INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Students are encouraged to apply for the International Studies major in the first semester of their sophomore year. Applications are available from the Chair of International Studies. Students who apply later in their academic career may find it difficult to complete the requirements of the major, and still graduate from Pacific in four years, especially if they choose to spend an entire year in a study-abroad program. Admission is selective and normally requires a 3.0 GPA. IS majors must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 each semester to remain in the program.

Immediately after being accepted, students must consult with a member of the International Studies faculty, as well as the chair of International Studies, and prepare a complete plan of study that they intend to take in order to fulfill the requirements of the major. This plan should be updated and resubmitted upon return from the study-abroad experience. As part of that plan, each International Studies major must declare an area interest: East Asia, Latin America, Western Europe or International Policy.

International students (that is, foreign nationals studying at Pacific on a student visa), may select the American Studies option. International students may also complete the regular International Studies major but they may not use their native language to fulfill the foreign language requirement. Further, they may not use study in their home country to satisfy the study-abroad requirement.

International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to complete a second major in a standard discipline. If appropriate and with consent of their advisors, some students may complete one senior thesis which fulfills both IS and another major. Generally the thesis requirements in this special case will be not only an original study, but also a considerably longer document. Students majoring in IS may also want to include a multicultural field experience through the Center for Peace and Social Justice, or other relevant internships.

The goals and formal requirements for the major in each of the four areas of emphasis are listed below. Please note that these requirements are slightly different from those for students who complete a major in American Studies.

International Studies with an Asian Studies Emphasis: Requirements for the Major

One of the following:
- IS 201 Intercultural Communication 4 credits
- PSY 160 Culture & Behavior 4 credits

One of the following:
- ANTH 301/SOC 300 Research Methods in Anthropology 4 credits
- PSY 350 Behavioral Statistics 4 credits
- SOC 301 Social Statistics 4 credits

Foreign language study through the 202 level* 8 credits
- 300 + level of language/literature course 4 credits

One of the following:
- HIST 111 Foundations of East Asia 4 credits
- HIST 112 East Asia 4 credits

Study Abroad *
- At least one semester of study abroad in a country related to the student's area of interest and language competence. International students from an Asian country related to their area of interest and language competence are exempt from this requirement.

Electives from the following: 4-8 credits
- HIST 213 Vietnam & the U.S
- HIST 316 China from Mao to Tiananmen
- HUM 213 Introduction to Japanese Literature
- HUM 215 Modernity in Japanese Narrative
- PHIL 305 Asian Philosophy
- IS 401 & IS 402 Senior Thesis 4 credits

TOTAL: 48 credits

International Studies with Latin American Studies Emphasis: Requirements for the Major

One of the following:
- IS 201 Intercultural Communication 4 credits
- PSY 160 Culture & Behavior 4 credits

One of the following:
- ANTH 301/SOC 300 Research Methods in Anthropology 4 credits
- SOC 301 Social Statistics 4 credits
- HIST 391 Research Methods in History 4 credits

Foreign language study through the 202 level* 8 credits
- 300 + level of language/literature course 4 credits

One of the following:
- HIST /POLS 239 Latin America I: Conquest-Independence 4 credits
- HIST/POLS 241 Latin America II: Independence-Present 4 credits

TOTAL: 48 credits
Study Abroad *  
At least one semester of study abroad in a country related to the student’s area of interest and language competence. International students from a Latin American country related to their area of interest and language competence are exempt from this requirement.

Electives from the following:  4-8 credits
- ANTH 210  Mesoamerican Cultures
- ANTH 320  South American Traditional Societies
- BIOL 450  Tropical Rainforest Biology
- ENV 210  Tropical Environmental Biology
- HUM 206  Latin America
- HIST 207  Medieval Spain
- HIST/POLS 239  Latin America I: Conquest-Independence
- POLS 241  Latin America II: Independence-Present
- SPAN 303  Introduction to Hispanic Literature
- SPAN 305  Contemporary Spanish Poetry
- SPAN 310  Contemporary Spanish Music and Culture
- SPAN 325  Mexican-American Cultural Exploration
- SPAN 367  Tapalpa Mexico: Teaching Practicum

