

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Career Possibilities

International Development Officer • Program Officer • Foreign Service Officer • Researcher • Teacher • Intelligence Analyst • Social Service Worker • Lawyer • Community Organizer • Journalist • Administrator • Trade and International Business • Immigration Specialist • Reporter • Non-profit Management (Some of these, and other careers, require additional education or experience. For more information, see International studies website www.careers.csulb.edu or an International Studies advisor.)

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (120 units)

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program that marries a strong liberal arts education with a foundation in transecting international studies theories and a professionally-oriented skillset necessary for success in internationally-related careers. Students receive direct international experience through classroom-based international interactions and by participating in a foreign study program or an internationally related internship in this country.

International Studies students are curious global citizens who want to make their mark on the world. The major program provides them the tools and guidance to focus their interests and accomplish their goals. It prepares CSULB graduates for high demand jobs in fields like international trade and business, non-profits, international development, international affairs, education, and law.

International Studies uses an outcomes-oriented approach to higher education leading students to develop strong analytical and writing skills while teaching students how to integrate a wide variety of disciplinary methods, language competencies, and cross-cultural understandings into the study of global issues.

All International Studies majors are required to develop a program of study in consultation with the program advisor. Majors should choose their foreign language, foreign study or internship experience, and senior seminar research project to reflect this emphasis.

The Dual Major Track:

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in International

Studies can choose to instead enroll in the Dual Major Track. The Dual Major Track synthesizes the goals and outcomes of the International Studies major with the goals and outcomes of a second major. It differs from the standard International Studies major in that it allows students to replace the eighteen units of professional and regional development in the major with professional and regional development from the student's second major. The student develops an interdisciplinary, international, intercultural knowledge base and skills, critical thinking skills, analytical reasoning skills, writing skills, and oral argument skills through the remaining International Studies coursework and uses the two advanced courses to integrate the two majors through an experiential learning paper and a senior research paper. Though students will overlap 18 units of coursework between the two majors advisor approval is necessary and students must complete both majors within 120 percent of the 120 units required for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Students are advised on strategies for integrating the two majors, language acquisition, and either study abroad or an internship in a timely, efficient, and rewarding manner.

Requirements

A minimum of 48 units in a program approved by the International Studies advisor.

Requirements Not Included in Major

Foreign Language:

Three years of college level study or equivalent proficiency demonstrated in a language appropriate to the program of study and geographic area concentration selected.

Major Requirements

Lower Division (15 units):

Complete each of the following courses:

I/ST 100 Global Citizenship (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: one GE A1 course

I/ST 200 Introduction to International Studies (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

I/ST 222 Skills and Methods for Global Leadership (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

ECON 100 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Prerequisites: MATH 103 or higher and one GE Foundation course.

ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: MATH 103 or higher.

Upper Division: minimum of 33 units

A course can only be counted towards one category in the major. All upper division courses counting towards the major except for I/ST 492 must be taken for a Letter Grade and must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Category 1: Core Courses

Complete three of the following core courses (9 units):

I/ST 317, I/ST 319, I/ST 320, I/ST 339, I/ST 399, I/ST 419, I/ST 463.

Category 2: Professional Development Area

Complete three courses in any one of the following professional development areas (9 units):

(1) *International Development:*

ANTH 307; ECON 310, ECON 311, ECON 372, ECON 366, ECON 464, ECON 465, ECON 470, ECON 471; GEOG 319, GEOG 452; HDEV 360; I/ST 319, I/ST 350, I/ST 419; POSC 461.

(2) *Culture and Identity:*

ANTH 419; ASAM 354, ASAM 407; CHIN 451, COMM 330, CWL 330A-B, CWL 334, CWL 344, CWL 346, CWL 350, ENGL 359, FREN 456; GERM 380; HDEV 403; HIST 435, HIST 465; I/ST 320, I/ST 339, I/ST 350; RGR 315, RGR 346, RGR 450; R/ST 308, R/ST 314, R/ST 315, R/ST 317, R/ST 331, R/ST 341, R/ST 351, R/ST 358, R/ST 383, R/ST 458, R/ST 460, RUSS 428, WGSS 410.

(3) *Citizenship and Migration:*

ANTH 444, CHLS 335, HIST 412, I/ST 320, I/ST 399, SOC 358.

