

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

Today's students, whatever their career path, will enter a workforce that's increasingly diverse. We need to prepare our students to respect non-American cultures and people so they gain an international outlook. The Certificate in IS is intended to provide students with a broad and deep understanding of this diverse world far beyond the General Education requirements. Students will be better suited to face the challenges and enjoy the opportunities presented by others, both in and outside the United States, who come from a variety of nations and cultures.

What is International Studies?

International Studies is a broad field that engages with various issues related to global history, culture, politics, and arts. It is an interdisciplinary field that allows students to look at specific academic fields from a multinational perspective.

You Might Like This Program If...

You are interested in learning more about a variety of cultures, increasing your cultural literacy, applying your global competencies to your career plans, academic major, or current workplace experiences.

Program Requirements

To earn an undergraduate certificate in International Studies, a minimum of 12 credits is required.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
GLIS 101N	Globalization	
GLIS 102N	Global Pathways	
HIST 11	World History since 1500	
INTST 100	Introduction to International Studies	
Select 6 credits from the following list:		6
AA 100	Introduction to International Arts	
ANTH 8	Aztec, Inca, Maya	
ANTH 45N	Cultural Diversity: A Global Perspective	
APLNG 220N	Multilingual Lives: Stories of Language and Culture Learning	
ARTH 100	Introduction to Art	
BBH 305	Introduction to Global Health Issues	
BIOL 120N		
CMLIT 108	Myths and Mythologies	
CMLIT 184	The Short Story	
ENGL 194	Women Writers	
GEOG 30N	Environment and Society in a Changing World	
HIST 1	Western Civilization I	
HIST 2	Western Civilization II	
HIST 10	World History to 1500	

HIST 117	Women in United States History	
HIST 121	History of the Holocaust 1933-1945	
HIST 144	The World at War: 1939-1945	
HIST 173	Vietnam in War and Peace	
IB 303	International Business Operations	
LING 1	Language, Life and Society	
MUSIC 9	Introduction to World Musics	
PLSC 3	Comparing Politics around the Globe	
PLSC 14	International Relations	
PSYCH 232	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
RLST 1	Introduction to World Religions	
RLST 4	Jewish and Christian Foundations	
RLST 101	Comparative Religion	
SPAN 131	Ibero-American Civilization	
SPAN 131Y	Ibero-American Civilization	
Select 3 credits of 400-level courses from the following list:		3
BBH 407	Global Health Equity	
HIST 452	History of U.S. Foreign Relations	
HIST 488	American Diplomacy Since 1914	
GLIS 497	Special Topics	
MGMT 461	International Management	
MKTG 445	Global Marketing	
NURS 401	Concepts of Health	
NURS 464	Dying and Death	
THEA 401	Theatre History I: Ancient to 1700	

No Prerequisites Required.

Certificate Learning Objectives

- **Awareness:** Increase awareness and content knowledge of global issues
- **Ethics:** Explore how to behave more ethically in a global context and how to contribute to international progress
- **Interdependence:** Analyze the mutual impacts and interdependence of Americans and other peoples
- **Perspectives:** Describe some of the different viewpoints and perspectives of the world's peoples, to better appreciate their diversity

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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