

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.S.

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 <sup>2</sup>	
A A E 215 & ECON 102	Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
POLI SCI 350	International Political Economy	
<b>Complete the 5th unit of a foreign language</b>		<b>3-4</b>
Consult the list of Foreign Language courses on the Requirements page		

## 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/#requirementsforundergraduatetext>) section of the *Guide*.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits</li> <li>• Communication Part A &amp; Part B *</li> <li>• Ethnic Studies *</li> <li>• Quantitative Reasoning Part A &amp; Part B *</li> </ul>
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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 SCIENCE (B.S.)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science 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 the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Mathematics** Complete two courses of 3+ credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level in MATH, COMP SCI, or STAT subjects. A maximum of one course in each of COMP SCI and STAT subjects counts toward this requirement.

**Foreign Language** Complete the third unit of a foreign language.

**L&S Breadth** Complete:  
 • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include at least 6 credits of Literature; and  
 • 12 credits of Social Science; and  
 • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits of Biological Science and 6 credits of Physical Science.

**Liberal Arts and Science Coursework** Complete at least 108 credits.

**Depth of Intermediate/Advanced Coursework** 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** Complete both:  
 • 30 credits in residence, overall, and  
 • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

**Quality of Work**  
 • 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. 5) 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.<sup>1</sup>

