



UNDERGRADUATE

# International Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

SIUE

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## International Studies at SIUE

International studies is 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 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
- 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.

### 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 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 firsthand exposure to international issues.

## Concentration Areas

### International Art, Culture and Communication

Students choosing this concentration may 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. Students will learn to:

- Improve access to knowledge
- Build networks
- Promote understanding
- Enhance cooperation between art, culture and communication councils, and agencies at national and international levels
- Seek opportunities to support cultural diversity in the media and the arts

### International Development and Sustainability

Students who choose this concentration may 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.

### International Relations and Diplomacy

Students who choose this concentration may have a career interest in the art and practice of conducting negotiations between representatives of groups, governments or international organizations. Students will gain the skills necessary to engage in international relations through the intercession of professional diplomats with regard to issues of:

## Degrees Available at SIUE

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies

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# Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
	Foreign Language 101 (FL, BICS)	4	Foreign Language 102 (FL, EGC)	4
	ACS 101 Public Speaking	3	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation	3
	Breadth Social Science (BSS)	3	Breadth Humanities (BHUM)	3
	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	Breadth Life Sciences (BLS, EL)	3
	FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE	1	Total Credits	16
	Total Credits	17		
Year 2	INTS 200 Essentials of International Studies	3	POLS 370 Intro to International Relations	3
	Foreign Language 201 (FL)	4	Foreign Language 202 (FL)	4
	GEOG 201 World Regions	3	Health Experience (EH)	1
	QR 101 Quantitative Reasoning	3	Experience United States Cultures (EUSC)*	3
	Breadth Physical Science (BPS)	3	INTS Elective**	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	14
Year 3	IS Course (one of the recommended)	3	INTS Elective**	3
	INTS Electives** or International Travel Study	6	INTS Electives** or International Travel Study	6
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
Year 4	INTS Electives** or International Travel Study	6	INTS 499 Senior Assignment	3
	INTS Elective**	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	Minor/Elective	3
	General Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12
			<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

**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.

Bachelor of Arts requires completion of eight courses in fine and performing arts or humanities, including two semesters of the same foreign language.

**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. Visit [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

## What can I do with a degree in international studies?

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.

Government agencies seeking international studies graduates include:

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Defense
- National Security Agency
- 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
- Business consultant in international firms

## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking a bachelor's degree in international studies are expected to meet SIUE's general undergraduate admission requirements.

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies
- Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Complete the general education requirements for writing foundation 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 advisor, one of the three concentration areas and a minor.

## Graduation Requirements

- Receive a grade of C or better in all major coursework
- Complete all requirements for the academic minor
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in coursework completed at SIUE
- File an application for graduation by the first day of the term in which the student plans to graduate.

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This information is concurrent with the 2022-2023 academic catalog. Courses are subject to change at any time.