

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BA

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

Understanding the nuances of globalization in our personal and professional lives, speaking the languages of others, and appreciating cultural diversity are essential skills for living and working in the world today. UWM's International Studies program is based on the principles of the liberal arts with an emphasis in broad knowledge of people, places, and institutions, coupled with the skills to be an adaptable professional in a global marketplace. International studies majors have the ability to interact across cultures, converse in more than one language, analyze problems across cultural or national boundaries, adapt to new situations, appreciate differences in people and processes, 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 wonder what the differences are between Global Studies and International Studies at UWM. The foreign language requirements for the International Studies program are not as stringent as those in Global Studies. Global Studies majors also complete experiential learning credits, choosing a combination of study abroad and internship options. Both studying abroad and internships are optional for International Studies majors. In addition, International Studies coursework is focused exclusively on courses found in the College of Letters & Science.

Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

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

University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
Oral and Written Communication		
<i>Part A</i>		
Achieve a grade of C or better in the following course:		
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)	
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
Quantitative Literacy		
<i>Part A</i>		
Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)		
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹	
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	
MATH 116	College Algebra	
Or equivalent course		
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
Arts		
Select 3 credits		3
Humanities		
Select 6 credits		6
Social Sciences		
Select 6 credits		6
Natural Sciences		
Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)		6
UWM Foreign Language Requirement		
Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:		
Two years (high school) of a single foreign language		
Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language		
Or equivalent		

UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

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.), you must complete the UWM General Education Requirements as well as these L&S requirements: the International requirement, the Breadth requirement, and the Research requirement. The International requirement develops your potential for cross-cultural understanding in a globalizing world. The Breadth requirement ensures that you take classes in a wide variety of subjects, across humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The Research requirement calls for you to build your critical thinking and oral and written communication skills through conducting an independent research project, usually in your major.

For the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) you will also complete the Language other than English requirement, to further develop your understanding of cultures through language.

I. Total Credits and Upper-Division Courses Requirement

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

II. Language other than English Requirement

Students doing the BA must fulfill the 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 world languages 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.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Language other than English GER, but not vice versa.

III. International Requirement

To meet the International Requirement, students must successfully complete some three course (minimum 9 credits) combination of

1. language other than English (*not* including American Sign Language) at 3rd semester level or above, *and/or*
2. non-language 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).

IV. Breadth Requirement

In addition to completing the University General Education Requirements, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

The L&S Breadth requirement calls for 6 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 be a laboratory or fieldwork course. These courses must be beyond and in addition to courses in those areas used to satisfy General Education Requirements.

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. Contact your 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.

International Studies Major Requirements

The major requires 4 semesters or the equivalent in one foreign language. Students must complete at least one college course to meet this requirement; high school work alone will not suffice. 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 United Nations 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.

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Requirements ¹		
ECON 103	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 104	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOG 110	The World: Peoples and Regions	3
Select one of the following:		3

ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society	
ANTHRO 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies	
HIST 176	East Asian Civilization Since 1600	
HIST 180	Latin American Society and Culture	
HIST 242	Women and Gender in Europe: 1750 to the Present	
HIST 282	The Modern Middle East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	
POL SCI 106 or POL SCI 102	Politics of the World's Nations Introduction to International Relations	3
Requirements for the Major		
<i>General</i>		
INTLST 550	Senior Seminar in International Studies: (subtitle) (satisfies L&S research requirement)	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
ANTHRO 560	Introduction to Research Methods in Anthropology	
ANTHRO 561	Techniques and Problems in Ethnography	
ECON 210	Economic Statistics	
GEOG 215	Introduction to Geographic Information Science	
HIST 294	Seminar on Historical Method: Research Techniques	
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	
WGS 411	Feminist Research and Practice	
<i>Options</i>		
Select one of the following:		18
Option A: International Politics and World Affairs		
Option B: International Economics and Development		
<i>Electives</i>		
Select 11-12 credits from the list of electives for a total of 36 credits in the major		11-12
Total Credits		50-52

¹ The introductory courses are required and should be taken during the first two years. Credits earned in the introductory courses do not count toward the 36 credits required for the major. They cannot be taken on a credit/no credit basis.

