International Studies (INT)

Undergraduate College Academy Minor in International Studies

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The interdisciplinary minor in International Studies provides an integrated view of global processes through a critical examination of the world’s institutions, ideas, cultures, and historical traditions. Students should develop a strong grasp of current social, political, and economic developments in the world, and be able to apply this knowledge to analyze both the opportunities and problems created by global processes, and the possibilities for social activism and change. The minor is open to all undergraduates regardless of academic major or place of residence. As part of the minor requirements, students select a world region to study from among the following: Africa, Asia, Europe, Eurasia (post-Soviet states including Russia), Latin America/the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in study abroad programs. With the approval of the director, credits earned for courses taken abroad may count toward fulfillment of the minor. In addition, the minor is a living learning center program affiliated with Stimson International College. Students are encouraged to live in Stimson College and actively participate in college events, but this is not required for completion of the minor.

Requirements for the Minor in International Studies (INT)

All courses offered for the minor must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the minor requires 20 credits.

1. INT 201 Democracy and Capitalism
2. Two courses chosen from the following:
   - AMR 101 Local and Global: National Boundaries and World-Systems
   - ANT 102 What Makes Us Human?
   - ANT 230 Peoples of the World
   - EUR 101 The Foundations of European Culture
   - EUR 201 The Development of European Culture
   - LIN 101 Introduction to Linguistics
   - PHI 105 Politics and Society
   - POL 101 World Politics
   - POL 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics
   - SOC 105 Introduction to Sociology
3. Three courses (9 credits) from any department focusing on the student's regional area of study. Two of these courses must be numbered 300 or higher.
4. INT 401 Global Social Problems

Note: Only with prior approval of the faculty director will study abroad be considered as a substitute for Requirement 3.

Declaration of the Minor

Students should declare the International Studies minor during their sophomore year or the beginning of the junior year, at which time they consult the director and plan their course of study.
INT 201: Democracy and Capitalism
Introduction to the two major ideologies and structures shaping the world today: democracy and the interstate political system, and capitalism and the world-economy. How they came into being, how they have been transformed over time, and how and whether they continue to be transformed. The course seeks to understand global connections between democracy and capitalism, and how the workings of the interstate system and the world-economy combine to impact power, culture, and social change at both the global and local level.
2 credits

INT 302: Colloquium in International Studies
A colloquium on international studies involving guest experts who discuss particular world topics or regional specialties. Students also contribute class discussions, oral presentations, and a substantial essay on themes drawn from various topics and regions. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for as the topic changes.
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Standing
1 credit

INT 401: Global Social Problems
The consequences of the "globalization" of social, economic, and political life around the world. Topics include economic inequality and poverty; environmental degradation; AIDS epidemics; gender inequality and patriarchy; racism; human rights issues; migration and immigration and how they have shaped and been shaped by the social, political and economic dynamics underlying them. Consideration of the possibilities of global-local activism and social change. Conducted as part seminar and part practicum.
Prerequisites: INT 201; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

INT 487: Independent Study in International Studies
Independent research projects on international studies by upper-division students in the minor under the supervision of an instructor. May be repeated twice.
Prerequisites: INT 201; U3 or U4 standing; permission of director of the minor
SBC: EXP+