

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MINOR

Students in UWM's International Studies minor take courses in history, political science, economics, anthropology, comparative literature, and foreign languages to build a program around their own specialized interests in international relations, politics, economics, or development.

Understanding the nuances of globalization in our personal and professional lives, speaking the languages of others, and appreciating cultural diversity are essential skills for living and working in the world today. The International Studies minor is based on the principles of the liberal arts with an emphasis in broad knowledge of people, places, and institutions and the skills to be adaptable and marketable in a fast-moving global economy. International studies minors learn to interact across cultures, converse in more than one language, analyze problems across cultural or national boundaries, adapt to new and foreign situations, appreciate differences in people and processes, and problem solve across different areas and formats.

With this background, students enhance their skill set preparing them for today's job opportunities in many different industries and for many different roles. Career choices immediately after college are often influenced by the hands-on experiences obtained during the college years. Students are encouraged to explore all of their options through internships, which may be completed for credit as part of the program.

Similarly, while not required for the minor, a study abroad (<http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad>) experience can open up new opportunities that would not have even been imagined prior to going abroad. UWM has programs at more than 70 sites around the world that vary in length from a few weeks of immersion, to semester-long, to even full year programs.

Students often wonder what the differences are between Global Studies and International Studies. The foreign language requirements for the International Studies program are not as stringent as those in Global Studies, and study abroad is not required for International Studies as it is for Global Studies. In addition, International Studies coursework is focused exclusively on courses found in the College of Letters & Science.

Requirements

The International Studies minor consists of a total of 18 credits, in which students must attain a GPA of 2.0 in all UWM credits attempted for the minor. In addition, the College requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA in all minor credits attempted, including transfer work. Students must complete in residence at UWM at least 9 credits of upper-division courses (numbered 300 and above) in the minor. Students may declare the minor after completing at least 15 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
INTLST 550	Senior Seminar in International Studies: (satisfies L&S research requirement)	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	
ECON 210	Economic Statistics	

GEOG 215	Introduction to Geographic Information Science	
HIST 294	Seminar on Historical Method: Research Techniques	
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis	
POL SCI 203	Introduction to Political Science Research	
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis	
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology	
WGS 411	Women's and Gender Studies Research Methods:	
Options		
Select two courses from one of the options (A, B, or C) listed below:		6
Option A: International Politics and World Affairs		
Option B: International Economics and Development		
Option C: World Languages and Culture		
Electives		
Select 6 credits from the approved list of electives		6
Total Credits		18-19

Option A: International Politics and World Affairs

This option emphasizes political aspects of international studies.

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3
HIST 434	The United States as a World Power in the 20th Century	3
POL SCI 316	International Law	3
POL SCI 337	International Organization and the United Nations	3
POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations: (part of UN Summer Seminar)	3
POL SCI 340	Politics of Nuclear Weapons	3
POL SCI 359	Problems of American Foreign Policy	3
POL SCI 365	Theories and Methods in International Politics	3
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	3
POL SCI 371	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3

Option B: International Economics and Development

This option emphasizes the political, economic, and cultural aspects of developing countries as well as the economic aspects of international studies.

Code	Title	Credits
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	3
BUS ADM 496	International Business	3
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3

ECON 454	International Trade	3
ECON 455	International Finance	3
POL SCI 316	International Law	3
POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	3
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	3
URBPLAN 315	Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization	3
URBPLAN 684	Planning Local Economic Development	3

Option C: World Languages and Culture

This option emphasizes the cultural aspects of international studies, examining topics such as globalization and politics from a range of perspectives.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 355	Globalization, Culture, and Environment	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3
ANTHRO/GLOBAL 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	3
ANTHRO/GLOBAL 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3
ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3
ANTHRO 450	Political Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 543	Cross-Cultural Study of Religion	3
COMPLIT 231	Literature and Religion:	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics:	3
ENGLISH 278	Introduction to World Literatures Written in English:	3
ENGLISH 316	World Cinema:	3
ENGLISH 522	Studies in World Literature Written in English:	3
GLOBAL 321	The Global City in History	3
GLOBAL 351	Language, Media, and Social Practice in Global Communications	3
HIST 210	The Twentieth Century: A Global History	3
HIST 290	Topics in Global History:	3
HIST 372	Topics in Global History:	3
ITALIAN 245	Italian Fictions:	3
ITALIAN 457	Topics in Italian Literature and Culture in Translation:	3
PORTUGS 380	Luso-Brazilian Literature in Translation:	3
PORTUGS 457	Seminar in Luso-Brazilian Literature	3
RUSSIAN 350	Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy in Translation: Major Works	3
RUSSIAN 391	Russian Literature and Culture in Translation:	3
SPANISH 371	Introduction to Latino Literature in English	3
SPANISH 373	Topics in Latino Literature in English:	3
SPANISH 380	Hispanic Literature in Translation:	3

