Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (code 2-8545)
The academic program described below was approved by the President on October 19, 1990 and the Chancellor on April 12, 1991

Purpose

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program designed to provide a rigorous introduction to the complex interrelationships that exist among societies in the modern world. It combines the study of international relations, global and development issues and contemporary belief systems with a concentration on a major world area. In addition, the degree aims to equip students with the skills in language, analytical thinking, research, and economic literacy that are necessary for graduate study and careers in international fields. Further, students in the International Studies program receive direct exposure to an international environment by participating in a foreign study program or an internationally related internship in this country. As an interdisciplinary program, this program emphasizes the ways in which the expertise and methodologies of various disciplines contribute to the understanding and resolution of international issues.

The degree is a liberal arts program intended to provide a broad understanding of international issues and world cultures through the methodologies of the social science disciplines. It offers pre-professional study for careers in government, communications, business, law, journalism, and international non-profit organizations. Students are encouraged to combine a major in International Studies with a second major or minor in a field appropriate to their career plans.

All International Studies majors are required to develop a program of study in consultation with the program advisor. This program should be balanced among the participating disciplines and should help the student to develop a coherent emphasis in a world region and/or a topical area. The foreign language, foreign study or internship and research in the senior seminar should reflect this emphasis. The program advisor will also give advice on post-graduate study.

Requirements for the BA in International Studies

A minimum of 45 units in a program approved by the International Studies advisor. It is expected that each student's program will reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the degree by including a balanced selection of courses from the participating disciplines.

Lower Division Prerequisites: (12 units): ANTH 120; HIST 112; GEOG 100 or 160; POSC 215 or 220.

Economic Literacy: (Units not included in total for major; may be fulfilled as part of General Education): ECON 201, 202; or, with permission of the I/ST Advisor, ECON 300. (Note: Economics 201 and 202 are strongly recommended, and may be required as prerequisites for some upper division courses in the program).

Foreign Language: Three years of college level study or equivalent proficiency in a language appropriate to the program of study and area concentration selected.
Upper Division: A minimum of 33 units including:

Cross-Cultural Communication: 3 units, chosen from ANTH 320 (Comparative Religion and Folklore); 412IC (Culture and Communication); 413 (Language and Culture); SPCH 451 (Intercultural Communication).

Basics of International Relations: 6 units, selected from: GEOG 470 (Political Geography); ECON 471 (International Economics); HIST 478 (Foreign Relations of the United States); POSC 371 (Introduction to International Politics); POSC 378 (International Organization and Administration); POSC 483 (Foreign Policies of the Major Powers); POSC 485 (International Political Economy).

Development Studies: 6 units, selected from: ANTH/GEOG/HIST 307IC (Modernization in Global Perspective); ECON 465 (Economic Development); GEOG 460 (Population Geography); H/SC 420IC (International Health); JOUR 312 (World Press); POSC 461IC (The Politics of Development); SBS 317IC (Problems in International Social Conflict); SBS 318IC (Cases in International Social Conflict); SBS 319IC (International Development); SOC 350 (International Population Problems); W/ST 401IC (History of Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective).

Contemporary Belief Systems: 3 units selected from: ANTH 305IC (Radical Social Analysis); ECON 313 (History of Economic Thought); HIST 438 (History of Marxist Thought); POSC 306 (Contemporary Political Ideologies); R/ST 338IC (Christianity and Marxism); SOC 356 (Development of Sociological Theory).

Area Concentration. Choose 9 units from one of the following areas:

Asia: A/ST 300IC (Traditional Asia); A/ST 301IC (Modern Asia); A/ST 310 (The United States and Asia); A/ST 495IC (China Heritage); ANTH 332 (Chinese Culture and Society); ANTH 333 (Cultures and Societies of Southeast Asia); ANTH 335 (Japanese Culture and Society); GEOG 312IC (Eastern and Southern Asia); HIST 382B (Modern China); HIST 383B (Modern Japan); HIST 384 (Contemporary Japan); HIST 385 (History of India); HIST 386 (Modern Southeast Asia); HIST 407 (Japan and the US in the 20th Century); HIST 488 (Chinese Revolution); POSC 362 (Society and National Politics of China); POSC 363 (Society and National Politics of India); POSC 366 (Government and Politics of Southeast Asia).

Latin America: ANTH 323 (Peoples of Mexico and Central America); ANTH 324 (Peoples of South America); ECON 363 (Latin America and Industrialization); GEOG 320IC (Latin America); HIST 364 (The Latin American Nations); HIST 362 (Mexico); HIST 463 (The Caribbean and Central America); HIST 466 (Topics in Latin American History); MEXA 312 (Mexican Thought); POSC 358 (Contemporary Latin American Politics); POSC 359 (Latin American Comparative Political Systems); POSC 459 (US-Latin American Relations).

Africa: ANTH 336 (Peoples of Africa); B/ST 337 (Cultures of the Pan African Peoples); B/ST 380 (African Political Thought); B/ST 430 (African Political Leadership in the Twentieth Century); B/ST 460 (African Thought); GEOG 310IC (Africa and the Middle East); HIST 491 (Modern and Contemporary Africa).

Near and Middle East: GEOG 310IC (Africa and the Middle East); HIST 431 (Arab and Islamic Civilization); POSC 367 (Governments and Politics of the Near and Middle East); R/ST 331IC (Islamic Religion and Culture); R/ST 315IC (Modern Jewish Thought/Zionism).

Eastern Europe/Soviet Union: ANTH *331 (Soviet Culture and Society); GEOG 318 (The Soviet Union); HIST 341B (Modern Russia); HIST 441 (Russian and Soviet Cultural History); HIST *495 (Eastern Europe); POSC 356 (Government and Politics of the USSR); POSC 357 (Governments of Eastern Europe); POSC 484 (Soviet Foreign Policy).
Western Europe: ECON 361 (European Economic History); FREN 440 (French Civilization); GEOG 316 (Europe); GERM 316 (Survey of German Literature and Culture II); GERM 410 (German Civilization); HIST 337 (Europe in the 19th Century); HIST 339 (Europe Since 1914); HIST 357 (Recent Britain); HIST *432 (Modern Scandinavia and the Baltic Region); HIST 433 (Spain and Portugal); HIST 437 (History of Germany 1871 to Present); POSC 353 (Government and Politics of Western Europe); POSC 354 (Government and Politics of Scandinavian Countries); POSC *497 (German Question); SPAN 430 (Spanish Civilization).

Internship or Foreign Study: 3 units. An internship or foreign study program related to the course of study selected, as approved by major advisor.

Senior Research Seminar: SBS 496 Seminar in International Studies.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately
IMPLEMENTATION: Per Provost