International Studies

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Minor in International Studies
The International Studies undergraduate minor provides students with the opportunity to pursue multidisciplinary study of international topics in a global context. Offerings are divided into three focal areas:

a. World Markets and Development,
b. Global Cultures and Societies, and

Students have the option of taking courses in only one focal area or taking courses among two or three of the areas. The minor consists of 21 semester hours of course work that must be international and comparative in overall content.

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INST 105. Global Transformations and the Rise of the West Since 1000. 3 hours.
Overview of historical transformations that led to the rise of Europe and the wider West to global preeminence. Emphasizes contributions of other world cultures to this development. Course Information: Same as HIST 105. This class may be taught in an online format. When that is the case, internet access will be required. A high-speed connection is strongly suggested. Please check the online class schedule for online sections. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion and one Lecture. Past course, and World Cultures course.

INST 106. The World Since 1400: Converging Worlds, New Circulations. 3 hours.
Overview of historical developments that created an interconnected world. Explorations, rise of capitalism, European colonialism, nationalism and development, and post-colonialism. Course Information: Same as HIST 106. Course is offered in both face-to-face and hybrid/online formats. Check the class schedule for details. When taught online or hybrid, students will be required to have reliable internet access and a means for accessing it (computer preferable). Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture. Past course, and World Cultures course.

INST 114. Topics in World History. 3 hours.
Introduction to history through global events and the historical development of diverse cultural, religious, social, economic, and political institutions. Course Information: Same as HIST 114. May not be repeated for credit. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion.

INST 130. Introduction to Comparative Politics. 3 hours.
Comparative study of political institutions, political culture, and political processes in selected major countries of the world. Course Information: Same as POLS 130. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion. Individual and Society course.

INST 184. Introduction to International Relations. 3 hours.
Political, military, and economic relations between states, international organizations and transnational actors. Problems of war, imperialism and the world economy, Prospects for global cooperation. Course Information: Same as POLS 184. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion. Individual and Society course, and World Cultures course.

INST 200. Topics in International Studies. 3 hours.
An exploration of various topics in international studies through an interdisciplinary lens, addressing issues related to world markets and development, global cultures and societies, and international security and governance. Course Information: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Completion of a 100-level INST course.

INST 221. Macroeconomics in the World Economy: Theory and Applications. 3 hours.
Determinants of the level of economic activity, inflation, unemployment, international economics, impact of domestic and world economy on business decisions, applications of the theory. Course Information: Same as ECON 221. Prerequisite(s): ECON 118 and ECON 119; or ECON 120 and ECON 121; and MATH 121.

INST 250. Eastern and Western Philosophies of Religion. 3 hours.
Eastern and Western philosophies of religion: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Christianity. Course Information: Same as RELS 250. World Cultures course.

INST 283. International Political Economy. 3 hours.
Political underpinnings and ramifications of international economic relations. Foreign trade policy, multinational corporations, oil North-South relations, economic warfare. Course Information: Same as POLS 283. Prerequisite(s): POLS 184 or INST 184 or consent of the instructor.

INST 284. International Security. 3 hours.
International conflict and cooperation, including war, nationalism, global inequality, and the environment. Course Information: Same as POLS 284. Prerequisite(s): POLS 184 or INST 184 or consent of the instructor.

INST 301. Seminar in International Studies. 3 hours.
Seminar in international studies addressing global themes and issues. Content varies. Specific topics are announced each term. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Previously listed as LAS 301. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of the instructor.

INST 333. International Economics. 3 hours.
The balance of payments; fixed and flexible exchange rates; capital flows; comparative advantage; tariffs and quotas; the costs and benefits of international trade. Course Information: Same as ECON 333. Prerequisite(s): ECON 220 or ECON 221 or INST 221.

INST 334. Economic Development. 3 hours.
Characteristics of poor countries, past experience and its relevance, analytical approaches, the role of exposure to foreign factors, planning and other policies. Course Information: Same as ECON 334. Prerequisite(s): ECON 220 or ECON 221 or INST 221.
**INST 349. Topics in Comparative Politics. 3 hours.**
Selected problems in comparative politics. Course Information: Same as POLS 349. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): POLS 130 or INST 130; and POLS 200; or consent of the instructor. Students seeking to register with instructor approval should contact the academic advisor for Political Science, in addition to securing permission to enroll from the course instructor.

**INST 400. Advanced Seminar in International Studies. 3 hours.**
Advanced examination of various topics in international studies through an interdisciplinary lens, addressing specialized issues related to world markets and development, global cultures and societies, and international security. Course Information: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.