

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

International Studies at SIUE

International studies is an interdisciplinary degree program designed to help students reflect on and engage in the complex social, political, economic and cultural interrelations that exist among nations and regions of our increasingly globalized world. The program offers a broad range of curricular options in the College of Arts and Sciences, allowing students to explore, in regards to various peoples and across populations, aspects related to geography, history, religion, government, trade, communication, languages and literatures, music and arts, social justice, and environmental challenges. Students in the program will learn critical and analytical problem-solving skills that they can apply to contemporary global issues.

The international studies major is an interdisciplinary 120-hour course of study including, in addition to general education and foreign language requirements, core courses, international travel study, and electives. Students declaring a major in international studies must select one of the three concentration areas and a minor.

Concentration Areas**International Relations and Diplomacy**

Students who choose this concentration have a career interest in the art and practice of conducting negotiations between representatives of groups, governments or international organizations. Students gain the skills to engage in international relations through the intercession of professional diplomats with regard to issues of peacemaking, war, trade, economics, environment, culture and human rights.

International Art, Culture and Communication

Students who choose this concentration have a career interest in the development, preservation, promotion and strengthening of arts and national cultures to meet the challenges and opportunities of globalization and technological change. They also seek to improve access to knowledge, build networks, promote understanding and enhance cooperation between art, culture and communication councils and agencies at national and international levels. Additionally, they seek opportunities to support cultural diversity in the media and the arts.

International Development and Sustainability

Students who choose this concentration have a career interest in global sustainable development through innovation, research and relationships that span the entire world. Sustainable development goes to the heart of tackling a number of interrelated global issues such as inequality, poverty, hunger and environmental degradation.

Career Opportunities

Graduates with a bachelor's degree in international studies are qualified for many positions in diplomacy or with nonprofits, governmental organizations and businesses. Students can apply their knowledge of globalization, language and culture in workplace settings in the areas of foreign service, foreign aid or international intergovernmental organizations. Examples of government agencies seeking these graduates are the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. In recent years, there have been hundreds of thousands of export related jobs and employment opportunities with foreign firms in Illinois and in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Possible job titles include: foreign service specialist; human rights advocate; lobbyist and administrative/legislative aid; Peace Corps officer; teacher of English as a foreign language in international settings; family and community support service provider for humanitarian agencies in the United States and internationally; and business consultant in international firms.

Hands-On Learning

Students in this program have multiple opportunities to apply their newly acquired knowledge. Each international studies major is required to take six (6) credit hours of international travel study, either for the duration of a semester or during a summer session, and thus experience immersion in a foreign culture and first-hand exposure to international issues. An internship with an international focus is not required, but highly encouraged as an elective course. An independent project option is also available as an elective course and allows students to deepen their involvement with international issues.

Additionally, during their senior year, each international studies major is required to create a capstone project that integrates a thematic focus and a regional focus. For example, combining the theme of human rights and the region of Latin America in a project about the issue of street children in Brazil.

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2010, University of North Dakota

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2003, Texas A&M

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2010, Washington University in St. Louis

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2012, Binghamton University

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2007, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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2004, Washington University

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1996, McGill University

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2010, Temple University

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Year	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 Foreign Language 101 (FL, BICS) 4 ACS 101 Public Speaking (NFS) 3 Breadth Social Science (BSS) 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 Total Credits 16	ENG 102 English Composition II 3 Foreign Language 102 (FL, EGC) 4 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 Breadth Life Sciences (BLS, EL) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 2	INTS 200 Essentials of International Studies 3 Foreign Language 201 (FL) 4 GEOG 201 World Regions 3 QR 101 Quantitative Reasoning 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Total Credits 16	POLS 370 Intro to International Relations 3 Foreign Language 202 (FL) 4 Health Experience (EH) 2 Experience United States Cultures (EUSC)* 3 INTS Elective** 3 Total Credits 15
Year 3	IS Course (one of the recommended) 3 INTS Electives** or International Travel Study 6 Minor 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15	INTS Elective** 3 INTS Electives** or International Travel Study 6 Minor 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	INTS Electives** or International Travel Study 6 Minor 3 General Elective 3 General Elective 3 Total Credits 15	INTS 499 Senior Assignment 3 Minor 3 General Elective 3 General Elective 3 Total Credits 12

NOTES – A grade of C or better is required in ALL international studies courses.

*Course taken to meet this requirement may meet other General Education requirements. Please refer to the SIUE Undergraduate Catalog.

**INTS Majors - INTS electives are selected from accompanying course list and will vary depending on the concentration being pursued.

Transfer Students To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer.

Global Experience

A variety of coursework that is part of the international studies A variety of coursework that is part of the international studies program is related to global experiences. The program benefits from: an outstanding set of cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary core and elective courses; a focus on combining the theoretical learning about social, political, economic and cultural developments in different world regions with hands-on applications of such knowledge by means of a foreign language requirement, a study abroad component, a senior assignment experience, as well as possibilities of internships and independent projects; and various opportunities to tap into existing and emerging groups and networks on the SIUE campus, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking a bachelor's degree in international studies at SIUE are highly recommended to complete at least three (3) to four (4) years of a foreign language. High school students who plan to major in international studies at SIUE are expected to meet SIUE's general undergraduate admission requirements.

To be admitted to the international studies program, students must:

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the general education requirements for writing skills courses (i.e. ENG 101 and 102 or equivalent).
- Admission into this program requires an application to declare a major. Students declaring a major in international studies must select, in consultation with the program director and the program adviser, one of the three concentration areas and a minor.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete all general education and specific program/concentration requirements. SIUE students must complete a 120-hour course of study to graduate. Students in the International Studies program must complete a 36-credit hour University General Education requirement (including a choice of an IS course with a global focus, a 42-credit hour major requirement, including 12 credit hours of core courses, 6 credit hours of international travel study, and 24 credit hours of major electives). An internship experience with an international focus is not required but highly encouraged as an elective course. Any additional special topic courses may be approved for elective credit.
- Complete all requirements for the academic minor. Students in the program must complete an 18-hour minor.
- Receive a grade of C or better in ALL major coursework.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in SIUE coursework.
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which the student plans to graduate.

Core Courses

- INTS 200 Essentials of International Studies
- GEOG 201 World Regions
- POLS 370 Introduction to International Relations
- INTS 499 International Studies Senior Assignment

International Travel Study

This major requires six (6) credit hours of international travel study, either for the duration of a semester or during a summer session, and thus immersion in a foreign culture and first-hand exposure to international issues.

Elective Courses

Major electives may be selected from an array of academic areas within the College of Arts and Sciences, including: anthropology, applied communication studies, art and design, criminal justice studies, economics, English language & literature, environmental sciences, foreign languages & literature, geography, history, international studies, interdisciplinary studies (IS), mass communications, music, philosophy, political science, public administration and policy analysis, social work, sociology, and theater and dance.