International Studies

The International Studies (IS) program seeks to promote awareness and knowledge of the global community and its component cultures/nations and to encourage an appreciation of other peoples. More specifically, an interdisciplinary curriculum provides a) an understanding of the validity of these diverse cultures and societies, b) an appreciation of the history and structure of, and contemporary challenges facing, these cultures and societies, c) an awareness of the causes and consequences of increased economic, environmental, political, and social interdependence, and d) competence in a second language.

Students interested in pursuing the IS major are encouraged to consider a second major or a minor in a related field, the content of which would complement the international skills and perspectives acquired through the IS major. To coordinate IS coursework with Liberal Education and work in any other major or minor field, students should contact an IS advisor early in their academic career.

Programs

- International Studies, B.A. *major*
- International Studies *minor*
- International Studies Emphasis *emph*

Career Directions

In addition to graduate study, majors have career options in both the public and private sectors. Specific opportunities may depend on the student's choice of a second major or minor.

Preparation

Recommended High School Courses

Economics

Geography

History

Languages

Political Science

International Studies, B.A. *major*

Required Credits: 59
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- GEOG 1400 World Regional Geography (3 credits)
- GEOG 2100 Introduction to Physical Geography (3 credits)
- HST 2660 Women and History (3 credits)
- HST 2700 The History of World Religions (3 credits)
- INTL2509
- POL 1300 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)

II SECOND LANGUAGE

Complete 14 semester credits of a second language.

III REQUIRED OPTIONS

Select ONE OPTION from A:Topical and ONE OPTION from B:Regional

A. TOPICAL OPTIONS

1. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
SELECT 9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- BUAD 2750 International Business (3 credits)
- ECON 3400 International Trade and Finance (3 credits)
- GEOG 3400 Economic Geography (3 credits)
- HST 3409 Colonialism and Modernization in the Non-Western World (3 credits)
- PHIL 3390 Marxist Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3170 International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3180 International Law and Organization (3 credits)
- POL 3190 International Political Economy (3 credits)

2. HUMANITIES
SELECT 9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- ENGL 2250 Understanding Literature (3 credits)
- ENGL 3607 Film Topics (3 credits)
- PHIL 3380 Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- SPAN 4420 Twentieth Century Literature (3 credits)

B. REGIONAL OPTIONS

1. ASIA
SELECT 9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- GEOG 3820 Geography of East, South, and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3419 East Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3429 South and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3360 Asian Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)

2. EUROPE
SELECT 9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- GEOG 3810 Geography of Europe (3 credits)
- HST 2580 Russia (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)

- INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3320 Modern Philosophy (3 credits)
- PHIL 3330 Nineteenth Century Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3160 Comparative European Politics (3 credits)

IV CULMINATION

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)

B. INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. BSU program abroad, internship, or student teaching abroad or study at a foreign university with International Studies Council approval, or

2. Participation in Model UN or Model Arab League, or

3. Comparable experience approved by the student's advisor and the International Studies director.

International Studies *minor*

Required Credits: 28
Required GPA: 2.00

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- GEOG 1400 World Regional Geography (3 credits)
- INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)
- POL 1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credits)

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG2300
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- HST 2700 The History of World Religions (3 credits)

A. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

SELECT 8-9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- BUAD 2750 International Business (3 credits)
- ECON 3400 International Trade and Finance (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)

SELECT 2-3 CREDITS FROM COURSES IN OPTION C, D, OR E.

B. HUMANITIES

SELECT 8-9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

ENGLISH

- ENGL 3607 Film Topics (3 credits)

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)

PHILOSOPHY

- PHIL 3360 Asian Philosophy (3 credits)
- PHIL 3380 Political Philosophy (3 credits)

SELECT 2-3 CREDITS FROM COURSES IN OPTION C, D, OR E.

C. EAST ASIA

SELECT 8-9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG 3820 Geography of East, South, and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3419 East Asia (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
- POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)

SELECT 2-3 CREDITS COURSES IN OPTION A OR B. COURSES SELECTED SHOULD RELATE TO REGION OF CONCENTRATION.

D. EUROPE/COMMONWEALTH INDEPENDENT STATES

SELECT 8-9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG 3810 Geography of Europe (3 credits)
- HST 2580 Russia (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
- POL 3160 Comparative European Politics (3 credits)

SELECT 2-3 CREDITS FROM COURSES IN OPTION A OR B. COURSES SELECTED SHOULD RELATE TO REGION OF CONCENTRATION.

E. SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

SELECT 8-9 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- HST 3429 South and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
  or INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
- POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)

SELECT 2-3 CREDITS FROM COURSES IN OPTION A OR B. COURSES SELECTED SHOULD RELATE TO REGION OF CONCENTRATION.

III REQUIRED SECOND LANGUAGE

Complete 6-8 semester credits of a second language. If your native language is other than English and your English TOEFL score is 500 or higher, you will have met this requirement.

