International Studies
+ College of Arts and Sciences

Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in international studies

About the Faculty
The faculty includes internationally recognized scholars from the College of Arts and Sciences and from other colleges at the University.

Program Overview
International studies is a multidisciplinary program at Saint Louis University that provides a set of skills, knowledge and experiences that prepare students to assume their own unique roles as global citizens.

With expansive course work offered throughout the University, the globally focused curriculum encourages and enhances each student’s preparation for the future in conjunction with another degree program of choice. International studies relies on the extraordinary variety of academic expertise at Saint Louis University. Each student’s special interests and areas of concentration are integrated with global course work and experiences to create a unique and relevant course of study.

Issues explored in international studies include the role and responsibility of multinational corporations, faith-based movements, technological innovations, ecological and environmental concerns, diplomacy, human rights advocacy and socioeconomic relationships.

With emphasis on care and education for the whole person, international studies realizes the Jesuit mission within a contemporary, global context. Students transition from introductory overviews, to study abroad living and more advanced course work, towards experiential service in their respective fields. The international studies program promotes continued development and involvement as a global citizen.

Curriculum
Offered as a secondary major, students pursue the interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in international studies in combination with another major. The area of the primary major varies according to the student’s interests and can include public health, political science, Earth and atmospheric sciences, business, communication, history, modern languages and more.

The major in international studies is earned by fulfilling all five of the following requirements:
+ Proficiency in a modern language
+ Study abroad
+ Completion of ISTD 4910: International Studies Internship
+ Completion of 31 credit hours of interdisciplinary course work
+ A minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of graduation

The required 31 credit hours are interdisciplinary and can be counted toward a second major. Courses attributed to international studies are found in:
+ Art history
+ Communication
+ Earth and atmospheric sciences
+ Economics
+ Language departments such as English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish
+ History
+ International business
+ Marketing
+ Philosophy
+ Political science
+ Psychology
+ Public health
+ Social work
+ Sociology
+ Theology
+ Women’s and gender studies

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Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers
Opportunities for internships can be sourced nationally or internationally. The internship site may be in the St. Louis area, but it must have an international component. Ideally, the student’s service site should also enhance their other areas of concentration.

Examples of St. Louis area internship opportunities include:
+ African Mutual Assistance Organization of Missouri
+ Bosnia Memory Project
+ Casa de Salud
+ Catholic Charities Community Service Center: Southside
+ Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma
+ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis
+ Immigrant and Refugee Women’s Program
+ International Crisis Aid
+ International Institute
+ Language Access Metro Project (LAMP)
+ Legal Services of Easter Missouri-Immigration Unit
+ Missouri Immigrant & Refugee Advocates
+ St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America
+ St. Louis Language Immersion Schools
+ The Mission Continues
+ United Nations Association
+ Veterans for Peace
+ World Affairs Council
+ World Trade Center St. Louis

International Studies enhances students’ preparation and marketability for careers in the global arena. Some examples of career possibilities include:
+ Global health opportunities
+ Education
+ Environmental agencies
+ Immigration law
+ Public service with NGOs or governmental agencies
+ The Peace Corps
+ Research organizations
+ Social reform

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.