Option A: International Politics and World Affairs

This option emphasizes political aspects of international studies. 18 credits are required as outlined below:

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3
HIST 434	The United States as a World Power in the 20th Century	3
POL SCI 359	Problems of American Foreign Policy	3
Select a minimum of three of the following:		9
ECON 353	Economic Development	
POL SCI 316	International Law	
POL SCI 337	International Organization and the United Nations	
POL SCI 338	Seminar in International Relations: (part of UN Summer Seminar)	
POL SCI 340	Politics of Nuclear Weapons	
POL SCI 361	History of International Political Thought	
POL SCI 365	Theories and Methods in International Politics	
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	
POL SCI 371	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	
Total Credits		18

Option B: International Economics and Development

This option emphasizes the political, economic, and cultural aspects of developing countries as well as the economic aspects of international studies. 18 credits are required as outlined below:

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3
POL SCI 330	The Politics of International Economic Relations	3
Select a minimum of two of the following:		6
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	
BUS ADM 496	International Business	
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	
ECON 454	International Trade	
ECON 455	International Finance	
POL SCI 316	International Law	
POL SCI 370	International Conflict	
URBPLAN 315	Great Cities of the World: Their Growth and Guided Urbanization	
URBPLAN 684	Planning Local Economic Development	
Total Credits		18

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 235	African Americans and South Africa	3
AFRIC 311	African Religious Thought and Social Organizations	3
AFRIC 320	Black Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean	3

AFRIC 325	Africa/China Relations	3	ECON 455	International Finance	3
AFRIC 334	Survey of Black American and Black Brazilian Societies	3	ED POL 698	Fieldwork in International Education	1-6
AFRIC 418	Race, Class, and Gender in Latin America and the Caribbean	3	ENGLISH 210	Global Englishes	3
ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society	3	ENGLISH 306	Survey of Irish Literature	3
ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society	3	ENGLISH 316	World Cinema: (all topics)	3
ANTHRO 439	Culture and Global Health	3	ENGLISH 325	The Art of Fiction: (The Irish Short Story) ¹	3
ANTHRO 449	The Human Economy	3	ENGLISH 404	Language, Power, and Identity	3
ARABIC 111	Cultures and Civilizations of the Muslim Middle East	3	ETHNIC 255	Migration and Gender: Starbucks, Sex Trafficking, and Nannies	3
ART 509	Art & Design Seminar:	3	FRENCH 324	Contemporary French Language and Culture	3
ARTHIST 205	History of Film I: Development of an Art	3	FRENCH 431	Seminar in Literature of the Francophone World:	3
ARTHIST 206	History of Film II: Development of an Art	3	FRENCH 432	Seminar in French and Francophone Cultures:	3
ARTHIST 382	Chinese Art and Architecture	3	FRENCH 451	Cinema of the French-Speaking World: (subtitle)	3
BUS ADM 456	International Financial Management	3	GEOG 213	Geography of Asia	3
BUS ADM 465	International Marketing	3	GEOG 309	Nationalities and Nations of the World	3
BUS ADM 496	International Business	3	GEOG 330	Europe: East and West	3
CHINESE 150	Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture	3	GEOG 333	Muslim Geographies: Identities and Politics	3
CHINESE 160	A Taste of China: Learning Chinese Culture and Society through Cuisine	3	GEOG 443	Cities of the World: Comparative Urban Geography	3
CHINESE 200	Chinese Calligraphy	3	GERMAN 334	Introduction to German Studies	3
CHINESE 353	Popular Culture, Entertainment, and China's Modernization	3	GERMAN 415	Topics in German Studies: (topics with international content) ¹	3
COMMUN 350	Intercultural Communication	3	GLOBAL 101	Introduction to Global Studies I: People and Politics	3
COMMUN 363	Communication in Human Conflict	3	GLOBAL 102	Introduction to Global Languages and Cultures	3
COMMUN 450	Cross-Cultural Communication	3	GLOBAL 201	Introduction to Global Studies II: Economics and the Environment	3
COMMUN 550	International and Global Communication	3	GLOBAL 202	Introduction to Global Studies III: Globalization and Technology	3
COMPLIT 231	Literature and Religion: (topics with international content) ¹	3	GLOBAL 391	Black Lives Matter: A Global Comparative Study	3
COMPLIT 232	Literature and Politics: (topics with international content) ¹	3	GLOBAL 446	The Re-Configuring Global Order	3
COMPLIT 233	Literature and Film: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HEBREW 301	Modern Hebrew Literature I in Hebrew	3
COMPLIT 309	Great Works of Modern Literature: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HEBREW 302	Modern Hebrew Literature II in Hebrew	3
COMPLIT 340	Studies in Literary Genres and Modes: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HIST 282	The Modern Middle East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (if not selected as one of the introductory courses)	3
COMPLIT 350	Topics in Comparative Literature: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HIST 343	Russia Since 1917	3
COMPLIT 360	Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HIST 370	Topics in the History of Religious Thought: (topics with international content) ¹	3
COMPLIT 365	Literatures and Cultures of the Americas: (topics with international content) ¹	3	HIST 372	Topics in Global History: (all topics)	3
ECON 351	Introduction to International Economic Relations	3	HIST 377	Modern China	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3	HIST 387	Modern Africa	3
ECON 454	International Trade	3	HIST 393	History of Mexico	3

