

# International Studies

**Degree:**

A.A. – International Studies

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

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## International Studies

### Associate in Arts Degree

**Program Information**

The major consists of a core of 29.5-33 units, which satisfy university transfer requirements. Elective courses allow students to pursue interests in languages, culture, business, philosophy, history, fine arts, literature, and other studies. Students who undertake the ISP major will prepare for transfer to universities that offer International Studies Majors or related fields; engage in course work that will broaden their perspective and skills in the field of international relations; have access to individual counseling for program planning and career development through a mentoring program with the Program Director; and be afforded the opportunity to develop foreign language proficiency.

**Career Opportunities**

The International Studies degree is designed to facilitate students' successful transfer to B.A. programs and, in so doing, prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs. Careers can be found in Foreign Service, Governmental Relations, Public Affairs, International Trade, Civil Service, Lobbying, Law, Fiscal Analysis, Teaching, Non-Governmental Organizations, Language Specialization, International Advocacy, International Consultancy.

**Recommended High School Preparation**

Standard college preparatory program.

**Four Year Transfer Information**

UC/CSU systems require standard/basic preparatory course work prior to transfer. The ISP core courses (30 units) are designed to meet articulation and transferability to International Studies, International Relations, and International Business major requirements.

**Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:**

- evaluate, examine, and explain the role of the individual and society within the context of global interdependence.
- formulate a critical understanding of social, political, and economic global issues and problems within a global context that is relevant to local experience.
- evaluate, analyze, and critique various social science and humanities perspectives that explain human and environmental history in a global context.
- investigate, analyze, and describe the causes and consequences of economic, political, and cultural globalization through a variety of social science perspectives.
- detect, analyze, and discuss human difference, including difference based on socio-economic, political, cultural, and geographic status.
- investigate, analyze, and discuss the effects of power imbalance in social and political contestation, historically and contemporaneously, with a focus on the experiences of actors who wield relatively less power in specific global contexts.
- demonstrate basic oral and writing skills in a second language.

**Required Program**

**Units**

ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3).....	3
or ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)	
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication.....	3
ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics.....	3
GEOG 320 World Regional Geography.....	3
HIST 308 History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present.....	3
HIST 311 History of the United States (3).....	3
or HIST 484 History of the United States – Honors (3)	
IS 494 Topics in International Studies.....	0.5 – 4

POLS 310 Introduction to International Relations (3).....	3
or POLS 480 Introduction to International Relations – Honors (3)	
A minimum of 8 units from the following: .....	8 <sup>1</sup>
Foreign Language (two semesters)	
ARABIC 401 Elementary Arabic (5)	
and ARABIC 402 Elementary Arabic (5)	
CANT 411 Intermediate Cantonese (4)	
or CANT 412 Intermediate Cantonese (4)	
or CANT 402 Elementary Cantonese (4)	
or CANT 401 Elementary Cantonese (4)	
FREN 402 Elementary French (4)	
or FREN 401 Elementary French (4)	
or FREN 412 Intermediate French (4)	
or FREN 411 Intermediate French (4)	
GREEK 402 Elementary Modern Standard Greek (4)	
and GREEK 401 Elementary Modern Standard Greek (4)	
ITAL 402 Elementary Italian (4)	
and ITAL 401 Elementary Italian (4)	
JAPAN 411 Intermediate Japanese (4)	
or JAPAN 412 Intermediate Japanese (4)	
or JAPAN 402 Elementary Japanese (4)	
or JAPAN 401 Elementary Japanese (4)	
KOREAN 401 Elementary Korean (4)	
and KOREAN 402 Elementary Korean (4)	
MAND 402 Elementary Mandarin (4)	
or MAND 401 Elementary Mandarin (4)	
or MAND 411 Intermediate Mandarin (4)	
or MAND 412 Intermediate Mandarin (4)	
PRSIAN 401 Elementary Persian (4)	
and PRSIAN 402 Elementary Persian (4)	
PNJABI 401 Elementary Punjabi (4)	
and PNJABI 402 Elementary Punjabi (4)	
RUSS 412 Intermediate Russian (4)	
or RUSS 411 Intermediate Russian (4)	
or RUSS 402 Elementary Russian (4)	
or RUSS 401 Elementary Russian (4)	
TGLG 402 Elementary Tagalog (4)	
and TGLG 401 Elementary Tagalog (4)	
VIET 402 Elementary Vietnamese (4)	
and VIET 401 Elementary Vietnamese (4)	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>29.5-33</b>

<sup>1</sup>Student must choose only one language to fulfill the 8 unit requirement.

**Suggested Electives**

ARTH 320; ECON 304; ENGLT 480, 481; GEOG 310; HCD 310; HIST 307; HIST 309, 360, 364, 365, 373, 375, 380, 381; PHIL 352; POLS 302, 303, 312, 313; WGS 302

**Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree**

The Associate in Arts Degree may be obtained by completing the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

## International Studies (IS)

### **IS 494**      **Topics in International Studies**   **.5-4 Units**

*Prerequisite:* None.

*Advisory:* ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better or ESLR 320 and  
ESLW 320 with grades of "C" or better.

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 72 hours LEC

This course provides a seminar setting in which students can study and discuss regional and global issues in international studies with faculty from a variety of disciplines. Specific regions (e.g., Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, North America, Europe) are addressed topically. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions. This course is formerly known as SOCSC 493.