

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, MINOR

Students in UWM's International Studies minor 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) minor 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 minor 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 minors 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 enhance their skill set preparing them for today's job opportunities in many different industries and 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, which may be completed for credit as part of the program.

Similarly, while not required for the minor, 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 a few weeks of immersion, to semester-long, to even full year programs.

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 the social sciences. The foreign language requirements for the International Studies program are not as extensive as those in Global Studies. For International Studies minors, studying abroad and internships are optional rather than required.

Requirements

The International Studies minor consists of a total of 18 credits. Students must complete in residence at UWM at least 9 credits of upper-division courses (numbered 300 and above) in the minor. No more than 12 credits toward fulfilling the minor may be taken in any one department.

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

Students may receive credit toward the International Studies (IS) minor for participation in study abroad programs or the International Politics & Foreign Policy Summer Seminar. Credit towards the minor 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 minor requirement. But each course may only be used once to fulfill a minor requirement. For example, a course taken to fulfill a core course requirement cannot be counted as also fulfilling an elective requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Introductory Course		
Select one of the following introductory courses:		3
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 104	Principles of Macroeconomics	
POL SCI 102	Introduction to International Relations	
POL SCI 106	Politics of the World's Nations	
Core Course		
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	
HIST 294	Seminar on Historical Method: Research Techniques	
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	
Electives		
Select 6 credits from the approved list of electives		6
Total Credits		18

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: (with appropriate subtitle)	3
ANTHRO 439	Culture and Global Health	3

ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3	POL SCI 310	Russian and Post-Soviet Politics	3
ANTHRO 450	Political Anthropology	3	POL SCI 312	The Politics of Authoritarian Regimes	3
BUS ADM 456	International Financial Management	3	POL SCI 314	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy	3
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	3	POL SCI 316	International Law	3
BUS ADM 496	International Business	3	POL SCI 325	Latin American Politics	3
COMMUN 310	Communication in Organizations	3	POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	3
COMMUN 350	Intercultural Communication	3	POL SCI 333	Seminar in Comparative Politics:	3
COMMUN 363	Communication in Human Conflict	3	POL SCI 335	Comparative Political Systems	3
COMMUN 450	Cross-Cultural Communication	3	POL SCI 337	International Organization and the United Nations	3
COMMUN 550	International and Global Communication	3	POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations:	3
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	3	POL SCI 343	Asian International Relations	3
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	POL SCI 345	Korean Politics and Foreign Policy	3
ECON 310	Introduction to Econometrics and Data Science	3	POL SCI 359	Problems of American Foreign Policy	3
ECON 328	Environmental Economics	3	POL SCI 361	History of International Political Thought	3
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3	POL SCI 365	Theories and Methods in International Politics	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3	POL SCI 370	International Conflict	3
ECON 404	Economic Applications of Game Theory	3	POL SCI 371	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3
ECON 411	Economic Forecasting Methods	3	POL SCI 374	Health, Wealth, and Democracy	3
ECON 413	Statistics for Economists	3	POL SCI 377	Elections in the Modern World	3
ECON 447	Labor Economics	3	POL SCI 379	Morality, Conflict and War	3
ECON 450	Health Economics	3	POL SCI 391	Current Crises and Events in International Relations	3
ECON 454	International Trade	3	SOCIOLOG 324	Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts	3
ECON 455	International Finance	3	SOCIOLOG 325	Social Change	3
ECON 489	Internship in Economics, Upper Division	1-6	SOCIOLOG 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
ED POL 698	Fieldwork in International Education	1-6	SPANISH 391	Social and Historical Issues in the Hispanic World:	3
GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3	SPANISH 470	From the Middle Ages to Modernity: The Rise of the Hispanic World	3
GEOG 330	Europe: East and West	3	URBPLAN 315	Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization	3
GEOG 333	Muslim Geographies: Identities and Politics	3	URB STD 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3	URB STD 450	Urban Growth and Development: A Global View	3
GLOBAL 391	Black Lives Matter: A Global Comparative Study	3	WGS 500	Advanced Research Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: (Gender in Asia)	3
GLOBAL 446	The Re-Configuring Global Order	3			
GLOBAL 489	International Internship in Global Studies, Upper Division	1-6			
GLOBAL 541	Cross-Cultural Management	3			
HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3			
HIST 372	Topics in Global History:	3			
HIST 387	Modern Africa	3			
HIST 393	History of Mexico	3			
HIST 402	Topics in Asian History:	3			
HIST 434	The United States as a World Power in the 20th Century	3			
INTLST 450	Internship in International Studies	2-6			
INTLST 699	Independent Study	1-6			
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			

Letters & Science Minor Advising

Advising for the minor takes place within the department by a faculty member or staff member. Follow the steps using the "Declare a Minor" button on the department's website which may include instructions on how to select a faculty advisor if there is more than one to choose from.

Students who already have an L&S college advisor because their degree plan is in L&S can discuss the minor with them as well since they will be familiar with any minor in L&S. Students who are working on a degree from a UWM college other than the College of Letters & Science will not need an L&S college advisor for just a minor and one will not be assigned. These students should work with the faculty or staff advisor they receive

as part of the minor declaration process or contact the department directly for assistance.

Applicants who have not started classes at UWM yet who wish to declare a minor should wait until they are registered for their first UWM classes and then can declare the minor using the "Declare a Minor" button on the program's website. If you have questions about the minor before then, contact let-sci@uwm.edu.