(4) *Politics, International Relations, and Social Movements:*

AFRS 430; GEOG 470; HIST 345, HIST 478; I/ST 317, I/ST 318, I/ST 350, I/ST 478; JOUR 312; PHIL 351; POSC 353, POSC 362, POSC 367, POSC 371, POSC 376, POSC 450, POSC 455; SOC 317, SOC 318, SOC 449; WGSS 401, WGSS 402, WGSS 424, WGSS 425

(5) *International Environmental and Natural Resource Issues:*

ECON 464; ENGR 302; GEOG 340, GEOG 355, GEOG 440; HIST 464; I/ST 355.

Category 3: Geographic Area Concentration

Complete three courses in any one of the following geographic areas (9 units):

Europe Area Concentration:

CHLS 450; CWL 330A-B, CWL 344, CWL 438; ENGL 359, ENGL 459, ENGL 466; FREN 440, FREN 456; GEOG 316; GERM 370, GERM 380; HIST 304, HIST 332, HIST 333, HIST 334, HIST 337, HIST 338, HIST 339, HIST 340, HIST 343, HIST 357, HIST 435, HIST 437; PHIL 414; RGR 314, RGR 315, RGR 346; RUSS 310, RUSS 428; SPAN 428, SPAN 446, SPAN 449, SPAN 430.

South Asia Area Concentration:

A/ST 306, A/ST 307; GEOG 314; HIST 385; PHIL 307.

East Asia Area Concentration:

ANTH 332, A/ST 306, A/ST 307, A/ST 393, A/ST 495; CHIN 382B, CHIN 451; CWL 334; ENGL 359, GEOG 313, GEOG 315; HIST 382A-B, HIST 383A-B, HIST 384, HIST 386, HIST 388, HIST 406, HIST 407, HIST 412; JAPN 451, JAPN 452; PHIL 306; POSC 362.

Latin America and the Caribbean Area Concentration:

ANTH 432; CHLS 430, CHLS 450, CHLS 450A; GEOG 321; HIST 362, HIST 364, HIST 460, HIST 462, HIST 463, HIST 464, HIST 465; I/ST 476, POSC 358, POSC 481; SPAN 445, SPAN 450, SPAN 455, SPAN 460.

Middle East/North Africa Area Concentration:

GEOG 309; HIST 393, HIST 394, HIST 417, HIST 432; I/ST 405, POSC 367, SOC 405.

North America Area Concentration:

ANTH 432; CHLS 300, CHLS 352; CWL 350; GEOG 306, GEOG 321; HIST 435, HIST 462; I/ST 478.

Oceania Area Concentration:

Due to lack of available courses this concentration can only be chosen if the student is completing a relevant study abroad.

Russia and Central Asia Area Concentration:

GEOG 318; HIST 341A-B, HIST 418, HIST 440; RUSS 310, RUSS 428.

Africa Area Concentration:

AFRS 343A, AFRS 353, AFRS 363, AFRS 430; GEOG 308; HIST 391, HIST 392, HIST 491.

Category 4: Advanced Coursework

I/ST 492 International Studies Internship/Foreign Study (3)

An internship or foreign study program related to the course of study selected, as approved by the Study Abroad and Internship Advisor.

Prerequisites: Consent of I/ST advisor; completion of a minimum of 15 upper division units required for the major in International Studies.

I/ST 490 Senior Research Seminar in International Studies (3)

Prerequisites: Senior standing or consent of the International Studies advisor and instructor.

The Dual Major Track

Requirements

A minimum of 48 units in a program approved by the International Studies advisor.

Requirements Not Included in Major

Foreign Language:

Three years of college level study or equivalent proficiency demonstrated in a language appropriate to the program of study and geographic area concentration selected.

Major Requirements

Lower Division (15 units):

Complete each of the following courses:

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Prerequisite/Corequisite: one GE A1 course

I/ST 200 Introduction to International Studies (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

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Prerequisites: MATH 103 or higher and one GE Foundation course.

ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: MATH 103 or higher.

Upper Division: minimum of 33 units

All upper division courses counting towards the major except for I/ST 492 must be taken for a Letter Grade and must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Category 1: Core Courses

Complete three of the following core courses (9 units):

I/ST 317, I/ST 319, I/ST 320, I/ST 355, I/ST 463.

