International Studies

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in International Studies
— with concentrations in:
  Chinese Studies
  European Studies
  Latin American Studies
  Global Cultural Studies
  Third World Development Studies

Minor in International Studies

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The Program

The world’s biggest challenges are interconnected and the HSU International Studies Program helps students remain rooted in the community while becoming agents of change in the world.

A unique interdisciplinary program, International Studies has four distinct components: a core curriculum based on the cultural, political and economic aspects of globalization; proficiency in a second language; a concentration in one of five areas (China, Europe, Latin America, Global Culture, and Third World Development) and the equivalent of a semester study abroad.

These elements come together in a flexible combination of classroom instruction and direct experience with the regions and issues of interest and make HSU stand out as one of the few universities in the CSU system that provides a strong foundation for graduate work in many fields.

Employers also regularly report language skills, intercultural awareness and study abroad as strong indicators of success in the workplace. This is why our graduates can be found in the international labor force in the US and abroad, working in the private sector; for nonprofits and commonly go on to serve in the Peace Corps. The program also provides a strong foundation for graduate work in many fields.

Students completing this major will have demonstrated:
- cultural competency in diverse international environments
- the ability to analyze regional and global issues from economic, political, and cultural perspectives
- linguistic competency in a second language
- proficiency in formal written and oral communication
- skills required to build an international career.

Requirements for the Major

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 67-82.

Unit Requirements

Core units: 25-46
Concentration units: 12
Total units in the major: 37-58
Total units required for the degree: 120

Special Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of C- must be earned in all courses for the major or local equivalent while abroad.

Core Courses [25-46 units]

The following core courses are required for all international studies majors. The range of units includes up to five second language courses, which may be required depending on second language proficiency.

INTL 210 [4] Introduction to International Studies
INTL 220 [3] Introduction to Cultural Studies

Complete one methodology course.
ANTH 318† [4] Ethnography
[Prereq: ANTH 104]
HIST 210 [4] Historical Methods
PSCI 295 [4] Political Research & Analysis

Complete the following courses.
INTL 320 [1] Career Workshop
INTL 387 [1] International Education Week Colloquium

INTL 490 [3] International Studies Capstone

Second Language (0-20 units)

Demonstrate proficiency in a target language pertinent to the concentration area, equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language. Meet this requirement by taking a fifth-semester-level language course.

This requirement can also be met by examination. Contact the Department of World Languages and Cultures for instructions.

Residency Abroad

Complete an approved academic semester program abroad equivalent to at least 12 units and normally lasting at least 10 weeks. Program must be selected in consultation with and approved by advisor.

In exceptional circumstances, the program leader may approve an accommodation based on an alternative experience that meets the residency abroad learning outcome. The procedure for requesting such an accommodation, along with the criteria, can be found on the International Studies website.

Residency abroad may begin during the second semester of a student’s sophomore year (generally spring) and must be completed by the end of the first semester of a student’s senior year (generally fall).

Residency abroad may not occur during a student’s last semester. Students are expected to complete their final semester in residence at Humboldt State University.

For some concentrations, courses taken abroad may be necessary to fulfill requirements. Concentration electives may also be completed while abroad. Both require prior advisor approval.

All students are encouraged to use their academic residency abroad efficiently by completing, where possible, language and university general education requirements.

The cost of the residency abroad varies according to the program and world region.

* Course only meets requirements if specific topic is appropriate to the concentration area. Consult with an advisor.
† Course requires a prerequisite that is not required elsewhere in the major.
Students should understand the costs involved and plan ahead. Consult with the HSU Center for International Programs office.

Concentrations (12 units)
Complete one of the following concentrations to fulfill the requirements of the major:

Chinese Studies Concentration (12 units)
See core courses.
Complete three breadth courses and one or more special topics courses for a minimum of 12 units.

Breadth Areas
ANTH 390 [4] World Regions Cultural Seminar: China *
CHIN 109 [3] Intro to Chinese Studies
GEOG 472 [3] Topics in Regional Geography*
HIST 107 [3] East Asian Civilization to 1644, or
HIST 329 [4] Imperial China
PHIL 345 [3] Philosophies of China
PSCI 376 [2] Multilateralism & the UN System and
RS 340 [3] Zen, Dharma & Tao

Special Topic Research
Complete one or more courses for a total of at least 2 units. (Instructor approval required)
ANTH 499 [1-4] Independent Study*
CHIN 480 [1-4] Undergraduate Seminar [Often taught abroad]
GEOG 411 [4] Senior Field Research in China *

European Studies Concentration (12 units)
See core courses.
Complete at least 12 units. For an emphasis on:
- Europe as a whole, take any four of the courses below
- France, take at least two FREN courses
- Spain, take at least two SPAN courses
- Germany, take at least two courses that focus primarily on Germany
ART 301-304 [3-4] Topics in Art History *
ENGL 342 [4] Special Topics in Shakespeare
ENGL 350 [4] British Literature

