

## Interested in This Major?

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## Program Overview

The UWM international studies program is interdisciplinary, drawing on courses from 30 different departments. Core courses in history, political science, economics, anthropology, comparative literature, and foreign languages are complemented with electives chosen by the student to create a focus on international relations, politics, economics or development. Optional internships and study abroad further enhance students' international learning and provide insights into future career paths. Students leave the program with a deep understanding of the international system, its institutions and actors.

## Why Major in International Studies?

*Globalization touches every part of a person's life – personal and professional relationships, communication, business processes and career options.*

The world is increasingly interconnected and technologically-driven. Just as we are influenced by events around the world, our words and actions also now can be transmitted instantly to the furthest corners as an influence on others.

Understanding the details of these complex connections, speaking the languages of others, and appreciating cultural diversity are essential skills for living and working in the world today. Students who are seeking to be a part of the solution to global problems and who want to be able to recognize and capitalize on global opportunities find the international studies program provides broad-based preparation.

## Career Opportunities

It is said that today's college graduate will change jobs ten or more times and change careers five to seven times

during their lifetime. The skills acquired through a major in international studies are flexible and transferable to any industry, arming students with life-long tools for career success.

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 and foreign situations, appreciate differences in people and processes, and adjust programs to accommodate different audiences.

These skills are highly valued in many different professions including:

- foreign service, diplomacy, intelligence and government work
- international security
- humanitarian and relief work
- law
- corporate training and diversity management
- writing, editing and publishing
- marketing and public relations
- political and cultural research
- social work
- community development and organizing
- international education program management
- translation and interpretation
- human rights work
- international development

## Major Requirements

The major requires 36 credits and a minimum 2.5 GPA in all classes for the major. There is a foreign language requirement of 14 credits in a single foreign language or equivalent proven proficiency. This requirement cannot be completely met through high school work; at least one college course in a foreign language must be taken.

All majors take the following introductory courses in their freshman and sophomore years. These credits do not count towards the 36 required credits for the major.

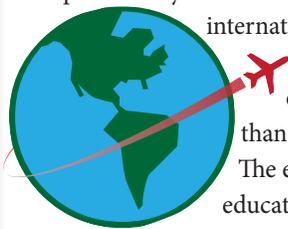
Course #	Course Title
Econ 103	Principles of Microeconomics
Econ 104	Principles of Macroeconomics
Geog 110	The World: People and Regions
One anthropology or history course from:	
Anthro 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society
Anthro 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies
Hist 176	East Asian Civilization
Hist 180	Latin American Society and Culture
Hist 242	Women and Gender in Europe
Hist 282	Modern Middle East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
One political science course from:	
Pol Sci 106	Politics of the World's Nations
Pol Sci 175	Intro to International Relations

International studies majors choose from three options. Option A focuses on international politics and world affairs. The required courses in this option are in economics, political sciences and history. Option B focuses on international economics and development, emphasizing developing countries as well as the economic aspects of international studies. The required courses in Option B are found in economics, urban planning, business administration and political science. Option C focuses on world languages and cultures. The required courses in Option C are in anthropology, comparative literature, English, global studies, history, world literature and foreign languages. Students have great flexibility to round out their program with electives from many different areas.

Regardless of whether the student chooses Option A, B or C, all majors must also take one statistical analysis class and a senior seminar.

### Study Abroad

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience for anyone, but particularly for students of language, culture and international history, politics and economics. The study abroad experience is about much more than just visiting another country. The experience provides personal, educational, professional and social enrichment beyond what can be taught in a classroom. While earning credits towards their degree, students simultaneously are building their resumé, seeing new perspectives, building their language skills, gaining self-confidence, and applying theory to real-life situations.



UWM offers programs around the globe, and the advisors in the Center for International Education prepare students for the cultural and academic differences they will face in another country. Understanding that study abroad is a financial burden for many UWM students, the Center also consults with students not only on destination options but also on financial aid.

### International Studies or Global Studies

UWM offers majors in both international studies and global studies. Each has different characteristics and attributes.

International studies is a broad-based liberal arts major offered through the College of Letters and Science. Its coursework is drawn from numerous departments within the liberal arts tradition. Study abroad is not required for international studies.

Global studies is a joint degree program between the College of Letters and Science and professional schools at UWM. It was created for students who wish to combine an interest in international issues with pre-professional studies. Joint degrees are offered with the School of Information Studies, the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business and the School of Architecture and Urban Planning. One semester of study abroad and an internship outside of the U.S. are both required for the global studies major. Additionally, global studies majors complete eight semesters of foreign language study compared to the approximately four semesters that international studies majors complete.

### Organizations and Events

There are numerous student organizations and campus events that focus on international subject matters. A sampling of student clubs includes:

- Africology Club
- Anthropology Student Union
- Association of South American Students
- Brazilian Cultural Club
- Chinese Club
- Engineers Without Borders
- German Club
- Japanese Culture Association
- Korean Student Association
- Latin America Solidarity Committee
- Multicultural Student Coalition
- Muslim Student Association
- Persian Culture Association
- Students of India
- Taiwanese Student Association

Academic departments and the Center for International Education regularly host educational and social programs, often bringing in noted international and national guest speakers.

