

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

B.A. International Studies

FALL 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the international studies major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that an international studies degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
INTRNAR 200 World Current Events	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
World Language course	4
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	14

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
World Language course	4
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	14

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on ACT, SAT, or UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to provide test scores prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For this major, students must complete four semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the fourth level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. World Languages faculty may certify proficiency in other languages for native or heritage speakers of a language other than English.

Opportunities: Students in the the international studies major have the opportunity to join several student organizations to include the International Student Association, Doctors Without Borders, and World Languages Conversation Tables, along with organizations affiliated with the World Language you choose to study.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Geography 230 Human Geography	3
Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics	3
Minor course	3
World Language course	4
Gened CORE 110 CORE World of the Arts	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Minor course	3
World Language course	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: A study abroad, travel study, internship, or independent study experience is required for this program and most majors study abroad for a full semester or year. Planning for this experience typically takes place in the sophomore year with the experiential learning taking place in the junior year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>).

Opportunities: While international studies majors may choose from any of the over 100 minors available, suggested minors include: World Languages, Environmental Studies, Economics, International Business, Marketing, Public Relations, Public Health, Political Science, Anthropology, Japanese Studies, World Religions, Middle Eastern Studies, Asian/Asian American Studies, Latinx/Latin American Studies, Cybersecurity, or Women's and Gender Studies. Students with advanced language skills have the opportunity to complete a second major in a language or a minor in addition to a language minor without extending time to degree.



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Third Year

Fall Semester - Study Abroad Experience	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	Communication 424 Cross Cultural Communication	3
Political Science 351 International Relations	3	Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement course	3	BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5	Minor course	3
Total Credits	16-17	Total Credits	15

Notes: Communication 424 fulfills the university U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity requirement. Within the major, electives account for 12 credits of the 33 required credits. With planning, students might group their electives into various “mini-emphases.” For example, you could take all of your electives on a single region-Latin America, Europe, Africa, or Asia. In addition to a regional focus, students could pursue a mini-emphasis on environmental issues, with courses offered in Sociology, Economics, and Geography. Given the more than 100 courses on the list of courses approved for the major, there are many possible course groupings that can add depth to your curriculum.

Opportunities: All students in the International Studies major can earn the Global Engagement certificate. To earn the Global Engagement Certificate, students must assemble a reflective portfolio as well as complete four globally focused courses, achieve foreign language proficiency equivalent to four semesters at the college level, study/live abroad for six or more weeks, and attend six extra-curricular internationally focused experiences on campus.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Economics 360 OR 401 OR 431	3	INTRNAR 488 Topics in International Studies	3
Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3	Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3
Experiential Learning requirement	3	Electives to reach 120 (if needed)	6-9
Minor course	3		
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Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12-15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor’s degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar’s Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

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