

Why Study International Studies at B-W?

**The world of the 21st century is interdependent and diverse.
Your studies should be too.**

Through B-W's International Studies major, you'll acquire the knowledge, skills and sensitivity to help you understand and appreciate our global society. In addition, you'll learn to apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies as you analyze real-world issues and concerns by working directly with faculty. **As a graduate you will have**

◆ **Broad-based interdisciplinary knowledge of other societies and cultures**

International studies, which is an interdisciplinary program, combines courses in sociology, geology, political science, history, economics, religion and foreign language. You can customize your studies by selecting a concentration area relevant to your interests and career plans.

◆ **Intercultural Skills and Experiential Learning**

With our off-campus programs, you can spend a semester off-campus studying with a B-W group or you can enroll in classes abroad learning to function with others in diverse settings. Experiential learning opportunities include independent study projects, internships, Model UN and Model NATO conferences, and co-curricular activities including service learning opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

◆ **Career versatility**

International studies can be a companion major/minor for foreign language, business, political science, sociology and other programs of study. Career options include:

- Diplomacy/Peace Corps
- International Business
- Teaching and Education
- Intelligence
- Media
- Law
- Banking
- Air Marshals
- International nonprofit organizations
- Travel and Tourism
- National/International civil service
- Homeland Security/Customs

◆ **Strong foundation for graduate study**

You can pursue a graduate degree in related interdisciplinary programs like international affairs, public policy, security studies, sustainable development or more focused programs like disaster relief.

International Studies majors will have a choice of two globally-oriented courses of study beginning in fall 2012. You may choose either of the following:

- 1) The **International Affairs track** combines interdisciplinary coursework plus foreign language study to provide a broad based foundation for a variety of globally oriented careers.
- 2) The **National Security track** provides a focused study of the U.S. approach to the rapidly evolving range of security issues. Students gain a deeper understanding of what security means in the increasingly globalized 21st century.

Program descriptions

The **International Studies: International Affairs** track provides a broad-based background plus study of a second language to prepare for a range of career options in diplomacy, international business, education, media, law, banking, international governmental and nongovernmental organizations and tourism. All students take the Introduction to International Studies course which develops an understanding of the interaction of multiple factors which underlie many of today's global problems. Students will also investigate the important role of governments internationally, and select courses which deepen understanding of humans and the earth, the historical setting in which interactions take place, and the increasing importance of culture, society and economic issues. Students may complete a specialization by choosing an upper division concentration regionally in Latin America, Europe/Russia or Asia or, in a functional area focused on international business/economics, foreign policy/diplomacy or history/society/culture. All students select a special topics capstone seminar which focuses on current problems of international concern that includes a research project on a topic of choice.

The **International Studies: National Security** track provides a more specialized foundation for evaluating both domestic and global threats to security and the related problems associated with governance, violence and war, health, and the environment in today's interdependent world. The track is oriented to understanding the impact of advancing technology combined with the human and cultural factors which compound decision-making on issues related to risk. This track is appropriate for motivated critical thinkers with an interest in security-related careers oriented to foreign policy, intelligence or law enforcement at the national or local levels, or in the emerging areas of business and service organizations which support the maintenance of national security. All students will take an introductory course in Security, Technology and Threat Assessment plus courses focused on U.S. homeland security and related research and analytical skills. Students will also select courses from a variety of academic disciplines which provide a more in-depth look at particular types of 21st century security issues related to military, environmental and health problems. In each area, students will select a combination of entry level and upper division courses appropriate to the students' personal and professional interests in consultation with their advisor. All students will also complete a research project focused on security in a capstone security-oriented seminar.

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