

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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International Studies is an interdisciplinary program that seeks to develop students' understanding of their place in the world and of how the various cultural, political, economic, and social systems function and interrelate. By emphasizing an increased understanding of diverse cultures, persons, and ideas, the program aims to cultivate the tools and skills that will provide students with a sound foundation for graduate studies and professional careers in teaching, politics, international business, and public service.

- International Studies Major (<https://rmc.courseleaf.com/programs/international-studies/international-studies-major/>)
- International Studies Minor (<https://rmc.courseleaf.com/programs/international-studies/international-studies-minor/>)

INST 245 - Water Resources and Politics in the Middle East (4 Hours)
C21:NW.

Cross-list: EVST 245

Curriculum: NW

INST 251 - Social Geography (3 Hours)

This course introduces the student to a study of the world systems and their implications for the United States, Japan, Europe, and the Third World. Issues relating to physical geography, population, food, resources, development, dependency, debt, and the environment are investigated in their historical and global context. This course will partially satisfy the Social Science Areas of Knowledge requirement.

INST 261 - Introduction to Theory and Method in the Study of Culture (3 Hours)

This course seeks to increase awareness of the methodological and theoretical problems inherent in defining, identifying, and analyzing cultures and civilizations. The merit of typical interpretive assumptions, which divide the world into distinct civilizational zones (Western, Islamic, Indic, etc.), is subject to critical scrutiny. The course makes use of case studies drawn from diverse nations and cultures to promote a sophisticated sense of the difficulties faced in working across national and cultural boundaries. This course will partially satisfy the Social Science Areas of Knowledge requirement. Offered yearly. C21:HC,OC,SS.

Curriculum: HC,SA,SS

INST 270 - Inside the Third Reich (3 Hours)

This course is a social study of the Third Reich. It will investigate the effect of the regime on the people and the impact it had on family life, education, sports, the arts, the churches, the army, justice and Jews, Roma and Sinti, and 'undesirables.' The course will analyze how, through propaganda, intimidation, misguided ideology, and hangers-on, a brutal regime effectively permeated the everyday lives of people. How far the average German carried responsibility for most of the unsavory policies of the Third Reich will be examined. The course is a serious study of the evils of Fascism, as practiced in Germany. It is not a glorification of a malevolent regime, but an analysis of how people became part of a violent and corrupt state. Students will be encouraged to look beyond simplistic explanations and explore connections between high and low politics: How did individual groups interact with the Nazi regime? How far did they share common goals? How did the Nazi regime and a particular social group accommodate each other? How did individuals and groups express dissent, and did their opposition have an impact on the regime? This course will partially satisfy the Social Science Areas of Knowledge requirement. Offered alternate years.

INST 282 - Gender and Development (3 Hours)

This course is designed to analyze the impact of changing development strategies on the lives of women in the Third World and especially in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to see how women have responded to these strategies. One major aim of the course is to examine how colonialism and later development policies have affected the status of women, and to examine critically the goal of the "integration of gender in development." Differences of ethnicity/race, sexual orientation, age, and class will be taken into consideration. Partially fulfills the AOK requirement in Social Science through INST and counts on the majors/minors in international studies and gender, sexuality, and women's studies. Offered alternate years.

Cross-list: GSWS 282

INST 321 - International Relations (3 Hours)

This course introduces the student to the nature of the problems facing the contemporary international system. Emphasis will be placed on the relationships of man, the state, and the international system to world politics. The course also surveys several of the more prominent approaches advocated to limit and control the high level of violence which characterizes the world today. Offered yearly. C21:GE,SS.

Cross-list: PSCI 321

Curriculum: GE,SS

INST 326 - Gender and Change in the Maya Diaspora (3 Hours)

This course explores the diversity of women's familial, political, economic, and social realities in the Maya Diaspora. Particular attention will be given to the shifting gender and cultural patterns from pre-colonial times to the present. Through ethnographic readings, films, and class activities, the course will examine the concept of diaspora, the processes of cultural change, resistance, and retention, and the role that gender plays in these processes. Counts on the majors/minors in international studies and gender, sexuality, and women's studies.

