

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BA

Students in UWM's International Studies program take courses in political science, economics, geography, anthropology, sociology, history, and foreign languages to build a program around their own specialized interests in international relations, politics, economics, development, and language. The International Studies (IS) major offers a number of special options designed to help students deepen their knowledge of international affairs.

Understanding how international relations and processes work is essential for living and working in the world today. The International Studies major gives students broad knowledge of people, places, and institutions, and cultivates the skills necessary to be adaptable and marketable in a fast-moving global economy. International studies majors learn to analyze problems across cultural and national boundaries, adapt to new and foreign situations, and problem-solve across different areas and formats.

With this background, students have job opportunities in many different industries and are prepared for many different roles. Career choices immediately after college are often influenced by the hands-on experiences obtained during the college years. Students are encouraged to explore all of their options through internships, part-time jobs, and volunteer experiences. Students may opt to complete an internship for credit as part of the International Studies major.

Similarly, a study abroad (<http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/>) experience can open up new opportunities that would not have even been imagined prior to going abroad. UWM has programs at more than 70 sites around the world that vary in length from 2 to 3 weeks, to semester-long, to even a full year. Because of the complexities of planning a study abroad experience, students are encouraged to start planning early in sophomore year. Most students engage in study abroad during their junior year. Studying abroad is strongly encouraged for all International Studies majors, but not required.

Students often ask about the differences between International Studies and Global Studies at UWM. International Studies coursework is focused on the social sciences rather than on foreign languages, literature, and culture. International Studies seeks to understand and explain international political, economic, social, and cultural relations analytically, using the methods of social sciences. The foreign language requirements for the International Studies program are not as extensive as those in Global Studies. For International Studies majors, studying abroad and internships are optional rather than required.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	30
	L&S Requirements (general degree and major requirements)	75
	Electives	15
Total Credits		120

Credit numbers reflect total possible credits towards degree. Due to the ability to count courses towards more than one requirement, credit amounts will vary. Please work with your academic advisor on your plan of study.

Preparatory Coursework

Based on individual placement results, some students may be required to complete preparatory coursework before enrolling in the courses listed

here. This may include English language or composition preparation, developmental math, introductory chemistry, and/or student support courses for students participating in the First Year Bridge program.

General Education Requirements (GER)

UW-Milwaukee has General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#generaleducationtext>) that must be met in order to earn a bachelor's or associate degree. They include at minimum 30 credits (10 courses) in six categories that are designed to assure basic student competencies and provide a broad body of knowledge as a context for specialization.

Some degree requirements may fulfill GERs. Please review the requirements and consult with your academic advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Categories and Credits		
	Civics and Perspectives (CP)	6
	Communication and Literacy (CL)	6
	Humanities and Arts (HA)	6
	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)	3
	Natural Science and Wellness (NSW/NSWL)	6
	Social and Behavioral Science (SBS)	3
Total Credits		30

Letters and Science Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science with 36 of the 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered 300 or above) courses.

The College requires that students must complete, in residence at UWM, at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. The College also requires that students complete at least 30 credits overall in residence at UWM. For additional residency and transfer credit limitations, see L&S Undergraduate Policies and Regulations (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext>).

Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#bachelorsdegreegeneraleducation>) and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

The degree requirements in the College of Letters and Science build on the University General Education Requirements to provide a broad base of knowledge as well as an array of skills cited by employers as critical to professional success: critical thinking, problem solving, oral and written communication, ability to work well with others, and adaptability to change.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), students must complete the UWM General Education Requirements as well as these L&S requirements:

the International requirement, the Breadth requirement, a Natural Science Lab requirement, the Research requirement, and a Language other than English requirement. The International requirement develops student potential for cross-cultural understanding in a globalizing world. The Breadth requirement ensures that students take classes in a wide variety of subjects, across humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The Research requirement calls for students to build critical thinking and oral and written communication skills through conducting an independent research project in their major. The Language other than English requirement further develops student proficiency in a language other than English. And, the requirement that students take an L&S Natural Science lab ensures exposure to and practice with the scientific method in action.

I. Total Credits and Upper-Division Courses Requirement

Students must complete 120 credits including 75 credits in the College of Letters & Science with 36 of those 75 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered 300 and above) courses.

II. Language other than English Requirement

Students doing the B.A. must fulfill a language other than English requirement by either successfully completing the fourth semester of university work or equivalent in one language other than English, or by successfully completing the second semester of university work or equivalent in two languages other than English (including all languages other than English and American Sign Language).

Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work. Proficiency tests approved by the Languages faculty may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement.

III. International Requirement

To meet the International Requirement, students must successfully complete some two-course (minimum 6 credits) combination of:

1. Courses with L&S approved international content (see Courses Approved for the L&S International Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement/>) for course options).
2. Any study abroad course(s).

Students who graduate secondary school in a country other than the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.

IV. Breadth Requirement

In addition to completing the University General Education Requirements, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement to obtain deeper experience across our three substantive divisions.

The L&S Breadth requirement calls for 9 credits each in L&S courses designated L&S Humanities, L&S Natural Sciences, and L&S Social Sciences breadth. One of the L&S Natural Science breadth courses must include a laboratory or fieldwork experience.

Please refer to the list of Courses Approved for the L&S Breadth Requirement (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/>).

V. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including

any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Students should contact their major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete, in residence at UWM, at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/>).

VI. The Minor

Students are encouraged to consider completing a minor, but it is not required. To complete a minor, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. The minor must contain at least 9 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 and above) courses taken at UWM.

International Studies Major Requirements

International Studies majors are required to complete a minimum of 30 credits, of which at least 15 must be in upper-division courses (numbered 300 or above) taken in residence at UWM. No more than 18 credits toward fulfilling the major may be taken in any one department. Credits cannot be taken on a credit/no credit basis.

Students must attain a 2.0 GPA in all UWM credits attempted for the major. In addition, the College requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA in all major credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Students may receive credit toward the International Studies (IS) major for participation in study abroad programs or the International Politics & Foreign Policy Summer Seminar. Credit towards the major also may be obtained through a semester-long internship in an international business, a government office, or a private organization with an international focus, either in Milwaukee or abroad.

Some courses below are listed as options to fulfill more than one international studies major requirement. But each course may only be used once to fulfill a major requirement. For example, a course taken to fulfill a core course requirement cannot be counted as also fulfilling an elective requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements for the Major		
Introductory Requirements		
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 104	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
POL SCI 102	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL SCI 106	Politics of the World's Nations	3
Core Courses		
Select two of the following core courses:		6
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	
ECON 353	Economic Development	
POL SCI 316	International Law	

POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	
Methods Course		
Select one of the following methods courses: 3		
ECON 210	Economic Statistics	
GEOG 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography	
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis	
POL SCI 203	Introduction to Political Science Research	
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis	
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology	
Research Course		
Select one of the following research requirement courses: 3		
ECON 454	International Trade	
ECON 455	International Finance	
POL SCI 312	The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes	
POL SCI 314	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy	
POL SCI 325	Latin American Politics	
POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations:	
POL SCI 345	Korean Politics and Foreign Policy	
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	
Electives		
Select 6 credits from the list of electives for a total of 30 credits in the major 6		
Total Credits		30

Electives

In addition to the elective courses listed below, students may use any foreign language courses at the 300 level or above, which are conducted in that foreign language.

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 325	Africa/China Relations	3
AFRIC 334	Survey of Black American and Black Brazilian Societies	3
AFRIC 344	Global Black Social Movements	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
AFRIC 565	Topics in African & African Diaspora Studies: ¹	3
ANTHRO 439	Culture and Global Health	3
ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3
ANTHRO 450	Political Anthropology	3
BUS ADM 456	International Financial Management	3
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	3
BUS ADM 496	International Business	3
COMMUN 350	Intercultural Communication	3
COMMUN 363	Communication in Human Conflict	3
COMMUN 450	Cross-Cultural Communication	3