## COMMON MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

### INTRODUCTORY REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
INTL ST 101	Introduction to International Studies	3-4
<b>Introductory Economics (complete one of the following):</b>		<b>4-8</b>
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	
<b>Foreign Language (Complete one):</b>		<b>3-4</b>
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	GERMAN 313	Third Semester Dutch for Graduate Students
ASIALANG 345	Fifth Semester Khmer	GERMAN 325	Topics in Dutch Literature
ASIALANG 346	Sixth Semester Khmer	GERMAN 337	Advanced Composition & Conversation
ASIALANG 507	Fifth Semester Southeast Asian Language	GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics
ASIALANG 508	Sixth Semester Southeast Asian Language	GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics
ASIALANG 517	Fifth Semester South Asian Language	GERMAN 367	Study Abroad in German Literature
ASIALANG 527	Sixth Semester South Asian Language	GERMAN 368	Study Abroad in German Culture
ASIAN 355	Modern Japanese Literature	GERMAN 369	Study Abroad in German Linguistics
ESL 118	Academic Writing II <sup>1</sup>	GERMAN 377	Study Abroad in Dutch Literature
FRENCH 228	Intermediate Language and Culture	GERMAN 378	Study Abroad in Dutch Culture
FRENCH 271	Literature, Comics, and Film in French	GERMAN 379	Study Abroad in Dutch Linguistics
FRENCH 311	Advanced Composition and Speaking	GERMAN 411	Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts
FRENCH 312	Advanced Writing Workshop	GERMAN 625	Letterkunde der Lage Landen
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 313	Professional Communication and Culture in the Francophone World	GERMAN 632	A Theme in German Literature
FRENCH/ INTL BUS 314	Contemporary Issues in Government, Organizations, and Enterprise	GERMAN 645	Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen
FRENCH 321	Medieval and Early Modern French Literature	GERMAN 677	Seminar in German Culture Studies
FRENCH 322	Modern French and Francophone Literature	GREEK 401	Readings in Greek Literature
FRENCH 325	Visual Culture in French/ Francophone Studies	GREEK 505	Elementary Prose Composition
FRENCH 347	Medieval and Early Modern Culture	GREEK 510	Homer
FRENCH 348	Modernity Studies	GREEK 511	Hesiod
FRENCH 350	Applied French Language Studies	GREEK 512	Greek Lyric Poets
FRENCH/ ITALIAN/ PORTUG/ SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages	GREEK 520	Greek Comedy
FRENCH 430	Readings in Medieval and Renaissance Literature	GREEK 521	Greek Tragedy
FRENCH 431	Readings in Early Modern Literature	GREEK 532	Thucydides
FRENCH 449	Francophone Modernity Studies	GREEK 551	Attic Orators
FRENCH 461	French/Francophone Literary Studies Across the Centuries	GREEK 560	Hellenistic Greek
FRENCH 462	French/Francophone Cultural Studies Across the Centuries	HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
FRENCH 472	French/Francophone Literature and Women	HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
FRENCH 590	Introduction to Phonetics	HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I
GERMAN 235	Dutch Conversation and Composition	HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II
GERMAN 249	Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening	HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry
GERMAN 258	Intermediate German-Reading	HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 514	Biblical Texts, Poetry
GERMAN 262	Intermediate German-Writing	ITALIAN 230	Modern Italian Culture
GERMAN 305	Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts	ITALIAN 311	Advanced Italian Language
		ITALIAN 312	Writing Workshop
		ITALIAN 321	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture I
		ITALIAN 322	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture II
		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	The 19th Century	SLAVIC 309	Russian Area Studies on Study Abroad
ITALIAN 621	The 18th Century	SLAVIC 315	Russian Language and Culture I
ITALIAN 631	Features in Italian Literature	SLAVIC 316	Russian Language and Culture II
ITALIAN 636	The Italian Novel	SLAVIC 321	Fourth Year Russian I
ITALIAN 651	The Renaissance	SLAVIC 322	Fourth Year Russian II
ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 659	Dante's Divina Commedia	SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I
ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 671	The 13th Century	SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	SLAVIC 420	Chekhov
LATIN 302	Latin Literature of the Roman Empire	SLAVIC 421	Gogol
LATIN 401	Readings in Latin Literature	SLAVIC 422	Dostoevsky
LATIN 505	Elementary Prose Composition	SLAVIC 424	Tolstoy
PORTUG 225	Third Year Conversation and Composition	SLAVIC 440	Soviet Literature
PORTUG 226	Third Year Conversation and Composition	SLAVIC 472	History of Polish Literature after 1863
PORTUG 311	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation	SPANISH 223	Introduction to Hispanic Cultures
PORTUG 312	Fourth Year Composition and Conversation	SPANISH 224	Introduction to Hispanic Literatures
SCAND ST 251	Readings in Norwegian Literature	SPANISH 226	Intermediate Language Practice with Emphasis on Writing and Grammar
SCAND ST 261	Readings in Swedish Literature	SPANISH 311	Advanced Language Practice
SCAND ST 271	Readings in Danish Literature	SPANISH 319	Topics in Spanish Language Practice
SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900	SPANISH 320	Spanish Phonetics
SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century	SPANISH 322	Survey of Early Hispanic Literature
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	SPANISH 327	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature	SPANISH 361	Spanish Civilization
SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen	SPANISH 363	Spanish American Civilization
SCAND ST 423	The Drama of August Strindberg	SPANISH 417	Literatura del Siglo de Oro
SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction	SPANISH 435	Cervantes
SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature	SPANISH 453	Literature of the Twentieth Century
SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature	SPANISH 460	Literatura Hispanoamericana
SCAND ST 434	The Art of Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen	SPANISH 461	The Spanish American Short Story
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	SPANISH 462	Spanish American Theater and Drama
SCAND ST 496	The Scandinavian Heritage in America	SPANISH 464	Spanish American Poetry and Essay
SLAVIC 275	Third Year Russian I	SPANISH 466	Topics in Spanish American Literature
SLAVIC 276	Third Year Russian II	SPANISH 468	Topics in Hispanic Culture
SLAVIC 277	Third Year Polish I	SPANISH/ CHICLA 469	Topics in Latinx Culture
SLAVIC 278	Third Year Polish II	SPANISH 470	Undergraduate Seminars in Hispanic Literature/Culture/Linguistics
SLAVIC 307	Study Abroad in Poland		
SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad		
		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>10-16</b>
		<b>AREA STUDIES</b>	
		<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>
		<b>Complete one of:</b>	<b>Credits</b>
		AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ ANTHRO/ GEOG/HISTORY/ POLI SCI/ SOC 277	Africa: An Introductory Survey
			<b>3-4</b>

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. 5)

## 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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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<sup>2</sup>
- 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<sup>2,3</sup>
- 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
<b>Senior Honors Thesis (2 courses):</b>		
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	
<b>Senior Seminar (2 courses):</b>		
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.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**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	
		<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

**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	
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

**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
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**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, watch the Intro to the IS Major video, or meet with a peer advisor. To learn more about academic advising information, please visit the IS Major website (<https://ismajor.wisc.edu/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 advertises career 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 (<https://ismajor.wisc.edu/career-advising/>).

**Molly Donnellan, Academic Advisor**

**Csanád Siklós, Ph.D., Academic Advisor**

**Lindsey Bliefert, M.S., 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**

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:

- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on scholarships and awards through the IS Major please see our website (<https://ismajor.wisc.edu/scholarships-and-grants/>) or contact our advisors. IS Majors are also strongly encouraged to contact the Awards Office (<https://iris.wisc.edu/funding/>) at the Institute for Regional and International Studies to explore multiple international awards and scholarships.

## PEOPLE

The International Studies Major is directed by Dr. Erica Simmons, Associate Professor of Political Science.

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

The career advisor is Dr. Joel Clark.

Please visit our website for a list of faculty and instructional staff (<https://ismajor.wisc.edu/people/>).

## 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 opporunities.

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