IS 401 & IS 402  Senior Thesis  4 credits

TOTAL: 48 credits

International Studies with a Western European Studies Emphasis: Requirements for the Major

One of the following:
- IS 201  Intercultural Communication  4 credits
- PSY 160  Culture & Behavior  4 credits

One of the following:
- ANTH 301/SOC 300  Research Methods in Anthropology  4 credits
- SOC 301  Social Statistics  4 credits
- HIST 391  Research Methods in History  4 credits

Foreign language study through the 202 level*  8 credits
300 + level of language/literature course  4 credits

One of the following:
- HIST 103  Western Civilization II  4 credits
- HIST 104  Western Civilization III  4 credits

Study Abroad *  12-16 credits
At least one semester of study abroad in a country related to the student’s area of interest and language competence. International students from a Western European country related to their area of interest and language competence are exempt from this requirement.

Electives from the following list:  4-8 credits
- BA 312  International Business
- FREN 304  French and Francophone Theatre
- FREN 308/408  France Today
- FREN 320  Woman’s Writing in Francophone World
- HIST 206  France from Caesar to Napoleon
- HIST 208  England from Rome to Revolution
- HIST 232  The Holocaust
- HIST 235  Europe Since World War II
- HIST 237  European Socialism Through Film
- HIST 301  The Medieval World: 400 - 1500
- HIST 338  The Era of the French Revolution
- HIST 401  The World of Charlemagne
- HUM 207  German Film in English
- GER 301  Topics in German Culture
- GER 485  Seminar in German Studies
- POLS 213  Socialism and Its Critics
- POLS 330  National Systems & Global Challenges
- POLS 345  International Political Economy

IS 401 & IS 402  Senior Thesis  4 credits

TOTAL: 48 credits

International Studies with an International Policy Emphasis: Requirements for the Major

Non-U.S. History courses, with one at the 300+ level as approved by the student’s IS advisor.  8 credits
Foreign language study through the 202 level*  8 credits
Foreign language study at 300-level or above  4 credits

Study Abroad *  12 credits
At least one semester of study abroad in a country related to the student’s area of interest and language competence. International students from a country related to their area of interest and language competence are exempt from this requirement.

ECON 102  Economics of markets and governments  4 credits
ECON 329  International Economics  4 credits
Two of the following:  
- BA 312 International Business  
- POLS 330 National Systems and Global Challenges  
- POLS 340 Security, Rights and Globalization  

One of the following:  
- ANTH 210 Mesoamerican Cultures  
- ANTH 320 South American Traditional Societies  
- ENGL 227 Introduction to World Literature  
- IS 201 Intercultural Communication  
- PSJ 225 The Middle East  

One of the following:  
- ANTH 301/SOC 300 Research Methods in Anthropology  
- ECON 321 Introduction to Econometrics  
- PSY 350 Behavioral Statistics  
- SOC 301 Social Statistics  

IS 401 and IS 402 Senior Thesis 4 credits  

Total: 48 credits  

**American Studies Focus: Requirements for the Major**  
*(Available only to International Students)*  

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**Electives:**  
One or two courses chosen by the student and advisor which are appropriate to the student’s interest in American Studies (such as Art, American Education, social issues, environmental issues)  
- 4 credits of upper-division courses in American history  
- 4 credits in American literature  
- 4 credits focused on the United States taken from the social sciences or humanities (excluding history and literature).  

One of the following:  
- ANTH 301/SOC 300 Research Methods in Anthropology  
- ECON 321 Introduction to Econometrics  
- PSY 350 Behavioral Statistics  
- SOC 301 Social Statistics  

Foreign language study through the 202 level 8 credits  

IS 401 & IS 402 Senior Thesis 4 credits  

**TOTAL:** 44-52 credits  

* International students with appropriate languages (German, French, Spanish, Japanese) as their first language in their area of study are exempt from the study abroad and language requirements in that area of study.  

**COURSES**  

**IS-155 Special Topics**  
See department for course description.  

**IS-201 Intercultural Communication**  
This course develops awareness and skills for effective communication among people of different cultures. It explores problems related to value differences and examines perceptual relativity, cultural self-awareness, verbal and nonverbal behavior, value analysis, and communication strategies. For both United States and International students. Counts toward core requirement: Comparative Cultural. 4 credits.  

