

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The International Studies major requires (a) a minimum of 14 semester-long courses taken across at least 5 academic departments, (b) study of foreign language beyond the College-wide distribution requirement, (c) one semester-long abroad experience, (d) one approved experiential learning activity, and (e) a senior thesis. Majors are encouraged to exceed the minimum requirements and also to pursue a regional and/or functional concentration to provide greater focus to their studies.

### **A. Course-work requirement (at least 14 semester-long courses):**

*5 introductory courses to be completed in the freshman and sophomore years:*

- Anthropology 105. Introduction to Anthropology
- Economics 111. Introduction to Macroeconomics (should be completed in the first year)
- Economics 218. Economic Development (typically offered fall semester only)
- History 101, 102, 103, or 104. Early Origins of Western Civilization I,II or Modern World History I,II
- Political Science 104. Introduction to World Politics

*4 required upper-level courses at Washington College:*

- 1 in international business or economics:
  - ECN 410. International Trade; or
  - ECN 411. International Finance; or
  - BUS 310. International Business; or
  - BUS 311. Global Business Strategy; or
  - POL 375. International Political Economy
- 1 focusing on theories of international politics:
  - POL 201. Theories of Peace and Conflict
  - POL 371. International Politics; or
  - POL 374. International Organization and Law
- INT 491. International Studies Seminar (taken in the first semester of the senior year)
- INT SCE Senior Capstone Experience (taken in the final semester at Washington College)

*5 upper-level elective courses related to International Studies:*

- These courses are offered in a wide range of academic departments at Washington College and abroad, including Anthropology, Business Management, Economics, History, and Political Science as well as most foreign language courses above the 301 level and courses in departments such as Art, English, Philosophy, and others.
- A list of pre-approved courses is published in the on-line schedule of classes each semester.
- At least 3 of these courses are typically completed at a Washington College abroad program.

### **B. Foreign language requirement (two options):**

Option One: completion of the 200-level of a language taught at Washington College

Option Two: study of an additional *approved* foreign language at a Washington College abroad program.

Note: students with a documented learning accommodation related to language acquisition may substitute two additional courses towards this requirement.

### **C. Semester abroad requirement:**

Majors must study abroad for one semester at one of the programs offered through the Global Education Office before the fall of the student's senior year.

Note (1): students must attain a GPA of *at least 2.5* to be considered for study abroad. Failure to achieve this GPA by the fourth semester at Washington College will require students to pursue a different major.

Note (2): a combination of short-term study abroad programs shall not be substituted for this requirement, though short-term study abroad does satisfy the experiential education requirement discussed below.

Note (3): students may petition the Director of International Studies to pursue a semester-long equivalent at a non-Washington College program to satisfy this requirement, though ordinarily this would require withdrawal from the College during the time of this experience (apart from a semester-long summer experience).

#### **D. Experiential education requirement:**

Majors must complete one experience from an approved list of activities, including an internship or volunteer work related to international studies, study abroad beyond the one-semester requirement, or an off-campus Model United Nations simulation. A worksheet with details on how to complete this requirement is posted on the International Studies web-site.

Note: An internship or volunteer work should consist of at least 80 hours of work and may or may not be pursued for academic credit.

#### **E. Senior thesis requirement (SCE):**

The senior capstone requirement for International Studies is a year-long self-directed project that culminates 50-page minimum research thesis completed under the direction of a thesis advisor. Ordinarily students initiate the project together with the required International Studies Seminar (INT 491) during the fall semester of the senior year.

Note: Students who wish to complete their studies at Washington College in the fall semester must begin working on their senior thesis in the preceding spring semester under the direction of an assigned thesis advisor.

#### **Additional lower-level coursework related to International Studies:**

Several academic departments offer introductory-level courses that nicely complement the International Studies program and may satisfy College-wide distribution requirements for our majors. Such courses include:

- Philosophy 111,112. Comparative Religion: Western/Eastern
- Art 200. Introduction to the History of Western Art
- Music 104. Introduction to World Music.

#### **Concentrations in International Studies for both majors and non-majors:**

To give additional focus to a student's individualized program, majors may elect a concentration area in African Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, Global Business Studies, Latin American Studies, Near Eastern Studies, and/or Peace and Conflict Studies.