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 232	Survey of African Societies and Cultures	3

AFRIC 311	African Religious Thought and Social Organizations	3
AFRIC 320	Black Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 325	Africa/China Relations	3
AFRIC 329	Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa	3
AFRIC 334	Survey of Black American and Black Brazilian Societies	3
AFRIC 344	Global Black Social Movements	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRIC 352	Extended Families in Black Societies	3
AFRIC 362	Philosophy and Thought in Africa and the Diaspora II	3
AFRIC 414	The Black Woman in America, Africa, and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 420	The Political Economy of Slavery	3
AFRIC 565	Selected Texts/Topics in African & African Diaspora Studies:	3
ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society	3
ANTHRO 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies	3
ANTHRO 156	Food and Culture	3
ANTHRO 250	Women's Roles in Cross-Cultural Perspective	3
ANTHRO 320	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	3
ANTHRO 326	Peoples and Cultures of South Asia	3
ANTHRO 349	Seminar in Ethnography and Cultural Processes	3
ANTHRO 355	Globalization, Culture, and Environment	3
ANTHRO 362	System Failure: Globalization and Language Extinction	3
or GLOBAL 362	System Failure: Globalization and Language Extinction	
ANTHRO 381	Honors Seminar: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
ANTHRO 431	Cities and Culture	3
ANTHRO 440	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 441	Nature, Knowledge, and Technoscience in Anthropological Perspective	3
ANTHRO 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	3
or GLOBAL 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	
ANTHRO 443	Medicine and Pharmaceuticals in the Global Age	3
ANTHRO 445	Psychological Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 446	The Child in Different Cultures	3
ANTHRO 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3
or GLOBAL 447	The Global Politics of Human Rghts	
ANTHRO 448	Cultural and Human Ecology	3
ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3
ANTHRO 450	Political Anthropology	3

ANTHRO 540	Applications of Anthropology	3	ECON 248	Economics of Discrimination	3
ANTHRO 543	Cross-Cultural Study of Religion	3	ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	3	ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ANTHRO 641	Seminar in Anthropology:	3	ECON 328	Environmental Economics	3
ARABIC 111	Cultures and Civilizations of the Muslim Middle East	3	ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3
ART 509	Art & Design Seminar:	3	ECON 353	Economic Development	3
ARTHIST 205	History of Film I: Development of an Art	3	ECON 413	Statistics for Economists	3
ARTHIST 206	History of Film II: Development of an Art	3	ECON 447	Labor Economics	3
ARTHIST 382	Chinese Art and Architecture	3	ECON 454	International Trade	3
ARTHIST 481	Topics in Chinese Art:	3	ECON 455	International Finance	3
BUS ADM 201	Introduction to Financial Accounting	4	ED POL 698	Fieldwork in International Education	1-6
BUS ADM 456	International Financial Management	3	ENGLISH 210	Global Englishes	3
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	3	ENGLISH 214	Writing in the Professions: (International Business Writing)	3
BUS ADM 496	International Business	3	ENGLISH 278	Introduction to World Literatures Written in English:	3
CHINESE 150	Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture	3	ENGLISH 285	Modern Irish Language and Literature in Translation	3
CHINESE 200	Chinese Calligraphy	3	ENGLISH 306	Survey of Irish Literature	3
CHINESE 320	Contemporary Chinese Societies through Film	3	ENGLISH 312	Topics in Film Studies:	3
COMMUN 310	Communication in Organizations	3	ENGLISH 316	World Cinema: (subtitle)	3
COMMUN 350	Intercultural Communication	3	ENGLISH 381	World Literatures Written in English: (subtitle)	3
COMMUN 363	Communication in Human Conflict	3	ENGLISH 404	Language, Power, and Identity	3
COMMUN 450	Cross-Cultural Communication	3	ENGLISH 522	Studies in World Literature Written in English:	3
COMMUN 550	International and Global Communication	3	ENGLISH 622	Seminar in Irish Literature:	3
COMMUN 665	Introduction to Mediation	3	ENGLISH 624	Seminar in Modern Literature:	3
COMMUN 675	Communication in International Mediation and Peacebuilding	3	ENGLISH 625	Seminar in Literary History: (subtitle)	3
COMMUN 681	Seminar in Communication in a World of AIDS	3	ENGLISH 627	Seminar in Literature and Culture:	3
COMPLIT 135	Experiencing Literature in the 21st Century:	3	ETHNIC 250	Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 207	Global Literature from Antiquity to the 1600s:	3	FLL 216	Survey of Civilization:	3
COMPLIT 208	Global Literature from the 17th Century to the Present:	3	FRENCH 311	French for International Business/ Professional Communication: Oral Emphasis	3
COMPLIT 231	Literature and Religion: (Nazis and Anti-Semitic Propaganda)	3	FRENCH 324	Contemporary French Language and Culture	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics:	3	FRENCH 357	Literature of the French-Speaking World in Translation:	3
COMPLIT 233	Literature and Film:	3	FRENCH 361	French for International Business/ Professional Communication: Writing Focus	3
COMPLIT 230	Literature and Society: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 426	Growing Up French	3
COMPLIT 350	Topics in Comparative Literature: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 430	Reaction and Innovation: French Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries	3
COMPLIT 360	Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 431	Seminar in Literature of the Francophone World:	3
COMPLIT 362	Transnational Asian Cinemas: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 432	Seminar in French and Francophone Cultures: (subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 363	Chinese Literature in the Global Context: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 450	Institutions and Culture of Contemporary France	3
COMPLIT 461	Film-Fiction Interaction: (subtitle)	3	FRENCH 451	Cinema of the French-Speaking World: (subtitle)	3
COMPLIT 463	Literary Criticism: Major Authors	3			
COMPLIT 464	Seminar in Comparative Literary Criticism: (subtitle)	3			

