**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?**  
Contact: Dr. Steve Greiert, History and Geography Department, Popplewell 114, 271-4390  
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Hennessy@missouriwestern.edu
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

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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.