

# International Studies

The International Studies program trains students to analyze and interpret the politics, history, language, economic, and cultural practices from a global perspective. The major is configured to allow students to develop individual competencies in particular areas, often leading to double-majors in allied disciplines like Political Science, History, Economics, and Environmental-Science.

More information can be found online at <https://www.stetson.edu/other/academics/undergraduate/international-studies.php>.

## Learning Outcomes

Student learning outcomes describe what students know, understand and are able to do as a result of completing a degree program. The learning outcomes for this program are:

- **A facility with LANGUAGE**  
Majors in International Studies can understand basic conversational language, carry on uncomplicated conversations, read uncomplicated texts, and communicate practically in writing.
- **An appreciation of cultural DIVERSITY**  
Majors in International Studies can describe and give examples of the diverse practices that distinguish world cultures. (Comprehension level/Evidence—test question or short essay)
- **An ability to explain HISTORICAL context**  
Majors in International Studies can describe and analyze major events and trends in Western and non-Western regions, with in-depth study of at least two distinct cultures. (Comprehension level/Evidence: test question or short essay)
- **REGIME ANALYSIS**  
Analyze and appraise political regimes using structural, institutional, historical, cultural and/or ethical theoretical frameworks found in the literature.
- **An application and appraisal of INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE methodology**  
Majors in international studies can use statistical tools, models or theories to analyze and interpret information from any number of social science fields, including history, political science, economics, and geography, and draw conclusions from that information. They can apply and appraise multiple models, theories or methodologies that have been brought to bear on a problem germane to international issues. They can explain and criticize the methodologies they use. (Evaluation level/Evidence—long analytical paper or SR/SR presentation)

## Majors

### Major in International Studies

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international/international-studies-ba/>)

## Minors

### Minor in International Studies - 5 units

The minor in International Studies provides an international dimension to almost any discipline of study, including major programs in the social sciences, modern languages and literature, and education. Students in the School of Business Administration who desire a foundation for international business will find the minor an ideal complement to a major in general business, finance, management, or marketing. International business majors will benefit from the minor's added focus on international perspectives from the humanities and social sciences. A minor in International Studies can also strengthen preparation for admission to graduate programs or professional schools of law or medicine.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Requirements</b>		
POLI 203	International Relations	1
INSU 201H	Foundations of Globalization	1
One unit in modern language 200-, 300-, or 400-level		1
Select one unit from the following:		1
ECON 324	International Economics	
ENSS 310V	Cultural and Political Ecology	
POLI 353V	International Law	
POLI 451	Politics of International Trade and Finance	
Select one unit from the following:		1
ECON 307H	Sub-Saharan African Economic History of Colonialism and its Aftermath	
HIST 208H	Latin American History: The Challenges of Modern Nationhood	
HIST 222H	Modern Britain	
HIST 270H	The History of Modern China	
HIST 306	The Modern Middle East	
HIST 307B	Contemporary Islamic Civilization	
POLI 145S	Politics of the Developing World	
POLI 201	Comparative Politics	
POLI 304	Russian Foreign Policy	
POLI 340	Russian Politics	
POLI 346	Latin American Politics	
POLI 348	Politics in Africa	
Or an approved 300- or 400-level Study Abroad unit		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>5</b>

## Advising Course Plans

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- International Studies Major (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international/international-studies-plan/>)

Plans for Transfer Students and Students Changing Their Major

- International Studies Major 3-year Plan (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international/insu-3yr-plan/>)

- International Studies Major 2-year Plan (<https://catalog.stetson.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international/insu-2yr-plan/>)

## Faculty

Nylen, William R.

*Professor of Political Science, 1992*

B.A., University of California at Berkeley

M.A., Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., Columbia University

Since International Studies is an interdisciplinary program, faculty who participate in the program are 'housed' in several academic departments across the campus: Economics, History, Political Science, Modern Languages, Sociology, Environmental Science & Geography, and more.

## Courses

### **INSU 201H. Foundations of Globalization. 1 Unit.**

This foundational course introduces students to the fundamental debates concerning the history, economics, and politics of globalization. The history of capitalism including the political-economic paradigms of mercantilism, liberalism, communism, fascism, and socialism are considered. Processes of colonialism/imperialism and neocolonialism are discussed, including official and non-government foreign aid. The course concludes with contemporary debates on globalization and freedom, democracy, and inequality. Offered in the fall semester.

### **INSU 397. Internship in International Studies. 0.5 or 1 Units.**

The interdisciplinary nature of the International Studies Program means that most courses in the Program are taught by members of participating departments: Economics, Political Science, Modern Languages, etc.