



Individualized Degree Program

Center for Individualized Learning

International Studies Concentration

Faculty Designed IDP

The degree is offered through the Individualized Degree Program and is not yet a permanent major.

Program Description

Through the International Studies Concentration students gain an understanding of international and intercultural relations and dynamics and to gain the skills and knowledge necessary for their specific chosen careers. The program also prepares students for a graduate program in international studies, and students may include prerequisites for other graduate programs.

A minimum of one year of study of a modern language other than English is required and students are strongly encouraged to complete at least two years of study in the same language. Students who are already proficient in a language other than English as demonstrated by successful completion of an approved proficiency examination will be exempt from the requirement. Students are advised to research the possible entry language requirements of any graduate programs they may be interested in and plan their coursework accordingly.

A study abroad course or a local or regional experience with an international focus is required as a part of the individual student's proposal.

Faculty Liaison from Key Department:

- Dr. Robert Preuhs, Chair, Political Science
- Dr. Arlene Sgoutas, Professor, Gender and Women's Studies

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Recommended General Studies Coursework

All students must complete the General Studies requirements for their catalog year.

Composition/Written Communication (GT-CO, 6 credits required of all students):

- ENG 1010: Composing Arguments (3)
- ENG 1020: Research & Argument Writing (3)

Math/Quantitative Literacy (GT-MA, 3 credits required of all students):

- Any course that meets requirement (3)

Oral Communications (3 credits required of all students)

- Any course that meets requirement (3)

Historical (GT-HI, 3) credits required of all students

- Any course that meets requirement (3)

Arts and Letters/Humanities (GT-AH, 6 credits required of all students):

- Any combination of courses (6) that meets requirements

Social and Behavioral Sciences (GT-SS, 6 credits required of all students):

- ECO 2010: Principles of Macroeconomics (3 credits) *recommended*
- PSC 1020: Comparative Politics (3 credits) *recommended*
or any combination of courses (6 credits) that meet requirements

Natural and Physical Sciences (GT-SC, 6 credits required of all students):

- Any combination of courses (6) that meets requirements

Global Diversity (3 credits)

- Students may fulfill the Global Diversity requirement by taking approved courses within one of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Historical; Natural and Physical Sciences; or Social and Behavioral Sciences

Total of required credits for General Studies: 33

Degree/Graduation Requirements

Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Course (3 credits)

- Students may fulfill this requirement by taking approved courses within one of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Historical; Natural and Physical Sciences; or Social and Behavioral Sciences

Senior Experience (3 credits)

- Required of all students in their major (3)

Recommended Coursework for IDP

Total credit hours in IDP:

- Core courses (18 credits)
- Elective courses (22+ credits)

Highly Recommended Core Courses 18 credit hours, 6+ upper division credit hours

Courses that are critical to the field of study, and which are likely to become required in an eventual curriculum proposal.

- ANT 1310 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
 - ANT 2330 - Cross-Cultural Communication (3 credits)
- or
- ANT 3300 - Exploring World Cultures: Variable Topics (3 credits)

Choose from a variety of regional and subject specific 3000 and 4000 level courses within the Anthropology Department.

- GEG 1000 - World Regional Geography (3 credits)
 - HIS 1040 - World History since 1500 (3 credits)
or any international history course
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- PSC 2230 - Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)
 - PSC 3340 - International Political Economy (3 credits)
- or
- ECO 3550 - Global Economics and International Trade (3 credits)

Major Elective Courses (an additional 22 credits beyond the core courses of 18 credits)

Please meet with your IDP faculty advisor to develop your International Studies Concentration elective courses. You may choose a regional focus (Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, etc.) or a thematic focus (International Political Economy, Gender and Environment, etc.).

Total Major Credits: 40+ credit hours, 21+ upper division

Total Credits to graduate: 120+ credit hours, 39 upper division