IV REQUIRED INTERNATIONAL/OTHER CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

See the catalog for required options

International Studies Emphasis *emph*

Required Credits: 30
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 1110 Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)
- GEOG 1400 World Regional Geography (3 credits)
- INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)

II REQUIRED ELECTIVES: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

SELECT 1 COURSE FROM EACH OF AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES:

- BUAD 2750 International Business (3 credits)
- ENGL 2250 Understanding Literature (3 credits)
- ENGL 3607 Film Topics (3 credits)
- GEOG 2100 Introduction to Physical Geography (3 credits)
- GEOG 2200 Introduction to Human Geography (3 credits)
- GEOG 3400 Economic Geography (3 credits)
- HST 2700 The History of World Religions (3 credits)
- INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3380 Political Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3100 American Foreign Policy (3 credits)
- POL 3170 International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3180 International Law and Organization (3 credits)
- SOWK 2110 Intercultural Communication (3 credits)

III REQUIRED SUB-FIELDS OF EMPHASIS

Complete 1 of the following sub-fields:

A. GENERALIST SUB-FIELD

HISTORY, RELATIONS, GOVERNMENTS OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES.
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG 3800 Regional Geography (1-3 credits)
- GEOG 3810 Geography of Europe (3 credits)
- GEOG 3820 Geography of East, South, and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- HST 2580 Russia (3 credits)
- HST 3419 East Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3449 Middle East (3 credits)
- HST 3459 Latin America (3 credits)
- INTL 1160 Focus On ... (1 credit)
- INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3390 Marxist Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)
- POL 3160 Comparative European Politics (3 credits)

CULTURES OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ANTH 2100 Native North Americans (3 credits)
- ARTH 3550 Nineteenth Century Visual Culture (4 credits)
- ARTH 3557 Twentieth Century Art (4 credits)
- ARTH 4550 Studies in Art History (2 credits)
- ENGL 3606 Culture Topics (3 credits)
- ENGL 3609 Period Topics (3 credits)
- ENGL 4706 Advanced Culture Topics (3 credits)
- HST 3429 South and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3320 Modern Philosophy (3 credits)
- PHIL 3330 Nineteenth Century Philosophy (3 credits)
- PHIL 3360 Asian Philosophy (3 credits)

SELECT 6-8 SEMESTER CREDITS IN ANY ONE LANGUAGE OFFERED AT OR THROUGH BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY:

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES
These courses must be selected from "Required Electives: Global Perspectives" (II above), from the Generalist Sub-field (A, 1 and 2, above) or from the following All-University Courses:

- INTL 1910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)
- INTL 4970 Internship (3 credits)

B. ASIAN SUB-FIELD

HISTORY, RELATIONS, GOVERNMENTS OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES.
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG 3800 Regional Geography (1-3 credits)
- GEOG 3820 Geography of East, South, and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3419 East Asia (3 credits)
- HST 3449 Middle East (3 credits)
- INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3390 Marxist Philosophy (3 credits)
- POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)

CULTURES OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- HST 3429 South and Southeast Asia (3 credits)
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
- PHIL 3360 Asian Philosophy (3 credits)

SELECT 6-8 SEMESTER CREDITS IN ANY ONE LANGUAGE OFFERED AT OR THROUGH BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE(THIS COURSE SHOULD BE ASIAN IN FOCUS):

- INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:
These courses must be selected from the Asian Sub-field (B, 1 and 2, above) or from the following All-University Courses:

- INTL 1910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)
- INTL 4970 Internship (3 credits)

C. CANADIAN SUB-FIELD

HISTORY, RELATIONS, GOVERNMENTS OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES.
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- GEOG 3800 Regional Geography (1-3 credits)
- INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)

CULTURES OF SPECIFIC REGIONS OR COUNTRIES
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ENGL 3609 Period Topics (3 credits)
- ENGL 4706 Advanced Culture Topics (3 credits)
- INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)

SELECT 6-8 SEMESTER CREDITS IN OJIBWE OFFERED AT OR THROUGH BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE (THIS COURSE SHOULD BE CANADIAN IN FOCUS):

- INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES
These courses must be selected from the Canadian
Sub-field (C, 1 and 2, above) or from the following
All-University Courses:

- INTL 1910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)
- INTL 4970 Internship (3 credits)

International Studies Courses

INTL 1130 Education Abroad Basics (3 credits)
Required of all education abroad participants: This course is designed to assist students in their preparation for their planned education abroad experience.

INTL 1160 Focus On ... (1 credit)
Focuses upon a different nation or global region each time it is offered, as determined by the International Studies Council. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

INTL 1910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)
Arranged individual study.

INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour (1-3 credits)
An educational tour under the guidance of a BSU faculty member. Course content may also include pre-tour preparation and in-and post-tour discussion and assignments. Credit for each offering to be determined by the International Studies program. Note: By arrangement only --- in conjunction with a BSU Education Abroad program. Prerequisite: INTL 1130. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

INTL 2200 International Study Experience - Humanities (1-3 credits)
Focuses on such topics as the history, culture, politics, geography, economics, art, language, technology, and education of the host country of a BSU Education Abroad program. May incorporate lectures, discussions, and demonstrations by instructors of the hosting institution as well as by BSU faculty. Credit for each offering to be determined by the International Studies program. Note: By arrangement only --- in conjunction with a BSU Education Abroad program. Prerequisite: INTL 1130. Liberal Education Goal Areas 6 & 8.

INTL 2300 Comparative International Study Project (1-3 credits)
With prior approval of a sponsoring department, each student will arrange to pursue academic problems or projects using an international perspective as a basis for completing a comparative study between cultures and/or countries. Credit for each offering to be determined by the International Studies Program. Note: By arrangement only --- in conjunction with a BSU Education Abroad program. Prerequisite: INTL 1130. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

INTL 2400 International Study Experience Social Science (1-3 credits)
Focuses on such topics as the history, culture, politics, geography, economics, art, language, technology, and education of the host country of a BSU Education Abroad program. May incorporate lectures, discussions, and demonstrations by instructors of the hosting institution as well as by BSU faculty. Credit for each offering to be determined by the International Studies program. Prerequisite: INTL 1130. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

INTL 4100 Seminar in International Studies (3 credits)
Topic to be determined.

INTL 4970 Internship (3 credits)
Graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only. Student internships may be either full-time or part-time in a public or private agency appropriate to the degree objective. Internships consist of closely supervised periods of service that are arranged in advance of the course registration. Students should consult their advisor concerning prerequisites.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS