



International Studies

What Can I Do With a Major in International Studies?

- Federal Government Positions
- United Nations
- Foreign Correspondent
- Judge
- Congressional Staff Member
- Globally Oriented Non-Profit Organizations
- Multinational Corporations
- FBI or CIA
- Diplomat
- Add International Expertise to Your Resume

About the Program

The global problems presented in the context of the International Studies major are complex and the answers elusive. The emphasis for students is on how to analyze critically international phenomena that arise and to bring to bear the collective wisdom of the component fields. Because of the breadth of the subject matter included in the International Studies major, the curriculum is sufficiently flexible to allow a wide variety of different concentrations depending on the student's particular interests.

The interdisciplinary major in International Studies is designed to assist development in the ability to evaluate and analyze complex global issues and to function successfully in an international environment. This program combines interdisciplinary analysis with courses in sociology, earth science, political science, history, economics, and religion as well as competence in a foreign language to meet these objectives. A required interdisciplinary seminar is used to focus attention on special problems of international concern. This major also gives students flexibility to pursue their own special interests once the basic requirements are fulfilled. Some students combine the International Studies major with a second major in business, foreign language or any other college major. Students are also encouraged to study abroad. Many opportunities are available through the Explorations/Study Abroad Office.

OUTCOMES

Approximately ten degrees are awarded in International Studies each year. Half of the students receiving these degrees are double majors. Half the graduates proceed to graduate or professional programs, and half enter the job market. Recent examples of what graduates with IS majors are doing now:

U.S. and Other Countries' Civil Service

- Office of Chinese Market Access & Compliance Department of Commerce (IS and Business)
- National Security Agency (IS and Political Science; Master's from Georgetown University)
- Department of Defense (IS; Master's from American University)
- *Import Specialist*, U.S. Customs Service, Treasury Department, currently in U.S. Foreign Service stationed in Berlin, Germany (IS and Political Science; International MBA)
- *Linguist* for U.S. Army in Kosovo (IS and Business)

International Non-governmental Organizations

- *Project Manager*, Across Frontiers International (IS; Master's & Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University)
- *Manager*, Wall Street Institute, Viña del Mar, Chile (IS)
- *Manager*, Business Advisory Services, US-China Business Council (IS & Economics; Master's from American University)
- *Mathematical Policy Research*, Washington, D.C. (IS; Master's from Georgetown University)

Travel and Tourism

- *Travel Agent*, Rio de Janeiro (IS and Political Science)
- *International Flight Attendant*, Continental Airlines (IS)

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OUTCOMES CONTINUED

Business

- *President and CEO*, International Strategic Analysis (IS and Business; Master's from University of South Carolina)
- *Export Department*, Consolidated Companies (IS and Business)
- *Account Executive*, Kintetsu World Express (IS and Political Science)
- *Project Manager*, Duke Energy Information Systems (IS and Business)
- *Religion Editor*, Eagle Publishing Company, New York, NY (IS and Communication)
- *Consultant*, Answerthink Consulting (IS)
- *Exports Manager*, Sherwin-Williams (IS and Spanish)
- *Associate Principal*, IBM Global Services (IS; Master's from Yale University)

Law and Banking

- *Attorney*, Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue (IS; JD from Case Western Reserve University)
- *Internal Auditor*, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. (IS and French)
- *Bank Officer*, Corporate Investment Banking, Key Bank, Cleveland (IS)
- *Law Clerk*, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (IS, Political Science and Spanish; JD from University of Michigan Law School)

Teaching, Higher Education

- *Professor of Political Science & International Studies*, Wheeling Jesuit University (IS & History; Master's from Drew University; Ph.D. The Ohio State University)
- *Professor of Political Science*, Metropolitan State College of Denver (IS; Master's from George Washington University; Ph.D. University of Edinburgh, Scotland)
- *Senior Director*, Admissions, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida (IS; Master's Degree from University of Miami)
- *Professor of English and Entrepreneur*, Madrid, Spain (IS and Spanish)
- *French & ESL Teacher*, Oak Ridge Military Academy; Freelance French Translator (IS and French)
- *Study Abroad Advisor*, SUNY at Stony Brook (IS; Master's from University of Surrey, England)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The **major** in International Studies requires a minimum of 31-59 credits, depending on prerequisites and language proficiency. All students are required to complete Introduction to the International Studies. In order to provide an interdisciplinary basis for understanding global issues all students will choose from a variety of course offerings in science, the humanities and the social sciences.

Concentrations are available in International Business and Economics; Foreign Policy and Diplomacy; History, Society and Culture; Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Asian Studies; European Studies (including Russia); and American Studies (for students who are not U.S. citizens).

