

The University of Iowa  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES B.A.  
REQUIREMENTS**

*For students declaring the ISBA before fall 2008*

- a. Students must fulfill all College of Liberal Arts & Sciences requirements.
- b. Majors must maintain at least a 2.00 UI, major, and UI major GPA.
- c. All coursework for the major must be taken on a graded basis; courses taken on a P/N or S/F basis will not count toward the major.
- d. To earn a B.A. in International Studies, students must complete a minimum of 36 semester hours (s.h.) of graded coursework. These 36 s.h. must include completion of 187:199 International Studies Senior Project or 187:198 Honors Thesis in International Studies, and at least 12 s.h. in upper-level coursework in the emphasis area, electives and/or world language.
- e. In order to preserve the interdisciplinary intent of the major, at least four departments must be represented in the student's major coursework.
- f. Transfer coursework may be accepted toward the major, but at least 15 s.h. of coursework for the major must be earned in University of Iowa coursework.
- g. Students may apply up to 12 s.h. of coursework from each additional major, minor or certificate program (with a limit of 12 s.h. from any single department), to the International Studies major. **Please note**, students completing a certificate in Human Rights, Latin American Studies, Global Health Studies, International Business, or a minor in Global Health Studies or Latin American Studies may not choose the corresponding area of emphasis for the International Studies major.

The requirements for the B.A. can therefore be summarized as follows:

Foundation Course.....	3 s.h.
Core Courses.....	6 s.h.
Emphasis Area.....	12 s.h.
I.S. electives.....	6 s.h.
Language Requirement*.....	4-6 s.h.
187:199 Senior Project <i>or</i>	
187:198 Honors Thesis.....	3 s.h.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>36 s.h. minimum</b>

\* Student completing the foreign language requirement with less than 6 s.h. must still complete major hours totaling at least 36 s.h., with any remaining hours added to the IS electives.

### *FOUNDATION COURSE, 3 s.h.*

Each of these courses provides an overview of global issues or an introduction to a disciplinary approach to global topics. To meet the Foundation Course requirement, students must complete at least 3 s.h. from the following list of courses:

187:001	International Studies Colloquium*	1 s.h.
187:002	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:003	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:004	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:005	Making of the Modern Global System	3 s.h.
187:006	Developed and Developing Places	3 s.h.
187:007	The European Union	3 s.h.
187:020	Introduction to International Studies	3 s.h.
06E:125	Global Economics & Business [p= 6E:1 & 6E:2]	3 s.h.
030:060	Introduction to International Relations	3 s.h.
036:086	Global Media Studies [p= 36:1, one of 36:40-51, 2.6 GPA or higher]	3 s.h.
044:010	The Contemporary Global System	3 s.h.
044:019	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3 s.h.
113:010	Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems	3 s.h.

\*These one semester-hour modules will be taught by a variety of International Studies faculty members, will focus on a different topic each time, and are repeatable up to three times.

### *CORE COURSES, 6 s.h.*

Students choose core courses from the following list and should look at these courses as a potential introduction to their emphasis area. In order to preserve the interdisciplinary intent of the program, students must choose at least one course offered from a different department than their foundation course. It is important to note that some core courses have prerequisites and may not be suitable to all International Studies students.

187:001	International Studies Colloquium*	1 s.h.
187:002	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:003	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:004	Issues in International Studies*	1 s.h.
187:005	Making of the Modern Global System*	3 s.h.
187:006	Developed and Developing Places*	3 s.h.
187:007	The European Union*	3 s.h.
187:042	Intercultural Communication (036:042)	3 s.h.
187:050	Intro to Eastern European and Central Asian Cultures	3 s.h.
187:080	Introduction to Human Rights	3 s.h.
187:142	Introduction to Caribbean Studies (035:142)	3 s.h.
06E:125	Global Economics & Business* [p= 6E:1 & 6E:2]	3 s.h.
06J:146	International Business [Special permission required]	3 s.h.
016:009	India Now! Bollywood to Global Terror	3 s.h.
030:060	Introduction to International Relations*	3 s.h.
030:061	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3 s.h.
036:086	Global Media Studies*[p= 36:1, one of 36:40-51, 2.6 gpa or higher]	3 s.h.
044:010	The Contemporary Global System*	3 s.h.
044:019	Contemporary Environmental Issues*	3 s.h.

044:030	The Global Economy	3 s.h.
048:022	World Film	3 s.h.
048:040	Literary Classics and Film Adaptation	3 s.h.
048:041	World Literature and World Film	3 s.h.
103:055	Languages of the World	3 s.h.
113:010	Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems*	3 s.h.
130:070	Introduction to Latin American Studies (187:070, 035:070, 038:070)	3 s.h.
195:050	Introduction to Middle East & Muslim World Studies	3 s.h.

\*These courses count as core courses if they are not taken as the foundation course.

*GEOGRAPHIC OR THEMATIC EMPHASIS AREA, 12 s.h.*

Students should choose either a geographic emphasis area OR a thematic emphasis area according to their individual interests. This emphasis area will be listed on the student's transcript. Emphasis areas appear below. Students must complete 12 s.h. from any one emphasis area. **At least 6 s.h. of emphasis area courses must be upper-level**, as defined by the department offering the course.

**Geographic Areas:**

African Studies  
 Caribbean Studies  
 East Asian Studies  
 European Studies  
 Latin American Studies\*  
 Middle East and Muslim World Studies  
 Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
 South Asian Studies

**Thematic Areas:**

Development  
 Global Artistic Tradition and Change  
 Global Health\*  
 Global Resources and the Environment  
 Human Rights\*  
 International Business\*  
 International Communication and Information  
 International Politics and International Relations  
 Postcolonial and Diasporic Studies  
 War, Peace and Security

**\*Please note**, students completing a certificate in Human Rights, Latin American Studies, Global Health Studies, International Business, or a minor in Global Health Studies or Latin American Studies may not choose the corresponding area of emphasis for the International Studies major.

Other emphasis areas for which sufficient courses exist may be developed by a student with the approval of the International Studies program office. A student interested in developing an emphasis area should complete the Creating Emphasis Area form. In addition, students may request that a course not appearing on the approved course list be considered for application to their IS major. In order to do so, students must submit a course petition form by the deadline.

*INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ELECTIVES, 6 s.h.*

Students also must complete 6 s.h. of International Studies elective coursework. Electives may be chosen from any of the courses approved for the International Studies major except for courses in the student's emphasis area. **At least 3 s.h. must be earned in upper-level coursework**, as defined by the department offering the course.

*LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT beyond the CLAS General Education Program requirement, 2 semesters of study, 4 s.h. minimum*

All International Studies students must complete either two semesters of advanced world language study in the same language and beyond the minimum required for the CLAS General Education Program, OR two semesters of study of a second world language at any level. Languages not offered on The University of Iowa campus may be studied at other universities or through an approved study abroad program.

Lower-level language coursework not approved for the CLAS General Education Program may not be used for the International Studies requirement without prior approval.

Some language programs offer an accelerated elementary level course for 5 s.h. that compresses two semesters of material into one semester. If an accelerated elementary level language course is taken, the student may fulfill their language requirement with 5 s.h., *provided that the student takes another hour under electives* to meet the minimum 36 s.h. requirement for the major.

Elementary review courses (035:005, 009:010, 013:014) will not fulfill the International Studies requirement if the student has earned prior high school or college credit in that language. If an elementary review language course is taken, the student may fulfill the language requirement with 5 s.h., *provided that the student takes another hour under electives* to meet the minimum 36 s.h. requirement for the major.

Some language programs offer upper-level language courses for 2 s.h. (i.e. 009:106, 009:136). Students may fulfill the language requirement using these courses, *provided that the student takes additional s.h. under electives* to meet the minimum 36 s.h. requirement for the major.

In fulfilling the language requirement, many students are eligible to receive an additional 4 s.h. of ungraded credit under the Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP). This credit may be applied to the minimum of 120 s.h. required for graduation, but it does not count toward requirements for the International Studies major.

*187:199 SENIOR PROJECT, 3 s.h.*

The Senior Project is a semester-long graded independent research project that is supervised by a faculty mentor. Vigorous research culminates in the completion of a 15-20 page research paper or a creative project.

The Senior Project must be approved by a faculty mentor and the International Studies program office, and it must include research, analysis, and documentation of sources. The project allows students to return to a topic or project they pursued in an earlier class or to develop a new project. In either case, the Senior Project gives students the opportunity to focus on a specific research question or artistic project in a rigorous, engaged fashion with the guidance of an expert

faculty member. Ultimately, the Senior Project should demonstrate careful reading and research; it should identify an important research or aesthetic question involving an international issue; and it should offer a thoughtful, well-organized, and clearly written investigation of that research problem.

Students planning to complete a creative project must meet with the International Studies program office before registering for the Senior Project for approval of the proposed project idea and the final form of the project.

Students are encouraged to enroll in 187:095 Research and Final Project Preparation the semester prior to taking 187:199.

The following Standard CLAS Independent Study Policies apply to the Senior Project:

- Students may apply up to 9 s.h. of independent study credit toward the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.
- Faculty eligible to supervise 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project and 187:198 Honors Thesis Intl Studies for International Studies BA students include the following: tenured, tenure-track, clinical, or (with approval of the DEO) visiting or adjunct faculty, at the rank of lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor.

Students may combine their Senior Project with an honors thesis or senior project for a second major providing that the student secures permission from each department first. Failing to obtain permission constitutes academic misconduct under The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences guidelines. A combined Senior Project must be significantly larger in scope and length than either department requires individually. Students choosing to complete a combined project must have a faculty mentor for the Senior Project independent of the second department's advisor.

