

## Overview of the International Studies Major

### PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

Total Credits: 11-14

1. **Introduction to International Studies:** INTL ST 101 (offered Fall and Spring semesters)
2. **Introduction to Economics** (three choices):
  - Econ 101 and 102, or
  - AAE 215 and Econ 102, or
  - Econ 111 (accelerated treatment of Econ 101 and 102, Honors)
3. **Good progress towards 5<sup>th</sup> Semester College-level Foreign Language Course**

Once you are in the last semester of completing the *first two* prerequisites, you should see an IS advisor to declare the major. Choose your focus from three different Options:

1. Global Security (SC)
2. Politics and Policy in the Global Economy (GE)
3. Cultures in the Age of Globalization (CU)

### MAJOR COURSEWORK

Total Credits: 35

*You may begin taking these courses while you are completing the prerequisites. Please note, students may take up to four courses from any one department (cross-listed departments included) to count towards the major. All course lists are online.*

#### I. Core Courses

*Three course. Track Core Courses must be completed at UW-Madison.*

- I.1. Area Studies Course
- I.2. Two Track Core Courses in your Option.

#### II. Issues Courses

*15 credits of coursework from the Issues list in your Option.*

#### III. Electives

*Choose from Issues courses in **any** Option; take enough elective credits to complete the total 35 credits needed for major.*

For more information, FAQs, and course offerings visit:

**[www.ismajor.wisc.edu](http://www.ismajor.wisc.edu)**

## International Studies Major: Sample 4-Year Plan (Bachelor of Arts)

Outlined below is one possibility of how a student can complete the International Studies Major along with L&S General Education and Breadth requirements. This plan assumes you have no college credit. However, many of you may have already fulfilled some of the requirements included such as language, math, or communication courses. See your advisor to create your own, personalized four-year plan incorporating placement test results and transfer credits. In parentheses next to various courses are the geBLC (breadth) codes that you will find in the Schedule of Classes and L&S Catalog. Study abroad and internships are included in this plan. While not required, they are highly recommended.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year: Fall Semester</b>  Econ 101 (S) 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Language Com A (a) QR-A (q: Math 112 or 114 recommended)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year: Spring Semester</b>  IS 101 (QR-B:r) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Language Com B (b) Biological Science (B)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Fall Semester</b> <i>Declare Major!</i>  Econ 102 (S) Area Studies Course (S) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Language Natural Science (P,B,N,W,X,Y)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Spring Semester</b> <i>Apply for Summer Internship!</i>  1 Issue Courses 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Language Physical Science (P) Social Science (S,W,Y,Z) Literature (L)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Fall Semester - Study Abroad!</b>  2 Issue Courses 5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Language Literature (L) Humanities (L,H,X,Z) Track Core Course	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Spring Semester - Study Abroad!</b> <i>Apply for Summer Internship!</i>  2 Issue Course 1 Elective in Major Humanities (L,H,X,Z) 1 Free Elective
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year: Fall Semester</b>  Track Core Course 1 Elective in Major Natural Science (P,B,N,W,X,Y) 2 Free Electives	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year: Spring Semester</b>  1 Elective in Major Ethnic Studies (e) 2 Free Electives  <b>GRADUATION!</b>

### Helpful Hints:

- You will need to complete 35 credits of IS course work in total which includes at least 15 credits of Intermediate/Advanced level classes on campus.
- 108 total credits of Liberal Arts and Science coursework
  - 60 of those need to include intermediate/advanced level coursework.
- 120 credits in total for your degree
  - 30 credits in residence, overall

- 30 credits in residence after the 90<sup>th</sup> credit.
- Declare (1) major by 86 credits.
- You can complete many General Education and Breadth requirements within the major! Literature, Science, Ethnic Studies, Com B, and more can be completed with IS Issues and Elective courses (check the geBLC [breadth] code on our course lists).
- The International Studies Program offers advising workshops to help guide you through the major, including Intro to the IS Major, career development workshops, and more! We look forward to seeing you there!