

International Studies - Political Science

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

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The International Studies program is dedicated to educating students to be at home in the world of the 21st century taking advantage of the college's extensive history with host countries situated in Europe and South America. To this end, students investigate global structures (cultural, economic, environmental, health, legal, and political) that promise, with varying degrees of success, to serve as common bases for worldwide human interaction. Through interdisciplinary instruction, language training, overseas education, and internship opportunities, this program prepares students for occupations in both the public and private sectors. Courses are selected from a variety of disciplines including the arts, sciences, languages, social sciences, humanities, and the professions. Successful completion of a May Term travel abroad course is mandatory for students born or naturalized within the U.S. This program also encourages international students to develop a deeper understanding of global society through a pre-approved international experience.

The curriculum is divided into:

- (1) core courses,
- (2) areas of concentration,
- (3) internship/study away options, and
- (4) a capstone paper.

The core courses provide students with an interdisciplinary perspective on the global society and the issues that face the world. The area of concentration explores the common theme of international relationships in Business Administration, Foreign Language, or Political Science. Students select an area of concentration (Business Administration, Foreign Language, or Political Science) which gives them the content knowledge and skills to understand and analyze global society. The internship/study away option is designed to immerse the student in a reality-based international experience. This requirement must be pre-approved by the student's major area advisor. The capstone paper allows the student to analyze a complex global issue in the area of concentration. The program includes a 6-hour foreign language requirement that may be satisfied by taking Spanish at Newberry College or by taking another language at an accredited college.

International Studies Core

Global Perspectives: Human Culture (12 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 250	Introduction to World Literature	3
MUS 261	World Music	3
REL 220	Religions of the World	3
HIS 112	The Human Story: Quest for Meaning in History (1500 to Present Day)	3

Choose one of the following Human Culture electives

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 355	America after 1945	3
HIS 324	Workers, Warriors, World Wars and Aftermath in Europe (1850 to Present Day)	3
HIS 352	Introduction to Public History	3
HIS 250	Latin American History	3

Global Perspectives: The Natural World (7 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
GEO 135	Geography	3
ENV 112	Introduction to Environmental Science	4

Global Perspectives: The Social World (15 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
BUA 432	International Business	3
ECO 210	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECO 220	Principles of Microeconomics	3
PSC 225	Comparing Politics Across the World	3
SOC 236	Social Psychology	3

Global Perspective: Ethical Choice (3 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
PHI 120	Introduction to Ethics	3

International Experience (6 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
ISC 492	Senior Paper	3
ISC 495	Internships	3

Foreign Language (6 credit hours); may be satisfied by taking Spanish at Newberry College or by taking another language at an accredited college.

Item #	Title	Credits
SPA 101	Elementary Language and Culture	3
SPA 102	Elementary Language and Culture	3

Area of Concentration

Political Science (12 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
PSC 121	U. S. Government	3
PSC 123	Current Issues and Global Controversies	3
PSC 225	Comparing Politics Across the World	3
PSC 300	International Relations	3

Political Science Electives (9 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
PSC 325	War and Peace	3
PSC 348	International Law and Organization	3
PSC 385	U.S. Foreign Policy	3
PSC 450	Human Rights	3
PSC 355	Advanced Topics in Political Science	3

Choose one regional course (3 credit hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
HIS 240	Asian History	3
HIS 250	Latin American History	3
HIS 260	History of the Middle East	3
Total Credits		76