FRENCH 510	Seminar on Masterpieces of Literature Written in French:	3	HIST 180	Latin American Society and Culture	3
GEOG 115	Globalization and Economic Development	3	HIST 200	Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues: (Cuba Under Castro)	3
GEOG 125	Introduction to Environmental Geography	3	HIST 210	The Twentieth Century: A Global History	3
GEOG 213	Geography of Asia	3	HIST 236	Britain Since 1688: Rise and Decline of a Great Power	3
GEOG 231	Muslim Geographies: Identities and Politics	3	HIST 242	Women and Gender in Europe: 1750 to the Present (if not selected as one of the introductory courses)	3
GEOG 261	Africa: Topical Analysis	3	HIST 248	The First World War	3
GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3	HIST 249	The Second World War in Europe	3
GEOG 330	Europe: East and West	3	HIST 282	The Modern Middle East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (if not selected as one of the introductory courses)	3
GEOG 400	Population, Environment, Development	3	HIST 286	The Korean War	3
GEOG 421	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 287	The Vietnam War	3
GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3	HIST 290	Topics in Global History:	3
GEOG 470	Geography of South Asia	3	HIST 341	Imperial Russia	3
GERMAN 333	Texts and Contexts	3	HIST 343	Russia Since 1917	3
GERMAN 334	Introduction to German Studies	3	HIST 348	Poland and Its Neighbors, 1945 to the Present	3
GERMAN 360	German for the Global World	3	HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3
GERMAN 410	German Cultural History	3	HIST 364	The Holocaust: Anti-Semitism & the Fate of Jewish People in Europe, 1933-45	3
GERMAN 415	Topics in German Studies:	3	HIST 372	Topics in Global History:	3
GERMAN 460	German Literature from 1945 to the Present	3	HIST 377	Modern China	3
GLOBAL 101	Introduction to Global Studies I: People and Politics	3	HIST 378	Revolution in China	3
GLOBAL 201	Introduction to Global Studies II: Economics and the Environment	3	HIST 386	Africa: The Age of Empires to 1880	3
GLOBAL 202	Introduction to Global Studies III: Globalization and Technology	3	HIST 387	Africa: Imperialism and Independence Since 1880	3
GLOBAL 297	Study Abroad:	1-12	HIST 392	The History of Southern Africa	3
GLOBAL 311	Contexts for Global Management	3	HIST 393	History of Mexico	3
GLOBAL 321	The Global City in History	3	HIST 394	History of Japan to 1600	3
GLOBAL 351	Language, Media, and Social Practice in Global Communications	3	HIST 395	History of Japan Since 1600	3
GLOBAL 362	System Failure: Globalization and Language Extinction	3	HIST 400	Topics in Latin American and Caribbean History:	3
GLOBAL 371	Rethinking Global Security	3	HIST 401	Topics in Middle Eastern History:	3
GLOBAL 442	Humanitarianism in Global Perspective	3	HIST 402	Topics in Asian History:	3
GLOBAL 443	Medicine and Pharmaceuticals in the Global Age	3	HIST 434	The United States as a World Power in the 20th Century	3
GLOBAL 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3	HONORS 200	Honors Seminar: The Shaping of the Modern Mind:	3
GLOBAL 448	Intellectual Property in the Global Information Economy	3	INTLST 260	Introduction to International Careers	2
GLOBAL 451	Access, Security, and Intercultural Contexts in Global Communications	3	INTLST 450	Internship in International Studies	2-6
GLOBAL 471	Strategies for Realizing Security in Global Contexts	3	INTLST 699	Independent Study	1-6
GLOBAL 489	Internship in Global Studies, Upper Division	1-6	ITALIAN 245	Italian Fictions:	3
GLOBAL 497	Study Abroad:	1-12	ITALIAN 256	Introduction to Italian Food Studies: A Cultural History	3
GLOBAL 499	Ad Hoc:	1-6	ITALIAN 312	Contemporary Italian Language and Culture	3
GLOBAL 541	Cross-Cultural Management	3	ITALIAN 321	Introduction to Italian Literature	3
GLOBAL 571		3			
HEBR ST 254	Studies in Hebrew Culture: (subtitle)	3			

