

International Studies

The International Studies major is an interdisciplinary program that combines courses in the social sciences, humanities, arts, and sciences that provide students with both a firm grounding in a discipline and the flexibility to permit exploration from alternative perspectives. Many faculty members who teach courses in the program are leaders in their fields as well as in interdisciplinary studies, both as educators and researchers.

Major themes presented in this program include globalization and development, global conflicts and issues of peace and justice, cross-cultural communication, international migration, postcolonial relations between the developing and developed countries, and the link between environmental and foreign policy issues.

Objectives established for students in this major include, among others: learn to connect local and global issues for agencies and companies; develop critical thinking and analysis to become responsible citizens in chosen profession; conduct research and communicate findings and ideas effectively.

Career Opportunities

The International Studies major will help students prepare for careers in business and with corporations involved in international trade, government agencies (Department of State, diplomatic services, and international aid agencies), non-profit and non-government organizations (NGOs), the United Nations and human rights organizations. Students may wish to pursue their studies at the graduate level and will be prepared for a variety of disciplines, including public administration, international relations, international law, and diplomatic and area studies.

Study Abroad

Mount Mercy offers travel courses during the Winter Term. Study abroad for a semester or a year is also a possibility through exchange programs or through other colleges. With the prior approval of the academic advisor these programs may be taken and credits transferred toward the fulfillment of concentration requirements.

Major

EC 376	International Economics	3
HI 140	Hist Of Western World Since 1648	3
PO 313	International Law and Organization	3
SO 330	Global Race Relations	3
or SO 420	Social Movements and Revolutions	
SO 215	Methods Of Social Research	3
or PO 307	Political Science Research Methods	
Select one of the following:		3
SO 441	Senior Seminar	
PO 441	Seminar In Political Research	
HI 445	History Independent Study	
Internship and 2 courses in foreign language at the intermediate level		18
Total Hours		36

Students are required to write a proposal for their thesis during the semester preceding their enrollment in SO 441 Senior Seminar, PO 441 Seminar In Political Research or HI 445 History Independent Study. The proposal has to be approved by the International Studies Coordinator, and students will work on their thesis while taking the Senior Seminar (or the Independent Study option).

Concentration Requirement

Student must complete an additional nine semester hours in art, history, sociology or political science and at least six of these credit hours must be in courses numbered 200 or above. Suggested Art courses:

AR 181	Fiber Arts	3
AR 212	Art History 1	3
AR 213	Art History II	3
AR 216	History Of Non-Western Art	3
AR 245	Relief Printmaking In Oaxaca	3
AR 295	Survey Of Mexican Culture Today	3
Total Hours		18

Academic Requirements

A grade of C or above (C- does not count) in each required course for the major, including the Senior Thesis, internship, and study abroad courses.

International Studies Minor

Four courses from the following six disciplines:

BI 225	Global Environmental Issues	4.5
Select one of the following:		3
AR 212	Art History 1 ¹	
AR 216	History Of Non-Western Art	
AR 295	Survey Of Mexican Culture Today	
Select one of the following:		3
EC 376	International Economics	
BN 350	International Management	
BK 311	International Marketing	
Select one of the following:		3
HI 230	Modern East Asia	
HI 265	Latin American History	
HI 380	Imperial Russia And the Soviet Era	
Select one of the following:		3
PO 311	American Foreign Policy	
PO 312	Politics of International Economic Relations	
PO 313	International Law and Organization	
Select one of the following:		3
SO 285	Islam And Politics	
SO 327	Social Change and Technology	
SO 330	Global Race Relations	
SO 420	Social Movements and Revolutions	

Internship and one foreign language course at the intermediate level

SO 420	Social Movements and Revolutions	3
SO 441	Senior Seminar	3

Total Hours 19.5

Courses with Global Content:

AR 101	Introduction To Art	3
AR 181	Fiber Arts	3
AR 212	Art History 1	3
AR 213	Art History II	3
AR 216	History Of Non-Western Art	3
AR 295	Survey Of Mexican Culture Today	3
BI 210	Biology And Human Culture	3
BI 225	Global Environmental Issues	4.5
CO 260	Intercultural Communication	3
EC 251	Macroeconomics Principles	3
EC 376	International Economics	3
BN 350	International Management	3
BK 311	International Marketing	3
EN 154	Major World Writers	3
FS 230	Studies In Foreign Film	3
HI 120	Origins Of The Western Tradition	3
HI 130	Emergence Of The West, 800-1648	3
HI 140	Hist Of Western World Since 1648	3
HI 213	Recent China In Global Economy	3
HI 230	Modern East Asia	3
HI 250	Medieval Europe	3
HI 260	Early Modern Europe 1450-1789	3
HI 265	Latin American History	3
HI 270	Nineteenth Century Europe	3
HI 295	History of Medicine and Disease in the West	3
HI 340	Crime & Punishment in England 1550-1875	3
HO 218	Honors: Social Power & Architecture	3
MU 332	Music History	3
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PL 170	Introduction To Asian Thought	3
PO 102	Government and Politics Around the World	3
PO 103	Introduction to International Relations	3
PO 112	Globalization and Human Survival	3
PO 311	American Foreign Policy	3
PO 312	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
PO 313	International Law and Organization	3
PO 314	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3
SO 183	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
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SO 235	Social Inequalities	3
SO 240	Medical Sociology	3
SO 285	Islam And Politics	3
SO 290	Urban Sociology	3
SO 320	Sociology of Work	3
SO 327	Social Change and Technology	3
SO 330	Global Race Relations	3