Cross-list: GSWS 326

INST 331 - Peoples of Latin America (3 Hours)

This course offers an overview of contemporary Latin American cultures through readings, visual documentaries, and group projects. After briefly examining the history of the region, we will turn to contemporary issues such as ecological sustainability, the changing nature of peasant societies, issues of ethnicity and identity, popular forms of religion, the changing role of women, life in the region's growing megalopolises, and the resistance and struggle of Latin American peoples for a democratic and just society. Counts on the major in international studies/Latin America emphasis. Offered alternate years. C21:GE,NW,SS.

Cross-list: SOCI 331

Curriculum: GE,NW,SS

INST 381 - Special Topics (3 Hours)

Designed to meet the needs and interests of students of international studies and related majors. Topics vary but will be of an area not available in other departmental offerings. Prerequisites established by instructor.

INST 382 - Special Topics (3 Hours)

Designed to meet the needs and interests of students of international studies and related majors. Topics vary but will be of an area not available in other departmental offerings. Prerequisites established by instructor.

INST 422 - Senior Seminar in International Studies (3 Hours)

The seminar provides students with the opportunity to apply the tools, concepts, and skills they have gained from the program in international studies to investigate specific topics. Students within the seminar will meet to discuss certain common themes, but each student will be required to write a major research paper on a particular question within his/her field of concentration. Extensive consultation between the student and the professor teaching the seminar will be expected. Offered yearly. C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status and MATH 111 or MATH 113

Curriculum: CS,EL

INST 448 - Field Placement in International Studies (3 Hours)

This course provides an opportunity for interested students to gain practical experience in international studies through field placement in an appropriate setting. Students are expected to complete goals agreed upon by themselves, their instructor, and their site supervisor.

Prerequisite(s): permission of program director

INST 449 - Field Placement in International Studies (3 Hours)

This course provides an opportunity for interested students to gain practical experience in international studies through field placement in an appropriate setting. Students are expected to complete goals agreed upon by themselves, their instructor, and their site supervisor.

Prerequisite(s): permission of program director

INST 452 - Internship in International Studies (3 Hours)

Open to qualified students who seek an immersion experience in a setting consistent with their goals, preparation, and interests. Students are expected to complete goals agreed upon by themselves, their instructor, and their site supervisor. Application required; see Internship Program.

Prerequisite(s): permission of program director

INST 453 - Internship in International Studies (3 Hours)

Open to qualified students who seek an immersion experience in a setting consistent with their goals, preparation, and interests. Students are expected to complete goals agreed upon by themselves, their instructor, and their site supervisor. Application required; see Internship Program.

Prerequisite(s): permission of program director

INST 483 - Special Topics in International Studies (3 Hours)

Designed to meet the needs and interests of advanced students of international studies and related majors. Topics vary, but will be an intensive study of an area of international studies not available in other departmental offerings. Prerequisites established by instructor.

INST 484 - Special Topics in International Studies (3 Hours)

Designed to meet the needs and interests of advanced students of international studies and related majors. Topics vary, but will be an intensive study of an area of international studies not available in other departmental offerings. Prerequisites established by instructor.

INST 493 - Independent Study (3 Hours)

An independent study under the guidance of a member of the program. At least a 3.25 cumulative GPA and approval by the curriculum committee are required. C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status

Curriculum: CS,EL

INST 494 - Independent Study (3 Hours)

An independent study under the guidance of a member of the program. At least a 3.25 cumulative GPA and approval by the curriculum committee are required. C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status

Curriculum: CS,EL

INST 496 - Senior Project (3 Hours)

Senior majors may, with program approval, undertake a substantial research project in some area of international studies. Student earns a total of six hours for the full senior project experience (496, 497, and 498). C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status

Curriculum: CS,EL

INST 497 - Senior Project (3 Hours)

Senior majors may, with program approval, undertake a substantial research project in some area of international studies. Student earns a total of six hours for the full senior project experience (496, 497, and 498). C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status

Curriculum: CS,EL

INST 498 - Senior Project (3 Hours)

Senior majors may, with program approval, undertake a substantial research project in some area of international studies. Student earns a total of six hours for the full senior project experience (496, 497, and 498). C21:CS,EL.

Prerequisite(s): senior status

Curriculum: CS,EL