^{2,3}
- 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	
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	

FOOTNOTES

1

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.

2

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

3

A maximum of two courses and 8 credits from UW-Madison Study Abroad may apply to this requirement.

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.