Center for International Studies

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Faculty:
Interdisciplinary faculty from throughout the university

The International Studies B.A. degree at Saint Louis University offers students a cross-disciplinary approach to historical, political, and socioeconomic issues in our global society. Addressing topics of contemporary culture and society, the program is designed to develop skills and knowledge in students seeking to bring an international dimension to their careers. In conjunction with another area of study, our double-major program enhances students’ education by focusing on the complex interrelationships of international affairs in the 21st century.

BA in International Studies

Program Summary

Required Courses (4 hours)
ISTD 110 Introduction to International Studies 1
ISTD 491 Internship in International Studies 3

Course Area One: Economics, Politics, Communications (3 hours)
Students must choose from one of the following courses
CMM 330 Intercultural Communication 3
ECON 190 Principles of Economics 3
ECON 312 Intermediate Macroeconomics 3
POLS 160 Introduction to International Politics 3
POLS 261 Introduction to Diplomacy 3
SOC 361 Sociology of International Relations 3

Course Area Two: History and Contemporary Culture (3 hours)
Students may select from the following courses or complete an equivalent course in a study abroad program. (See your I.S. advisor for applicable study abroad options not listed below.)
FREN 325 Culture and Civilization 3
GR 325 Culture and Civilization 3
HIST 271 History of China since 1644 3
HIST 314 20th Century Europe: The Era of World Wars, 1914 - 1945 3
HIST 316 History of Eastern Europe 3
HIST 318 History of Modern Latin America 3
HIST 319 History of Mexico 3
HIST 323 History of Japan since 1639 3
HIST 324 History of Africa since 1844 3
HIST 325 The World in Conflict Since 1945 3
HIST 326 Modern France: 1815-present 3
HIST 329 History of Russia since 1905 3
HIST 331 Modern European Diplomatic History 1914-present 3
HIST 333 History of Germany since 1815 3
HIST 341 History of Italy: 1860-present 3
HIST 344 Spanish Civil War 3
HIST 375 Women in Modern Europe 3
RUSS 325 Culture and Civilization 3
SPAN 418 Culture and Civilization 3

Course Area Three: Electives (21 hours)
The remaining 21 hours may be selected from the list of approved courses. This is a multi-disciplinary degree, and courses should come from at least three subject areas. Students may also petition to have courses with an international focus taken abroad applied toward the International Studies major. Please see your I.S. adviser and the list of courses at: http://www.slu.edu/ x18814.xml

Other special areas, such as Internships
Description of these special areas

1. Residency Abroad, whether for study or work. Lengths of time vary (e.g. semester, academic year). Students must consult with an I.S. adviser before deciding on a particular program.

2. Internship (ISTD 491 or equivalent) The internship may be international or local. However, local internships must relate to international matters (3 credit hours). Students must consult with the International Studies adviser and complete an approval form before selecting an option.

3. Language competency at the 415 level or higher by s) successfully completing a language course at 415 or higher, b) scoring advanced intermediate on a standardized language exam, c) qualification of advanced competency as approved by a SLU language instructor or the Director of the Center for International Studies, or d) native competency in a second language as a result of being raised in another country

4. Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation