

International Studies (BA) - Middle East Studies Concentration

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (53-57 Hours)

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (5 Courses, 15 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 6 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, LG 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 220, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 8-10 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

No more than six hours from any one discipline.

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, *HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: *AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, ECO 216, *GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136, *IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

Area V - (3 Courses, 9-10 Hours)

- A. Foreign Language. 6 hours from any one group:

LG 101 & LG 102, LGS 106 & LGS 107, LGS 110 & LGS 111, LG 111 & LG 112 or proficiency test or LG 113, LG 121 & LG 122, LG 131 & LG 132 or proficiency test or LG 134, LGS 131 & LGS 132, LG 141 & LG 142, LGS 141 & LGS 142, LG 151 & LG 152 or proficiency test or LG 153, LGS 161 & LGS 162, LG 171 & LG 172 or LG 173, LGS 171 & LGS 172, LGS 181 & LGS 182

Students may fulfill the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the level equivalent to the second semester of the foreign language sequence, or by passing another test (e.g., AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) at the equivalent level). Students who pass a proficiency test at the level equivalent to first semester of the foreign language sequence are required to complete only the second semester and will fulfill the foreign language requirement with 3 credit hours of course work.

- B. Natural Sciences/Math. 3-4 hour lab science or math/stat course from:

AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO

102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L, ST 210, MA 113- 299 (except 201 and 202).

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102 or HY 135 & HY 136 or HY 121 & HY 122).

All undergraduates must complete two designated writing credit (W) courses, at least one of which must be in the student's major or minor.

Major Requirements (42 Hours)

International Studies Core (6 Courses, 18 Hours)

- A. 18 hours: IS 100, PS 250, PSC 270, GEO 312, PHL/REL 352, IS 495

Middle East Studies Concentration (8 Courses, 24 Hours)

- A. 6 hours of 200-level Arabic language courses (LGS 206 and LGS 207)
B. 3 hours: HY 365
C. 3 hours: PSC 365
D. 3 hours: PSC 452
E. 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.

Minor Requirements (18-24 Hours)

A minor is required for this degree program

Notes:

* IS 100, HY 102, GEO 114 are required for IS majors; AN 100 is recommended for students with an Middle East Studies Concentration

Additional Information

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.

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.

Graduation Plan

International Studies (BA) : Middle East Concentration (120 Total Hours)

First Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CAS 100	First Year Experience - College Success	2
EH 101	English Composition I	3
LGS 106	Introductory Arabic I	3
IS 100	Global Issues	3
	Natural Science with Lab	4
	Total Hours	15

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 102 or Honors	English Composition II	3
LGS 107	Introductory Arabic II	3
Math course	MA 110 or higher	3
AN 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
	Fine Arts elective	3
	Total Hours	15

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PSC 250	Comparative Politics	3
HY 101	History of Western Civilization I	3

GEO 114	Introduction to Human Geography	3
CA 110	Public Speaking	3
LGS 206	Intermediate Arabic I	3
Total Hours		15

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
HY 102	History of Western Civilization II	3
PSC 270	International Relations	3
LGS 207	Intermediate Arabic II	3
EH 235 or EH 236	World Literature I or II	3
	Elective	3
Total Hours		15

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
HY 365	Islamic Civilization from 1453	3
PSC 365	Middle East Politics	3
GEO 312	World Economic Geography	3
EH 235 or EH 236	World Literature I or II	3
	Natural Science with Lab	4
Total Hours		16

Third Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
PSC 452	The Muslim World	3
PHL/REL 352	World Religions	3
	International Studies elective, 300 or 400 level	3
	Minor course	3
	Minor course	3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
IS 495	Senior Research Seminar	3

International Studies elective, 300 or 400 level	3
Elective	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Total Hours	15

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
	International Studies elective, 300 or 400 level	3
	Elective	3
	Minor course, 300 level or higher	3
	Minor course, 300 level or higher	3
	Minor course, 300 level or higher	3
Total Hours		15

Notes

Department Information

International Studies Staff

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Faculty Affiliates

Ms. Kristy Britt, Modern and Classical Languages and Literature (Latin America)
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 Dr. Delwar Hossain, Communication (Asia)
 Dr. Zoya Khan, Modern and Classical Languages and Literature (Latin America)
 Dr. Mara Kozelsky, History (Asia, Europe)
 Dr. Scott Liebertz, Political Science and Criminal Justice (Latin America)
 Dr. Christina Lindeman, Visual Arts (Europe)
 Dr. Eric Loomis, Philosophy (Asia)
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Dr. David Messenger, History (Europe)
Dr. Harrison Miller, History (Asia)
Dr. Hosik Min, Sociology (Asia)
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Dr. Frances Mujica, Geography (Latin America, Global Health)
Dr. Matthew Pettway, Modern and Classical Languages and Literature (Latin America)
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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.

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.