

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (BA)

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:			
ECON-2100	Principles of Microeconomics	12	
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