

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR** (Available beginning fall 2013)

*Preparing the World Leaders of Tomorrow*

### **WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR?**

This program offers broad training in the liberal arts and social sciences, emphasizing the study of foreign languages, and a specialization in a focus area. The curriculum reflects the university's firm belief in the importance of understanding the world community for the education of the leaders of tomorrow.

### **WHY JOIN THE PROGRAM?**

International Studies students share a keen interest in:

- The world beyond the borders of the United States
- History, politics, religion, philosophy, and diverse nationalities and cultures
- International affairs, government service, journalism, or international development
- Becoming proficient in a foreign language and communicating effectively with people from different backgrounds
- Studying abroad for a summer or a semester in order to further their education.

IS students form a major concentration around one of three "focus areas" -- Arts and Letters, Social Sciences, or Business. Students can tailor their major to meet their own interests and leverage these toward specific career goals.

The International Studies Major requires 9 hours of upper-level course work in one foreign language, usually French, German, or Spanish. The flexibility of the program allows students to complete a second major in a foreign language or to double major in one of the focus areas.

### **WHAT DOES ONE DO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DEGREE?**

Students apply critical thinking skills, an understanding of global issues, and language ability, working successfully in positions such as:

- Executive officers and managers in multinational corporations
- Foreign Service officers or civil servants in the Pentagon and intelligence agencies
- Administrators for foreign aid and international development organizations
- Foreign analysts and strategists for global political groups
- Candidates for law school and graduate schools in this country and abroad.

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE IS MAJOR?**

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### **B.A. Degree in International Studies – Admission to the Major**

Students desiring this major should declare their interest to the chairperson of one of the following departments: Department of History and Geography; Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Journalism; or Department of Philosophy and Religion. At that point each individual student will be assigned a faculty advisor in one of those departments. Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to declare this major.

### **Degree Requirements**

All International Studies students are required to take a total of 36 credits that must include the following: 9 credits from a common core of courses in geography, history or humanities, and political science; 9 credits of upper-level course work in a single foreign language; 12 credits in one focus area in either arts and letters, social sciences, or business; and 6 credits of electives selected from any IS-designated courses. See the major-minor form or the catalog (listed under the English/Foreign Languages/Journalism Department or the History and Geography Department) for a complete list of IS-designated courses.

#### **Core Courses**

	Credits	
GEO 100	World Geography	
HIS 120	Modern World History OR	
HIS 230	Modern Europe: 1789 to the Present OR	
HUM 205	Humanities: American Revolution to the Present	
PSC 200	International Politics OR	
PSC 210	Comparative Political Systems	
9 credits of upper-level courses in a single Foreign Language		
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

#### **Focus areas**

##### **Arts and Letters option\***

12 credit hours of upper-level course work selected from any IS-designated ART, ENG, HIS, HUM, MUS, PHL, or REL courses.

##### **Social Sciences option\***

12 credit hours of upper-level course work selected from any IS-designated COM, ECO, GEO, PSC, PSY, or SOC courses.

##### **Business option\***

12 credit hours of upper-level course work selected from any IS-designated ECO, FIN, GBA, MGT, or MKT courses.

**SUBTOTAL**      **12**

\*To satisfy the Focus area requirement in these two options, students must complete 9 hours of course work in a single prefix-designated area of study and 3 hours of course work in any other area of study included within the Focus area.

#### **Electives**

6 additional credit hours selected from any IS-designated courses

**SUBTOTAL**      **6**

**TOTAL**              **36**

The BA requires at least 12 credits in a single foreign language. Upper-level foreign language courses have pre-requisites; see the course listings in the MWSU catalog for more information.