### **Graduating with Honors in International Studies**

Students may graduate with Honors in International Studies by meeting the criteria described below.

- a. Students must fulfill all College of Liberal Arts & Sciences requirements.
- b. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of at least 3.33 in all coursework applied to the major and all course work that **may** be applied to the International Studies major. The student must also maintain a 3.33 UI GPA.
- c. To graduate with honors in International Studies, students are required to complete a minimum of 39 s.h. of graded course work. Students must choose 9 s.h. in a second emphasis area in place of the 6 s.h. of electives required for the B.A. in International Studies.
- d. In addition to 187:199, at least **15 s.h.** must be completed in upper-level course work chosen from emphasis areas and/or world language. At least **6 s.h.** of upper level coursework must be completed in the first emphasis area and at least **6 s.h.** of upper level coursework must be completed in the second emphasis area. The remaining 3 s.h. of upper level coursework may be completed in the emphasis areas, world language, foundation, or core area.

- e. Students must complete 6 s.h. in UI honors courses within the major. Honors courses may be offered in individual departments as special honors sections or students may, with instructor approval, designate a course approved for International Studies as an honors course by adding additional assignments.
- f. In order to preserve the interdisciplinary intent of the major, at least four departments must be represented in the student's coursework.
- g. Transfer course work can be accepted toward the major, but at least 15 s.h. of course work for the major must be earned in University of Iowa coursework.
- h. The student may apply only 12 s.h. of coursework from each second major, minor or certificate program (with a limit of 12 s.h. from any single department) to the International Studies major. **Please note**, students completing a certificate in Human Rights, Latin American Studies, Global Health Studies, International Business, or a minor in Global Health Studies or Latin American Studies may not choose the corresponding area of emphasis for the International Studies major.
- i. The semester of graduation, students must complete the Honors Program application for graduation with honors. The form must be signed by the International Studies Honors Advisor before being submitted to the UI Honors Program.
- j. Students planning to graduate with honors in International Studies **who entered the University before fall 2007** may choose to complete *either* 187:199 International Studies Senior Project *or* 187:198 Honors Thesis in International Studies.
- k. Students planning to graduate with honors in International Studies who **entered the University fall 2007 or after** must complete 187:198 Honors Thesis in International Studies in place of 187:199 International Studies Senior Project and must present their research in a poster session sponsored by the International Studies program.
- l. Students planning to graduate with honors in International Studies are required to submit one copy of their Honors Thesis to the UI Honors Program with the signatures of their Faculty Mentor and the International Studies Honors Advisor on the title page, and another copy to the International Studies office. Students graduating with honors who choose to complete 187:199 International Studies Senior Project will submit their Senior Project as their Honors Thesis.

The requirements for a B.A. with honors can therefore be summarized as follows:

Foundation Course.....	3 s.h.
Core Courses.....	6 s.h.
Emphasis Area.....	12 s.h.
Second Emphasis Area .....	9 s.h.
Language Requirement*.....	4-6 s.h.
187:198 Honors Thesis.....	3 s.h.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>39 s.h. minimum</b>

\* Student completing the foreign language requirement with less than 6 s.h. must still complete major hours totaling at least 39 s.h., with any remaining hours taken as I.S. electives.

## **Earning a Minor in International Studies**

To earn a minor in International Studies, students must complete 15 s.h. in courses approved for the International Studies major. To preserve the minor's interdisciplinary nature, students may not count toward the International Studies minor more than 6 s.h. applied to another major, minor, or certificate, and no more than 6 s.h. from any single department. At least 12 s.h. applied to the minor must be course work earned in University of Iowa coursework and designated as upper-level by the department offering the course.

Students are required to take at least 3 s.h. from the following International Studies-approved courses when completing the minor:

187:001	International Studies Colloquium	1 s.h.
187:002	Issues in International Studies	1 s.h.
187:003	Issues in International Studies	1 s.h.
187:004	Issues in International Studies	1 s.h.
187:005	Making of the Modern Global System	3 s.h.
187:006	Developed and Developing Places	3 s.h.
187:007	The European Union	3 s.h.
187:020	Introduction to International Studies	3 s.h.
187:042	Intercultural Communication (036:042)	3 s.h.
187:050	Intro to Eastern European and Central Asian Cultures	3 s.h.
187:080	Introduction to Human Rights	3 s.h.
187:142	Introduction to Caribbean Studies	3 s.h.
06E:125	International Economics [p= 6E:1 & 6E:2]	3 s.h.
06J:146	International Business [Special permission required]	3 s.h.
016:009	India Now! Bollywood to Global Terror	3 s.h.
030:060	Introduction to International Relations	3 s.h.
030:061	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3 s.h.
036:086	Global Media Studies[p= 36:1, one of 36:40-51, 2.6 gap or higher]	3 s.h.
044:010	The Contemporary Global System	3 s.h.
044:019	Contemporary Environmental Issues	3 s.h.
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048:022	World Film	3 s.h.
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