The International Studies major and minor were developed in response to the growing demand for knowledge and skills to successfully navigate concerns at an international level. This background is critical for students preparing for careers or further study in a variety of fields including international affairs, public policy, business, law, finance, education, and communications. The International Studies major draws upon the resources of faculty and departments across the university, and may be particularly attractive as a second major for students planning to combine a specific disciplinary major with a career in the international arena.

**International Studies Major**

**DESCRIPTION:** International Studies is a multidisciplinary program of study that provides a strong foundation in the analysis of contemporary global topics, through coursework from multiple disciplines and participation in another culture. The major consists of three principle components: Global Studies, Language and Culture Studies, and Professional, Technical and Scientific Core. Students work with an academic advisor to construct an individualized Plan of Study that reflects their interests, goals and proficiencies, and take courses in a number of departments to fulfill the three principle requirements. The requirements enrich, complement, and coordinate departmental offerings with the goal of providing a knowledge of other cultures and understanding of global processes from a multidisciplinary perspective.

**HOURS**

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<td>Global Studies</td>
<td>Four courses must be selected from the approved course list in consultation with the International Studies advisor; they must include no more than one course each from the following departments: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology.</td>
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**Language and Culture Studies** (three components)

**6 hrs** Language Studies
Select courses from the approved list in a language other than the student’s primary language. This requirement is in addition to and may include courses in the same rubric used to fulfill the LAS College language requirement of four semesters or equivalent of college course work in a single language (16-20 hrs) or four years of a single language in high school (placement exams may be used by students presenting four years of high school study).

**9 hrs** Area Studies
200- through 400-level courses which complement the Language and Culture component must be selected from the approved course list and include work in at least two disciplinary departments. Select one area from the following: Africa, East and South Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Russia and Eastern Europe.

**12 hrs** Study Abroad
Students will study a variety of subjects which could include language and culture courses in a region in which their area studies coursework and secondary language training will be utilized; up to 6 hours may be used to fulfill other requirements of the major.

**16-21** Professional, Technical or Scientific Core
Students may opt to do a minor selected in consultation with the curriculum advisor or twenty (20) hours of topical studies courses combined into an intellectually or professionally coherent study that is approved by the curriculum advisor. No more than one-half of the coursework should be at an elementary level and at least 6 hours of advanced level courses are required.

The International Studies major requires a total of 49-55 hours of coursework, including a minimum of 12 hours of advanced level courses.
**International Studies Minor**

The LAS International Studies Minor provides an opportunity for students in a variety of majors in LAS and other colleges at U of I to better understand our interdependent world and to develop much needed international skills. This interdisciplinary program draws upon the resources of faculty and departments across the University, affording students the opportunity to tailor course work to specific needs or interest. The LAS International Studies Minor complements any major on campus.

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The International Studies minor requires a total of 21 hours of course work, with a minimum of 6 hours at the advanced level.

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