Category 2: Dual Major Integration

18 upper division units from the student's second major. All dual major integration courses must have the prefix of the respective department or cross-listed department. Courses are approved for dual major integration by the International Studies advisor.

Category 3: Advanced Coursework

I/ST 492 International Studies Internship/Foreign Study (3)

An internship or foreign study program related to the course of study selected, as approved by the Study Abroad and Internship Advisor.

Prerequisites: Consent of I/ST advisor; completion of a minimum of 15 upper division units required for the major in International Studies.

I/ST 490 Senior Research Seminar in International Studies (3)

Prerequisites: Senior standing or consent of the International Studies advisor and instructor.

Minor in International Studies

Requirements

This minor consists of a minimum of 18 units together with at least three years of college level of study (or equivalent proficiency) in a language (other than English) relevant to the student's program of study in International Studies.

Requirements Not Included in Major

Foreign Language:

Three years of college level study or equivalent proficiency demonstrated in a language appropriate to the program of study.

Lower Division (9 units):

Take the following courses:

I/ST 100 Global Citizenship (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: one GE A1 course

I/ST 200 Introduction to International Studies (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

I/ST 222 Skills and Methods for Global Leadership (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Upper Division (9 units):

Nine units selected from the courses grouped in the International Studies Core as this group is defined for the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies.

International Studies Courses (I/ST)

General Education Foundation must be completed prior to taking any upper division course except upper division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

LOWER DIVISION

100. Global Citizenship (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: one GE A1 course

An introduction to International Studies for majors and non-majors. Develops the ability to distinguish fact from judgment; to analyze, criticize and advocate ideas; to reach well-supported conclusions about global/local trends and impacts.

Letter grade only (A-F).

200. Introduction to International Studies (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Analyses of "the international." Theoretical, political, social and cultural perspectives on contemporary globalization, modern European colonialism, and the historical and contemporary relationship of the United States to global relations and processes.

222. Skills and Methods for Global Leadership (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Foundations

Develops applied intercultural competencies, scope and methods, and practical skills requisite for success in international studies and international affairs related fields.

Letter grade only (A-F).

UPPER DIVISION

317. Problems in International Social Conflict (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one Exploration course, and upper division standing.

Interdisciplinary analysis of social conflict in the world. Topics may include ethnocentrism; nationalism; globalization; trade; aid; economic development; poverty; inequality; the environment; war; ideological, ethnic, gender, and religious conflict; democratization; social movements; new forms of civil society and social solidarity.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as SOC 317. Not open for credit to students with credit in SOC 317.

318. Cases in International Social Conflict (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one Exploration course, and upper division standing.

Interdisciplinary analysis of social conflict in the world. Case studies will focus on globalization; technology; economic development; trade and aid; population growth; immigration; ideological, religious, ethnic and gender conflicts; war and civil unrest; human rights; democratization; global citizenship; environmental sustainability.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as SOC 318. Not open for credit to students with credit in SOC 318.

319. International Development (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one Exploration course, upper-division standing.

Theoretical and practical analysis of social, political, and economic development and alternative developmental models. Contemporary and historical comparisons of how "developed" and "developing" areas of the world have confronted various economic, social, and political challenges.

Same course as GEOG 319. Not open for credit to students with credit in GEOG 319.

320. Migration and Modernity (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of all GE Foundation courses. Students must have scored 11 or higher on the GEAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GEAR Writing Intensive Capstone (subject to approval by the General Education Governing Committee (GEGC)).

Examines global migration from 1700s-present, putting U.S. immigration history in context and emphasizing recent and contemporary trends around the world. Uses history, politics, and culture to consider migration's intersections with race, ethnicity, and nationalism.

Letter grade only (A-F).

339. Global Feminisms (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundations

What kind of feminist movement is possible when women across the globe have such different visions of what it means to thrive? This course examines the lives, activism, and movements these different visions engender, arguing for solidarity across diversity. Same course as: WGSS 401. Not open for credit to students with credit in WGSS 401.

Letter Grade Only (A-F)

350. Water: People, Politics, and Processes (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements.

Explores the impact of water resources management on society, economy, and governance through socio-political and hydrological overviews as well as both domestic and international case studies.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as ENGR 350. Not open for credit to students with credit in ENGR 350. (Lecture-Problems 3 hours.)

355. International Environmental Issues (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one Exploration course, and upper division standing. Students must have scored 11 or higher on the GVAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GVAR Writing Intensive Capstone.

Examines the deterioration, destruction, maintenance and restoration of environmental systems and resources. Identifies and analyzes major environmental problems that have international dimensions. Investigates ongoing and potential efforts to resolve them.

Same course as GEOG 355. Not open for credit to students with credit in GEOG 355.

399. Contemporary Global Divisions of Labor (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundations

Course Description: Examines divisions of labor across the globe and modern global connectivity. Explores how and why types of work and workers differ around the world. Investigates trends in global labor such as sweatshops, tech cities, job outsourcing and brain drain.

Same course as WGSS 339. Not open for credit to students with credit in WGSS 339

Letter Grade Only (A-F).

405. Un-Imaging the Middle East (3)

Prerequisites: Completion of GE Foundation requirements; I/ST 200, SOC 100, or consent of instructor. Student must have scored 11 or higher on the GVAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GVAR Writing Intensive Capstone (subject to approval by the General Education Governing Committee (GEGC)).

Excavates the roots of contemporary issues in the Middle East by rethinking interplay between the region and the global economy. It looks at how global political economic structures and regional social movements influenced each other's evolution in the 20th century. Letter grade only (A-F).

419. Applied International Development (3)

Prerequisite: I/ST 319 recommended.

Provides applied skills for practice of international development at local, national, regional and global levels. Development policy, applied tools and methodologies to pursue careers with United Nations system, development-oriented state agencies, non-profit organizations, bilateral and multi-lateral agencies, and private foundations.

Letter grade only (A-F).

449. Feminism and International Human Rights (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division status or consent of the instructor

Analyzes contemporary women's international human rights issues and social movements as influences on contemporary international human rights system. Covers international law, human rights treaty system, World Conferences, current issues, landmark cases, local/global activism, feminist intellectual debates.

Letter grade (A-F).

463. Nationalism and National Identities (3)

Prerequisites: POSC 100 and GE Foundation requirements.

Consideration of the impact of nationalism on contemporary world politics with special attention to the role of national identities in the rise of political violence, national liberation movements, and the struggle for democracy. Close investigation of multiple historical and contemporary cases.

Same course as POSC 463. Not open for credit to students with credit in POSC 463.

476. Power and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean (3)

Prerequisites: I/ST 200 or instructor consent. "Students must have scored 11 or higher on the GVAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GVAR Writing Intensive Capstone (subject to approval by the General Education Governing Committee (GEGC))."

This course examines the history and cultural politics of dictatorship, revolution, and violence in Latin America and the Caribbean. Uses literature, film, history, and political theory to examine how power and violence intersect with race, ethnicity, gender, and nationalism.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as HIST 463. Not open for credit to students with credit in HIST 463.

478. Foreign Relations of the U.S. (3)

Incorporates a global perspective and considers the influence of such issues as domestic politics, bureaucratic rivalry and decision-making, economics, ideology, race, and the role of special interest groups on the making of foreign policy.

Same course as HIST 478. Not open for credit to students with credit in HIST 478.

480. Foreign Coursework in the Curriculum (1-12)

Upper Division college level coursework completed at a university outside the United States. All coursework must be provided by a recognized university or institution and must be preapproved by the International Studies Program.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 12 units, with different topics in same or different semesters.

490. Senior Research Seminar in International Studies (3)

Prerequisites: Senior standing or consent of the International Studies advisor and instructor.

Capstone research seminar for I/ST majors. Classroom preparation for directed research on a topic of choice integrating international economics and politics, cross-cultural communication, development studies, contemporary belief systems, language skills, and a geographic area.

Letter grade only (A-F).

492. International Studies Internship/Foreign Study (3)

Prerequisites: Consent of I/ST advisor; completion of a minimum of 15 upper division units required for the major in International Studies.

A study abroad program or an internship with internationally-oriented, governmental, non-governmental, and for-profit organizations required of I/ST majors. Internship conducted under joint supervision of program sponsor and CSULB faculty. Final report required for internships.

Credit/No Credit grading only.

493. Selected Topics in International Studies (1-6)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Analysis of contemporary issues and problems in International Studies.

Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

499. Directed Studies (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individually directed studies of special problems in International Studies.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with consent of program director. May not be credited toward the major in I/ST without written department consent in advance of enrollment. (Supervised)
Letter grade only (A-F).