FREN 314 [4] Cultural History Topics in Early French Masterpieces
FREN 480 [1-4] Upper Division Seminar/Retreat [in English or French]
GEOG 332 [4] Geography of the Mediterranean
GEOG 472 [3] Topics in Regional Geography*
GERM 305 [3] Marx, Nietzsche, Freud & German Literature
GERM 480 [1-4] Undergraduate Seminar
HIST 300 [3] Era of World War I
HIST 301 [3] Era of World War II
HIST 345 [4] Imperialism
HIST 348 [4] Modern Germany
PHIL 355 [3] Existentialism
SPAN 335S [1-4] Field Experience: Regional Studies
SPAN 342 [4] Cervantes
SPAN 401 [4] Hispanic Civilization: Spain

Latin American Studies Concentration (12 units)
See core courses.
Complete two courses in each area for a minimum of 12 units.

Social Sciences
GEOG 472 [3] Topics in Regional Geography*
HIST 326 [4] History of Mexico
SPAN 355 [1-4] Hispanic Civilization: Regional Studies
SPAN 365S [1-4] Field Experience: Regional Studies
SPAN 402 [4] Hispanic Civilization: Latin America

Global Cultural Studies Concentration (12 units)
See core courses.

Arts & Literatures
ART 104M [3] Latin American Art [DCG-n]
ART 301 [3] Topics in Western Art History*
SPAN 335 [1-4] Reading & Writing: Regional Studies
SPAN 345 [4] Hispanic Cinema
SPAN 346 [4] Borges & the Contemporary Spanish American Short Story
SPAN 348 [4] Contemporary Hispanic Poetry

Required Courses (9 units)
MUS 302 [3] Music in World Culture

Elective Courses
Complete one course (minimum 3 units).
ART 104K [3] Africa, Oceania, the Americas [DCG-n]
ART 104M [3] Latin American Art [DCG-n]
DANC 303 [3] Dance in World Cultures
FREN 300 [3-4] African Storytelling
FREN 340 (2-4] Topics in Francophone Culture
GEOG 472 [3] Topics in Regional Geography*
SPAN 345 [4] Hispanic Cinema
SPAN 346 [4] Borges & the Contemporary Spanish American Short Story
SPAN 348 [4] Contemporary Hispanic Poetry

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‡ Course requires a prerequisite that is not required elsewhere in the major.
SPAN 349  (4) Contemporary Spanish Novel
WS 306/FREN 306/GERM 306/SPAN 306  (3) Sex, Class & Culture: Gender & Ethnic Issues in Int’l Short Stories

Third World Development Studies Concentration (12 units)
See core courses. Students in this concentration must choose ECON 306 Economics of the Developing World in the program core.

Required Courses (7 units)
ANTH 316  (4) Anthropology & Development
PSCI 303  (3) Third World Politics

Elective Courses (at least 5 units).
At least one of these electives may need to be taken as part of study abroad. Prior advisor approval is required.
ANTH 317  (4) Women & Development
GEOG 472  (3) Topics in Regional Geography*
PSCI 330  (4) Political Regimes & Political Change*
PSCI 364  (4) Technology & Development
PSCI 376  (2) Multilateralism and the UN System
PSCI 377  (1) Model United Nations
* Course only meets requirements if specific topic is appropriate to the concentration area. Consult with an advisor.

Miscellaneous
Students are encouraged to complement the International Studies program and concentrations by selecting electives related to the international studies field that will fulfill the total number of units for graduation.
Equivalent or Special Topic courses offered by any department may fulfill requirements for any concentration. Prior advisor approval is required.

Minor in International Studies
Students completing this minor will have demonstrated:
- the ability to analyze regional and global issues from economic, political, and cultural perspectives
- the ability to gather information and use interdisciplinary analysis skills to critically evaluate regional and global issues

- proficiency in formal written and oral communication
- skills needed to build an international career.

Requirements for the Minor
Total units required for the minor: 19

Special Grade Requirement
A minimum grade of C- must be earned for all courses in the minor.

Required Courses [19 units]
INTL 210  (4) Introduction to International Studies
INTL 220  (3) Introduction to Cultural Studies
PSCI 240  (3) Introduction to International Relations,
ECON 305  (3) International Economics & Globalization, or
ECON 306  (3) Economics of the Developing World [DCG-n]
INTL 320  (1) Career Workshop
INTL 387  (1) International Education Week Colloquium
INTL 410†  (4) Global Issues Analysis
† Students must complete INTL 210, INTL 220, PSCI 240 and ECON 305 or ECON 306 prior to enrolling in INTL 410. Discuss corequisite options with minor advisor.

† Course requires a prerequisite that is not required elsewhere in the major.