HONORS 200	Honors Seminar: The Shaping of the Modern Mind: (topics with international content) ¹	3
INTLST 260	Introduction to International Careers	2
INTLST 450	Internship in International Studies	2-6
ITALIAN 256	Introduction to Italian Food Studies: A Cultural History	3
ITALIAN 321	Introduction to Italian Literature	3
ITALIAN 322	Introduction to Italian Literature and Film	3
ITALIAN 342	Italian Immigration: A Sociocultural History	3
ITALIAN 457	Topics in Italian Literature and Culture in Translation:	3
JAPAN 345	Japanese News Media	3
JAPAN 355	Seminar in Japanese Literature and Culture:	3
JEWISH 328	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
JEWISH 350	Global Jewish Film and Television: (all topics)	3
LACS 101	Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	3
NURS 301	Introduction to Global Health	3
PEACEST 203	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	3
PEACEST 460	Systems Thinking, Mapping, and Sustainability	3
PEACEST 462	Conflict Transformation: Negotiation and Mediation Skills	3
PEACEST 470	Conflict Analysis and Restorative Practices	3
PEACEST 471	Facilitation Skills for Peacebuilding	3
PHILOS 204	Introduction to Asian Religions	3
PHILOS 237	Technology, Values, and Society	3
PHILOS 271	Philosophical Traditions:	3
PHILOS 304	Buddhist Philosophy	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 370	International Conflict	3
PORTUGS 360	Luso-Brazilian Culture:	3
RUSSIAN 245	Russian Life and Culture	3
RUSSIAN 350	Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy in Translation: Major Works	3
RUSSIAN 361	Russian and Slavic Folklore	3
SOCIOI 324	Race and Ethnicity in Global Contexts	3
SOCIOI 377	Urbanism and Urbanization	3
SPANISH 225	Understanding the Hispanic World: (subtitle)	3
SPANISH 350	Understanding Literature and Culture	3
SPANISH 371	Introduction to Latino Literature in English	3
SPANISH 373	Topics in Latino Literature in English:	3

SPANISH 391	Social and Historical Issues in the Hispanic World:	3
SPANISH 472	Contemporary Literature and Culture of Latin America	3
SPANISH 474	Contemporary Literature and Culture of Spain	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

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 Assistant Director, Christine Wolf, cawolf@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.