**IS-220 Introduction to International Studies**  
This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the many interpretive and methodological approaches used by scholars in the growing field of International Studies. The course uses an interdisciplinary approach to understand the global flow of people and commodities as well as some key events and institutions that shape contemporary power relations. Also listed as ANTH 220. 4 credits.  

**IS-255 Special Topics**  
See department for course description.  

**IS-275 Internship**  
See department for details. Internship contract required. 1-4 credits.
IS-311  Global Skills I: Prepare
This course is designed to develop your intercultural communication skills and broaden your worldview for a smoother adaption to study abroad or other cross-cultural contexts. You'll get the most out of your cross-cultural experience and learn to communicate in diverse social and cultural settings. "Global Skills 1" is part of a 3-course program to maximize your learning experience; see IS/HUM 302 and IS/HUM 303. Also listed as HUM 311. Counts toward core requirements: International Perspectives and Diverse Perspectives. 2 credits. IP/DP.

IS-312  Global Skills II: Engage
This is an online course to support Pacific students studying abroad or participating in a semester-long cross-cultural experience, and it is open to international students studying at Pacific. Through online discussions, experiential assignments and written reflection, you will engage in processing your intercultural experiences while they are happening. As a result, you will adapt more effectively and deeply with your host culture. Global Skills 2 is part of a 3-course program to develop intercultural competence. See descriptions for IS/HUM 301 & 303. Prerequisite: IS 311 or HUM 311 (exception for international students at Pacific University). Counts toward core requirements: International Perspectives and Diverse Perspectives. 1 credit.

IS-313  Global Skills III: Leverage
In this course, you will learn how to articulate your intercultural experience as an advantage on resumes and during job interviews. Additionally, the course is designed to help you retain your intercultural communication skills, which typically fade after re-entry. The course will support you through your "reverse culture shock" and help you to transition from study-abroad or cross-cultural programs. GS 3 students may help mentor GS 1 students. Global Skills 3 is part of a 3-course program to develop intercultural competence. See descriptions for IS/HUM 311 & 312. Prerequisites: IS 311 or HUM 311 AND IS 312 or HUM 312. Counts towards core requirements: International Perspectives and Diverse Perspectives. 1 credit.

IS-318  The Business of Capitalism in East Asia
In the past sixty-odd years, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and, most recently, China, have all become leading economic powers in the world. How did this happen? Why did it happen? Is there such a thing as an "East Asian Business Model"? This course is a comparative history of how capitalism developed in East Asia, with a particular focus on the post-World War Two era. Topics will include the role of science and technology, the interwar economy, the so-called East Asian Model of development, the "Japanese miracle," the rise of "Market Socialism" in China, the Japanese "bubble economy," and the role of "traditional" Asian cultures and heritages. Prerequisites: Junior standing (60 or more completed credits). Counts toward core requirement: International Perspectives. 4 credits.

IS-355  Special Topics
See department for course description.

IS-395  Independent Study
See department for details. Independent study contract required.

IS-401  Senior Seminar and Thesis
Sources, materials, and methods of research, writing, and critical analysis. Preparation and defense of major research project. Prerequisite: Senior standing (90 or more completed credits) and declared International Studies major. 2 credits.

IS-402  Senior Seminar and Thesis
A continuation of IS 401. Sources, materials, and methods of research, writing, and critical analysis. Preparation and defense of major research project. Prerequisite: IS 401. 2 credits.

IS-450  Special Topics in International Studies
This seminar course is an elective which focuses on topics of special interest to students and International Studies faculty. The course allows students to explore possible topics for their thesis and the methods for approaching those topics. Students may take the course concurrently with IS 401. Prerequisite: Senior standing (90 or more completed credits) and study abroad. May be repeated for credit. 4 credits.

IS-455  Special Topics
See department for course description.

IS-475  Internship
See department for details. Internship contract required.

IS-495  Independent Research
Designed to assist students who are embarked upon Senior Thesis work. These are student-conducted individual research projects. Senior Standing in IS. Independent study contract required.