International Studies (BA) - Middle East Studies Concentration

Degree Requirements

Majors in Arts and Sciences may be completed with a minimum of 120 semester hours unless designated otherwise. At least 30 hours of course work, which represents 25% of the required 120 hours, must be at the upper division level in order to fulfill the University’s residency requirement. At least 15 of the 30 upper-division hours must be in the major or concentration area. An overall grade-point-average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for graduation. In addition, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in the student’s major or concentration area.

Requirements For A Major In International Studies

Students majoring in International Studies should complete 18 credit hours of core courses, one of six concentrations (24 credit hours), and a pre-professional program or traditional minor in a complementary subject. IS majors must also take GEO 114 and HY 102 as part of their general education requirements, since these courses are prerequisites for upper-division courses in the major.

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<th>Requirements</th>
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<td>Core Courses (required of all majors)</td>
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<td>IS 100</td>
<td>Global Issues</td>
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<td>PSC 250</td>
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<td>GEO 312</td>
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<td>IS 495</td>
<td>Senior Seminar (W)</td>
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<td>Middle East Studies</td>
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<td>Six hours of 200-level Arabic language courses (LGS 206 and 207)</td>
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<td>HY 365 History of Islamic Civilization from 1453 (W)</td>
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<td>PSC 365 Politics of the Middle East (W)</td>
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<td>PSC 452 Muslim World</td>
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<td>9 hours of electives: HY 364, HY 465, IS 491, IS 492, IS 496 or any approved Special Topics course of Directed Studies focusing on contemporary Middle East or Middle Eastern country.</td>
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General Education Requirements for International Studies Majors:

Areas I, II, and III of the General Education Requirements for International Studies are specified in the College of Arts and Sciences section. Intermediate level language courses required for the major also help fulfill general requirements under Area II. International Studies majors must take GEO 114 and HY 102 as partial fulfillment of Area IV General Education requirements.

Pre-professional Program

Students should complete either one of the three pre-professional programs outlined below (international business, a language specialization, or a personalized pre-professional program) or have a traditional minor. Students with a double major are not required to have a pre-professional program or a minor.
International Business (21 Hrs)
The International Business option provides students with a basic foundation in business and best equips the student to enter the field of international business or related areas upon graduation.

- ECO 330 Global Economic Issues OR ECO 363 International Economics
- MKT 320 Principles of Marketing
- MKT 374 Consumer Behavior
- MKT 380 Integrated Market
- 9 hrs electives from the following: FIN 332; MGT 334; MGT 465; MKT 336; MKT 384; MKT 390; MKT 310, MKT 477; MKT 492; IS 496; IS 475

Language Specialization (21 Hrs)
The Language Concentration option allows students to acquire a professional level of fluency in a foreign language as a complement to their international studies training. The requirements are 21 hours of study in a selected foreign language. Students wishing to concentrate in language should consider the FL/IS double major described below. Note: This option may not be available for all languages.

Personalized Pre-professional Program (21 Hrs)
The Personalized Pre-professional Program is designed primarily for students who wish to pursue graduate study and need a special program tailored to the needs of their expected graduate area. A pre-professional program consisting of a minimum of 21 semester hours including at least one upper-level seminar, directed studies, or internship. Proposals for a personalized program, drawn up by the student in consultation with his or her advisor, must be submitted for approval to the Program Director and the Dean of Arts and Sciences before the first semester of the student’s junior year.

Department Information

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Dr. Eric Loomis, Philosophy (Asia)
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International Studies website
http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/internationalstudies

The International Studies major is a rigorous interdisciplinary program designed for students who wish to build a solid foundation for a career in international affairs. The program combines language fluency, international/area studies, and international business, and, as such, fulfills the requirements for both the major and minor. The faculty directing the major is drawn mostly from the departments of modern and classical languages and literature, geography, history, philosophy, political science, sociology and anthropology.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry. GEO 312 will satisfy the technology requirement for International Studies majors.

USA Education/Study Abroad
Students in International Studies are strongly encouraged to incorporate international experiences as part of their academic activities. Study, research, and internships as well as service learning and community service abroad are available options. For more information contact the IS Office and/or the USA Office of International Education.