INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Composite Major in International Studies is designed for the student intending to enter a profession in which an international focus is of particular importance.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This major will serve as preparation for careers in such fields as International Business, Economics, Government, Law, History, Sociology, the Arts and work with non-governmental organizations.

The International Studies major consists of 36 credit hours. These include 24 credits of required courses, 8 credits of 2 directed elective and 4-6 credits of international or globally-related courses selected in consultation with the student's academic advisor and approved by the International Studies Director, and a modern language successfully completed through the second year level (4th semester) or demonstrated equivalency.

Furthermore, it is required that students participate in a semester or year-long international, off-campus program as approved by the director of the major. Credits earned in such programs for similar courses may be substituted for requirement or elective courses at the discretion of the major’s director.

MAJORS

International Studies Composite

Required Courses

- ECON 211 – Principles of Macroeconomics
- POL 151 – Introduction to Global Politics

Or

POL 251 International Relations

Research Methods (Effective for Students enrolled as of Fall 2015)

One course from the following courses:

- COMM 280, Research Methods
- ECON 306 – Econometrics (Students enrolled as of Fall 2015)
- HIST 140, History Workshop
- POL 242, Research Methods
• SOC 262, Methods of Social Research

FOREIGN POLICY

One course from the following courses:
• HIST 355, History of U.S. Foreign Policy
• POL 378, American Foreign Policy

RELIGION OR CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

One course from the following courses:
• SOC 151, Cultural Anthropology
• Religion 281, Intro to World Religions

Africa, Asia and Latin America

One course from the following courses:
• HIST 221, 225, 260, 263, 270, 280, 312, 321, 365, 370
• PHIL 241, 242
• POL 262, 303, 304, 305

One course from the following:
• COMM 371
• ECON 318
• HIST 242, 344
• POL 160, 201, 251, 351, 352

Capstone Seminar in International Studies

• INTS 400

ELECTIVE COURSES

4 hours of coursework (numbered 300 or higher) in international or globally related courses selected in consultation with the International Studies Director. These courses may be taken on or off campus and usually will be in the following disciplines: art history, economics, history, modern languages (culture and/or literature courses), philosophy, political science, religion and sociology. It is strongly recommended that three of these courses be regionally specific to Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Middle East.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

A modern language successfully completed through the second-year level (4th semester) or demonstrated equivalency.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY REQUIREMENT

A year or semester overseas study-abroad program.
COURSES

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

INTS 400 - International Capstone Seminar
Students in this class will compile a portfolio and connect it with the academic classes they have taken on Hope's campus, their language proficiency, their study abroad experience, and the current international situation. In addition, they will be expected to formulate an international policy issue and reflect on it in a written research paper. In the paper, they should engage in a literature review, as well as a justification of the methodology they are utilizing. They must integrate the content they have learned with the skills and values they have acquired in the course of their study. They will analyze the data, make a final presentation in class and complete a written paper (15-20 pages long).

Credits Awarded: 4
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring
Prerequisites: Senior standing

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