ITALIAN 322	Introduction to Italian Literature and Film	3	PORTUGS 277	Portuguese Discussion Section:	1
ITALIAN 457	Topics in Italian Literature and Culture in Translation:	3	PORTUGS 299	Ad Hoc:	1-6
JAPAN 110	Japanese Popular Culture	3	PORTUGS 360	Luso-Brazilian Culture:	3
JAPAN 200	Japanese Culture and Its Effect on Language	3	PORTUGS 380	Luso-Brazilian Literature in Translation:	3
JAPAN 321	Analyzing Hollywood-Japan Film Remakes	3	PORTUGS 457	Seminar in Luso-Brazilian Literature	3
JAPAN 331	Reading Japanese Short Stories	3	PORTUGS 499	Ad Hoc: (Understanding Portuguese-Speaking Africa)	3
JAPAN 441	Business Japanese I	3	RUSSIAN 245	Russian Life and Culture	3
JEWISH 328	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	3	RUSSIAN 350	Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy in Translation: Major Works	3
JEWISH 358	The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture	3	RUSSIAN 391	Russian Literature and Culture in Translation:	3
JEWISH 421	Introduction to Yiddish Literature:	3	SOCIOL 324	Comparative Race Relations	3
LACS 101	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3	SOCIOL 325	Social Change	3
LACUSL 300	Advanced Topics in Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies: (Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Cities)	3	SOCIOL 331	Sociology of Health Care	3
NURS 110	Introduction to Global Health	3	SOCIOL 333	Social Class in Industrial Society	3
PEACEST 201	Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Peace	3	SOCIOL 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
PHILOS 204	Introduction to Asian Religions	3	SOCIOL 450	Environmental Sociology	3
PHILOS 237	Technology, Values, and Society	3	SOCIOL 495	Seminar in Sociology: (International Urban Sociology)	3
POLISH 236	Polish Culture in its Historical Setting	3	SPANISH 225	Understanding the Hispanic World:	3
POL SCI 300	Western European Politics	3	SPANISH 332	Business and Legal Spanish I	3
POL SCI 302	Politics of Eastern Europe	3	SPANISH 342	Business and Legal Spanish II	3
POL SCI 310	Russian and Post-Soviet Politics	3	SPANISH 350	Introduction to Literary Analysis	3
POL SCI 316	International Law	3	SPANISH 371	Introduction to Latino Literature in English	3
POL SCI 320	Politics of Developing Countries	3	SPANISH 373	Topics in Latino Literature in English:	3
POL SCI 325	Latin American Politics	3	SPANISH 380	Hispanic Literature in Translation:	3
POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	3	SPANISH 391	Social and Historical Issues in the Hispanic World:	3
POL SCI 333	Seminar in Comparative Politics:	3	SPANISH 470	Survey of Hispanic Literature and Civilization	3
POL SCI 334	German Politics and the New Europe	3	SPANISH 472	Survey of Spanish-American Literature and Civilization	3
POL SCI 335	Comparative Political Systems	3	SPANISH 474	Survey of Spanish Literature and Civilization	3
POL SCI 337	International Organization and the United Nations	3	SPANISH 491	Topics in Hispanic Culture: (subtitle)	3
POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations:	3	SPANISH 506	Seminar in Spanish Literature: (subtitle)	3
POL SCI 339	European Integration	3	SPANISH 507	Seminar in Spanish-American Literature:	3
POL SCI 340	Politics of Nuclear Weapons	3	SPANISH 570	Seminar in Spanish Golden Age Literature:	3
POL SCI 343	Asian International Relations	3	URBPLAN 315	Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization	3
POL SCI 359	Problems of American Foreign Policy	3	URBPLAN 684	Planning Local Economic Development	3
POL SCI 365	Theories and Methods in International Politics	3	WGS 500	Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: (Gender in Asia)	3
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	3			
POL SCI 371	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3			
POL SCI 381	The Development of Western Political Thought	3			
POL SCI 382	Modern Political Thought	3			
POL SCI 423	Conduct of American Foreign Affairs	3			
PORTUGS 225	Understanding Brazil:	3			

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