

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (BA)

The interdisciplinary International Studies major, housed in the Department of World Languages and Cultures, allows students to combine the in-depth study of global issues, with intermediate proficiency in a second language, and a concentration in another discipline with an international focus such as history, economics, political science, or sociology. Students choosing to major in International Studies are strongly encouraged to complete an additional major. The major requires students to study abroad for a semester or summer in the second language of study. The Florence program does not fulfill the study abroad requirement.

Program Mission

The mission of the International Studies Program is to develop proficient communicators in the world language of study. Learners will also be able to demonstrate their knowledge of the cultures, literatures, and structure of the language of study, and make connections between disciplines through interdisciplinary study.

Program Outcomes

1. Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in interpersonal communication in the world language studied.
2. Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in presentational communication—writing in the world language studied.
3. Graduates will use the world language studied in interpersonal communication that is appropriate to the context and the intended audience.
4. Graduates will demonstrate an awareness of the cultures of the languages studied and how they shape perceptions, practices, and cultural products, particularly with regards to the area of concentration.
5. Graduates will be able to recognize and express understanding of difference, express a respect for the perspectives of others, and critically reflect on their own worldview.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
HIST-1101	World Civilization Since 1500	3
POLS-2010	Comparative World Government & Politics	3
ECON-2090	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
NASC-2300	World Regional Geography	3
THEO-3820	Christianity & World Religions	3
INST-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
One additional international elective, from any department, as approved by the student's international studies advisor		3
Total Hours		18

Foreign Language Proficiency

Proficiency in a foreign language to include three courses (or 9 hours) numbered above FREN-2010 Intermediate French / SPAN-2020 Intermediate Spanish II. For Spanish these courses should include SPAN-3040 Introduction to Hispanic Lit & Lit Analy, and two additional upper-level courses. For ESL, these courses should include ESLG-2040

Listening & Speaking, ESLG-2050 Intermediate Composition, and one additional course numbered above 2050. Students who wish to study another language abroad to satisfy this requirement must obtain approval from the chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures. At least 50% of the 3000-level and above French and Spanish courses required for the major must be taken on campus at Benedictine College and not through study abroad or transfer credit.

International students who enter the program with native proficiency in a language other than English may obtain advisor approval from the chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures to plan courses to substitute for the nine hours of upper-level language. Native speakers of a language other than French or Spanish may take a proficiency test (available through the Department of World Languages and Cultures) to determine if their skills and knowledge are at an appropriate level to waive the foreign language requirement. These students are still required to complete three approved upper-level courses that give them a comparable appreciation of another culture.

Foreign Language Placement

Students who have completed three or more years of Spanish, French, or Latin in high school are required to take the language placement exam before taking a course in those languages. Students who took two years of Spanish, French, or Latin in high school in a strong program are highly recommended but not required to take the placement exam. Students who received dual enrollment or AP credit, or who transferred in college credit in Spanish, French, or Latin are not required to take the exam. It is highly recommended that students take the placement exam within one year of enrolling at Benedictine College, as this is when their previous language experience will be strongest. Students may not take the placement exam more than once. The placement exam is regularly scheduled at the beginning of the semester, during registration, and during SOAR weekends. See the academic calendar for dates. For more information, contact the Chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures or Admission Office.

Study Abroad

The major requires students to study abroad for one semester or summer in the second language of study. The department sponsors study abroad opportunities in Spanish in Spain, and opportunities in French in Lyon, France. Students also have the option of participating in an exchange program through the College's affiliation with ISEP, or through the exchange program at ICES in La Roche-sur-Yon, France. These programs are administered by the Study Abroad office.

Required Concentration Courses

International Studies majors must complete a concentration by taking any four approved courses from one of the disciplines below; other courses not listed here may be approved by the major advisor:

Concentration in History

Code	Title	Hours
Select four of the following:		
HIST-3100	United States Diplomatic History	12
HIST-3140	Medieval Travelers	
HIST-3280	Modern Asian Survey	
HIST-3400	History of Latin America	
HIST-3520	Ancient Greece	
HIST-3521	Ancient Rome	
HIST-3522	Greek & Roman History	

HIST-3540	Medieval History
HIST-3541	Byzantine History
HIST-3542	The Renaissance
HIST-3660	The Reformation Era
HIST-3661	Early Modern Europe 1600-1800
HIST-3680	French Revolution & Napoleon
HIST-3681	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST-3682	Europe 1954 - Today
HIST-3685	World War I
HIST-3686	World War II
or another approved history course with an international focus	
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Economics

Code	Title	Hours	
Select four of the following:			12
ECON-2100	Principles of Microeconomics		
ECON-3000	Contemporary Economic Thinking		
ECON-3090	Macroeconomic Activity		
ECON-3100	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory		
ECON-3150	International Economics (required for the economics concentration)		
ECON-3260	Catholic Social Teaching		
ECON-4010	Seminar in Economic Development		
or another approved economics course with an international focus			
Total Hours		12	

Concentration in Political Science

Code	Title	Hours	
Select four of the following:			12
POLS-3010	European Politics		
POLS-4010	International Relations		
POLS-3800	Development of Political Thought		
POLS-3900	Applied Politics		
or another approved political science course with an international focus			
Total Hours		12	

Concentration in Sociology

Code	Title	Hours	
Select four of the following:			12
SOCI-2250	Social Problems		
SOCI-2350	Cultural Anthropology		
SOCI-3105	Sociological Theory		
SOCI-3305	Population & Society		
SOCI-3250	Race & Ethnicity		
SOCI-3245	Sociology of Religion		
SOCI-3270	Social Stratification		
SOCI-3305	Population & Society		
SOCI-4305	Urban Sociology		
or another approved sociology course with an international focus			
Total Hours		12	

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
Foreign Language		4
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
Natural World Foundation with Lab		4
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Hours		16

Second Semester

Foreign Language		4
Aesthetic Foundation		3
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
HIST-1101	World Civilization Since 1500	3
NASC-2300	World Regional Geography	3
Hours		16

Sophomore Year

First Semester		
International Studies Course		3
Foreign Language		4
POLS-2010	Comparative World Government & Politics	3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Hours		16

Second Semester

Foreign Language		3
Faith Foundation		3
ECON-2090	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Mathematical Reasoning Foundation		3-4
Hours		15-16

Junior Year

First Semester		
Concentration Area Course		3
Foreign Language		3
THEO-3820	Christianity & World Religions	3
International Studies elective		3
Oral Communication Course		3
Hours		15

Second Semester

Concentration Area Course		3
Foreign Language		3
Western Perspective course		3
International Studies Elective		3
Elective		3
Fitness Activity course		1
Hours		16

Senior Year**First Semester**

Concentration Area Course	3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation	3
Faith Foundation	3
Electives	4
Foreign Language	3
Hours	16

Second Semester

Concentration Area Course	3
Concentration Area elective	3
Electives	12
INST-COMP Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Hours	18
Total Hours	128-129