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This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this major in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

### Degree Requirements (brief summary):

1. English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
2. Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103, 105, or 108 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
3. Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
4. L&S Humanities – 12 credits
5. L&S Social Sciences – 12 credits
6. L&S Natural Science – 12 credits including one laboratory
7. L&S International – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
8. UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
9. UWM Cultural Diversity GER – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
10. 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
11. Complete the International Studies major requirements in the International Politics and World Affairs track, the International Economics and Development track, or the World Languages and Culture track.
  - 36 credits with at least 15 at the 300-level or above completed at UWM
  - Introductory courses – required in the three tracks but do not count toward the 36 required credits in the major
    - » Both Econ 103 and 104
    - » One of Pol Sci 106 or 175
    - » Geog 110
    - » One of Hist 176, 180, 242, 282 or Anthro 102, 104

#### International Politics and World Affairs track

- Econ 351
- Hist 434
- Pol Sci 359
- 3 courses from Econ 353 or Poli Sci 316, 337, 338, 340, 365, 370, 371
- 1 course from Econ 210, MthStat 215, Pol Sci 390 or Sociol 261
- Electives from approved list (see website) to add to 36 credits

#### International Economics and Development track

- Econ 301, 302, and 353
- Pol Sci 330
- 2 courses from Bus Adm 465, 496; Econ 351, 454, 455; Pol Sci 316, 370; UrbPlan 315, 661, 684
- 1 course from Econ 210, MthStat 215, Pol Sci 390 or Sociol 261
- Electives from approved list (see website) to add to 36 credits

#### World Language and Culture track

- Four courses from the following list, selecting from four different disciplines: Anthro 355, 431, 442, 447, 449, 450, 543; Comp Lit 231, 232; English 278, 316, 522; Global Studies 321, 351, 442, 447; Hist 210, 290, 372; Italian 245, 457; Portugs 380, 457; Russian 350, 391; Spanish 371, 373, 380
- Two upper-level courses in a single foreign language
- One course from Econ 210, Mth Stat 215, Poli Sci 390, or Sociol 261.
- 11-12 credits of electives from approved list (see website) to add to 36 credits

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**Sample Four Year Plans:**

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, Econ 351 counts towards the major and as a social science. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

**International Politics and U.S. Foreign Relations**

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	Pol Sci 106 or 175 (SS)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	English 102 (OWC-A)
	1st semester Foreign Language	2nd semester Foreign Language
	L&S Humanities	L&S Natural Science
	Econ 103 (SS)	Econ 104 (SS)
Year 2	L&S Humanities/Cultural Diversity	Anthro or Hist course from list
	3rd semester Foreign Language (Int'l)	4th semester Foreign Language (Int'l)
	MthStat 215 or Sociol 261 (QL-B) (formal reasoning)	Arts GER
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	Geog 110 (SS) (Int'l)	OWC-B course
Year 3	L&S Humanities	L&S Humanities
	L&S Natural Science	Econ 351
	Hist 434	Pol Sci 359
	Econ or Pol Sci upper-level from list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	Econ or Pol Sci upper-level from list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Econ or Pol Sci upper-level from list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Elective	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Senior seminar

(SS) Social Science

(Int'l) International

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A or B

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A or B

**International Economics and Development**

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	Pol Sci 106 or 175 (SS)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	English 102 (OWC-A)
	1st semester Foreign Language	2nd semester Foreign Language
	L&S Humanities	L&S Natural Science
	Econ 103 (SS)	Econ 104 (SS)
Year 2	L&S Humanities/Cultural Diversity	Anthro or Hist from list
	3rd semester Foreign Language (Int'l)	4th semester Foreign Language (Int'l)
	MthStat 215 or Sociol 261 (QL-B) (formal reasoning)	Arts GER
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	Geog 110 (SS) (Int'l)	OWC-B course
Year 3	L&S Humanities	L&S Humanities
	L&S Natural Science	Econ 302
	Econ 301	Pol Sci 330
	Bus/Econ/Pol Sci/UrbPlan upper-level from list	Bus/Econ/Pol Sci/UrbPlan upper-level from list
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	Econ 353	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Senior seminar

(SS) Social Science

(Int'l) International

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A or B

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A or B

**World Languages and Culture**

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	Pol Sci 106 or 175 (SS)
	Math 103 or 105 (QL-A)	English 102 (OWC-A)
	1st semester Foreign Language	2nd semester Foreign Language
	L&S Humanities	L&S Natural Science
	Econ 103 (SS)	Econ 104 (SS)
Year 2	L&S Humanities/Cultural Diversity	Intro Anthro or Hist course from list
	3rd semester Foreign Language (Int'l)	4th semester Foreign Language (Int'l)
	MthStat 215 or Sociol 261 (QL-B) (formal reasoning)	Arts GER
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	Geog 110 (SS) (Int'l)	OWC-B course
Year 3	L&S Humanities	L&S Humanities
	L&S Natural Science	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Foreign Language upper-level	Foreign Language upper-level
	Discipline #1 course	Discipline #2 course
	Elective	Elective
Year 4	Discipline #3 upper-level	Upper-level elective from approved list
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Discipline #4 upper-level
	Upper-level elective from approved list	Upper-level elective from approved list
	L&S upper-level	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Senior seminar

(SS) Social Science

(Int'l) International

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A or B

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A or B