

University of Missouri – Special Degree Programs

International Studies Degree Requirements

Foundation Requirements

Similar to requirements for other AB degrees in the College of Arts and Science, except that International Studies students must complete an 18-hour common core of courses as part of these requirements.

Core areas and specific course requirements are:

Anthropology 2030: Cultural Anthropology

Geography 1100: Regions and Nations of the World I **or**
Geography 1200: Regions and Nations of the World II

Political Science 1400: International Relations **or**
Political Science 2700: Comparative Political Systems

Students must also take three additional courses (9 hours) from the following list. At least one of these courses must be a Humanities course

- Peace Studies 1050: Introduction to Peace Studies
- Biology 1060: Environmental Biology
- Economics 1014: Principles of Microeconomics or
- Ag Econ 1041: Economics of Food and Agriculture
- Geology 1200: Environmental Geology **or**
Geology 1100: Principles of Geology
- Food Science 1020: World Food and You
- Sociology 1000: Introduction to Sociology
- Sociology 2200: Social Inequalities
- English 1150: Intro to World Literature (Humanities)
- Religious Studies 2110: Major World Religions (Humanities)
- Phil 2110: Philosophy; East & West (Humanities)
- Phil 2410: Philosophy of War and Peace (Humanities)
- Art History Archaeology 1110 or 1120: History of Western Art I (II) (Humanities)
- Music 1313: Introduction to World Music (Humanities)
- Women Studies 1334: Women, Race and Class (Humanities)
- Women Studies 1332: Social Perspectives of Women, Race, and Class
- 2117H: The Emerging Canons: New Voices from the Americas

Foreign Language

Students must take two language courses beyond the basic 12/13 hour minimum skills proficiency requirement.

Emphasis Areas

The emphasis area is comprised of three 12-hour blocks.

- **12 hours of courses from the Humanities and language areas.** This could include additional language and literature courses from the language of major study, as well as course work from philosophy, religious studies, art history and archaeology, women studies, civilization courses, and English
- **12 hours of courses from the Social and Behavior Sciences.** This could include coursework from geography, history, political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, rural sociology, peace studies.
- **Focus area: 12 hours of course work from an area of the student's choice.** This allows the student to study one area in depth. We strongly encourage students to take 9 of these hours from a single department or area. Included in this area is the 3-hour capstone experience. (See below for further information on capstones.)

Note: Of the 42 hours in the area, at least 30 of these hours must be at the 2000-level or higher; 18 of these hours must be taken in courses at the 3000-level or higher. We offer the following areas of concentration: (Please see the International Studies page for a link to course options for Emphasis Areas.)

European Studies
Latin American Studies
East Asian Studies
South Asian Studies
Environmental Studies
Peace Studies

Study Abroad Experience

Students must study abroad for a minimum of four weeks. Prior to their overseas studies participation, students must have completed at least one course related to the country in which they plan to study. Students who are unable to participate in the study abroad program must see the Director of Special Degree programs to discuss alternative requirements.

For students who do not study abroad, the following alternative will be enforced:

- Students who are not able to study abroad as a part of their program of studies must submit a written notification to the Director of International Studies, indicating the reason they are unable to participate in the study abroad program.

- The students must complete six-hours of course work that provides in-depth background in a particular area of region of the world that is the focus of the student's study. These courses can come from history, religious studies, geography, political science or civilization or literature courses from the language; and they must submit a 20-page research paper on the cultural or political environment of a city or region within a country of their choice. The country or region chosen must be relevant to the foreign language they are studying. This research paper must be submitted to the Office of Special Degree Programs no later than the beginning of the 4th week of the last semester of coursework