Students who complete the major in International Studies will be required to exhibit competence in at least one foreign language, that is, a language other than their native language. Students whose native language is English may attain foreign language competence in one of the modern languages taught at Baldwin-Wallace. In completing these requirements, students are strongly urged to study abroad. Competency may be demonstrated through coursework or an oral interview.

Finally, each student must take an integrative capstone seminar to help students achieve an ability to deal with complex problems in International Studies requiring an integration of knowledge from diverse fields of study. Topics vary from year to year. The seminar, which may be team-taught, will be offered each spring semester by professors in the departments associated with the International Studies major, and will deal with selected topics chosen by the professors offering the course. Consult the course schedule for relevant departments, time and topics.

International Studies Minor

The **minor** in International Studies requires a minimum of 18 credits including Introduction to International Studies. Courses most appropriate to the student's interests should be chosen in consultation with one of the members of the Committee Supervising the International Studies major. At least a year's study of a related foreign language is highly recommended.

For detailed degree requirements, please consult the B-W catalog at www.bw.edu/coursecatalog/degree/require/ints/.

DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Margaret Brooks-Terry, Ph.D.

Case Western Reserve University.
Professor of Sociology and Director of Exploration/
Study Abroad Center.

*SPSS Data Analysis, Racial and Cultural
Minorities, Human Services Senior Seminar,
Research Methods, Applied Sociological
Research, Sociology of Work, Organizations.*

Robert R. Ebert, Ph.D.

Case Western Reserve University.
Buckhorn Professor of Economics.

*Microeconomic theory, international
and industrial economics.*

Indira J. Falk Gesink, Ph.D.

Washington University in St. Louis.
*Middle East and Islam, modern Europe,
intellectual/cultural history, women's history,
world civilizations.*

Stephen J. Hollender, Ph.D.

University of Iowa.
19th century German literature.

Alan Kolp, Ph.D.

Harvard University.
Spirituality, history of Christianity.

Judy Krutky, Ph.D.

Columbia University.
*Introduction to Politics, American Foreign Policy,
Introduction to International Studies, International
Politics, Comparative Foreign Relations,
International Organization, International Political
Economy.*

Sabina Thomas, Ph.D.

Technical University of Berlin.
*Physical geology and petrology, earth science
education, interdisciplinary studies.*

FACULTY FOCUS

"International Studies students have the enthusiasm and broad interests we hope for in all our liberal arts students. I really enjoy having International Studies students in classes, because they bring an interdisciplinary perspective to our discussions in both English and German!"

- Dr. Steve Hollender, Foreign Language

"The world is a complex and increasingly interconnected place and we need more Americans who understand better how it impacts us. The International Studies major helps students develop the intellectual tools to make sense of the world and provides a strong foundation for a variety of internationally oriented careers."

- Dr. Judy Krutky, International Studies

"As a geology professor, I teach many lab courses related to the IS major. These classes strengthen the relationship between theory and hands-on experiences for the students. It is my impression that most students in the IS major are more interested in the subject matter. They also ask better and more focused questions and can make interdisciplinary connections between the subject matter of the various discipline better than the average B-W student."

-Dr. Sabina Thomas, Geology

"As the world becomes more independent, more and more career options require international dimensions. IS majors would be perfectly poised to meet this challenge!"

-Dr. Haesook Chae, Political Science

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

"The International Studies Major is the most encompassing focus for a liberal arts student. It focuses on the issues that are facing the world we live in and uses culture, history, and politics to explain why we are faced with these dilemmas. The goal is not to answer the question; it is to understand why."

"B-W has a very good International studies program. It prepares a person for the future, which can be graduate school or the work force. Taking a number of international studies courses made me realize what I would like to do in life. In the courses, we learned a lot about world issues. I'm considering studying/working in Germany or Europe for a while to further my understanding of global issues."

"An IS major allows you to look at any news story, any person, any issue with a deeper understanding and knowledge of the world, and subsequently the story/person/issue so that you are more prepared to be a proactive citizen in your community."

"When I took the introduction to International Studies class, I realized I wanted to be an International Studies major. Besides the class being very interactive, interesting, and well taught, it gave me a whole new understanding of the challenges that everyone in this world faces. I also had the opportunity to study abroad in Mexico. It was one of the best experiences in my life and helped me to grow as a person and clarify my career goals. I feel that as an International Studies major there are many possible career choices. I am considering working in a Spanish speaking country for a few years after graduation teaching English, then I would like to work in an organization to help Hispanic immigrants receive services in the U.S."