COMMUN 550	International and Global Communication	3
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 310	Introduction to Econometrics and Data Science	3
ECON 328	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3
ECON 404	Economic Applications of Game Theory	3
ECON 411	Economic Forecasting Methods	3
ECON 413	Statistics for Economists	3
ECON 447	Labor Economics	3
ECON 450	Health Economics	3
ECON 454	International Trade	3
ECON 455	International Finance	3
ECON 489	Internship in Economics, Upper Division	1-6
ED POL 698	Fieldwork in International Education	1-6
GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3
GEOG 330	Europe: East and West	3
GEOG 333	Muslim Geographies: Identities and Politics	3
GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3
GLOBAL 391	Black Lives Matter: A Global Comparative Study	3
GLOBAL 446	The Re-Configuring Global Order	3
GLOBAL 489	International Internship in Global Studies, Upper Division	1-9
HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3
HIST 372	Topics in Global History: ¹	3
HIST 387	Modern Africa	3
HIST 393	History of Mexico	3
HIST 402	Topics in Asian History: ¹	3
HIST 434	The United States as a World Power in the 20th Century	3
INTLST 450	Internship in International Studies	2-6
JEWISH 328	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
JEWISH 358	The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture	3
NURS 301	Introduction to Global Health	3
POL SCI 310	Russian and Post-Soviet Politics	3
POL SCI 312	The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes	3
POL SCI 314	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy	3
POL SCI 316	International Law	3
POL SCI 325	Latin American Politics	3
POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	3
POL SCI 333	Seminar in Comparative Politics:	3
POL SCI 335	Comparative Political Systems	3
POL SCI 337	International Organization and the United Nations	3

POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations:	3
POL SCI 343	Asian International Relations	3
POL SCI 345	Korean Politics and Foreign Policy	3
POL SCI 359	Problems of American Foreign Policy	3
POL SCI 361	History of International Political Thought	3
POL SCI 365	Theories and Methods in International Politics	3
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	3
POL SCI 371	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3
POL SCI 374	Health, Wealth, and Democracy	3
POL SCI 377	Elections in the Modern World	3
POL SCI 379	Morality, Conflict and War	3
POL SCI 391	Current Crises and Events in International Relations	3
SOCIOL 324	Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts	3
SOCIOL 325	Social Change	3
SOCIOL 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
SPANISH 391	Social and Historical Issues in the Hispanic World:	3
SPANISH 470	From the Middle Ages to Modernity: The Rise of the Hispanic World	3
URBPLAN 315	Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization	3
URB STD 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
URB STD 450	Urban Growth and Development: A Global View	3
WGS 401	Global Feminisms	3
WGS 500	Advanced Research Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: ¹	3

¹ For these courses with different subtopics, consult with the coordinator of the International Studies program to make sure the subtopic can count towards the major.

International Studies BA Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the International Studies program will be able to:

- Identify and explain major concepts, theories, actors, and dominant paradigms of international studies.
- Create descriptions and arguments about the situations and impacts of international actors and their relationship to the United States.
- Compose and present materials using the concepts and subject knowledge of international studies.

Current students with questions about the International Studies major can contact the Director, Shale Horowitz (shale@uwm.edu).

Letters & Science Advising

During your time at UWM, you may have multiple members of your success team, including advisors, peer mentors and success coaches. Letters & Science students typically work with at least two different types of advisors as they pursue their degrees: professional college advisors

and faculty advisors. L&S college advisors advise across your entire degree program while departmental faculty advisors focus on the major.

College advisors are located in Holton Hall (or virtually for online students) and serve as your primary advisor. They are your point person for your questions about navigating college and completing your degree. College advisors will:

- Assist you in defining your academic and life goals.
- Help you create an educational plan that is consistent with those goals.
- Assist you in understanding curriculum, major and degree requirements for graduation, as well as university policies and procedures.
- Provide you with information about campus and community resources and refer you to those resources as appropriate.
- Monitor your progress toward graduation and completion of requirements.

Faculty advisors mentor students in the major and assist them in maximizing their development in the program. You will begin working with a faculty advisor when you declare your major. Faculty advisors are an important partner and will:

- Help you understand major requirements and course offerings in the department.
- Explain opportunities for internships and undergraduate research and guide you in obtaining those experiences.
- Serve as an excellent resource as you consider potential graduate programs and career paths in your field.

Students are encouraged to meet with both their college advisor and faculty advisor at least once each semester. Appointments are available in-person, by phone or by video.

Currently enrolled students should use the Navigate360 website (<https://uwm.navigate.eab.com/>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor or call (414) 229-4654 if you do not currently have an assigned Letters & Science advisor. Prospective students who haven't enrolled in classes yet should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

Honors in the Major

Honors and high honors in the major are awarded at graduation to students who achieve the following:

Honors: at least a 3.0 overall GPA with a 3.5 GPA on all credits attempted in the major and a 3.50 GPA on all advanced credits attempted in the major;

High Honors: at least a 3.0 overall GPA with a 3.75 GPA on all credits attempted in the major and a 3.75 GPA on all advanced credits attempted in the major.

College of Letters and Science Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.