



## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (2021-2022)

Division of Philosophical, Religious, Theological, Social & Cultural Studies

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International Studies is an interdisciplinary major at Loras College. Its mission is to develop in its majors an appreciation of the recent history, cultural traditions, and political, economic and social institutions of other societies; an in-depth understanding of the nature of conflict and collaboration in the world arena, including global problems and different strategies for solving them; and analytical skills suited for the interdisciplinary study of other societies and international issues. The faculty members teaching in the International Studies program believe that as globalization increasingly affects the life and work of all citizens, knowledge taught and intellectual skills and dispositions cultivated in this program are not only essential for the students who plan to pursue careers in international affairs, but also important for students who will enter other professions.

Student Learning Outcomes – International Studies	
1.	Demonstrate an understanding of global issues from disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives
2.	Exhibit comprehension and awareness of contemporary thematic dynamics of different global regions
3.	Display an appreciation and knowledge of diverse worldviews and cultures
4.	Demonstrate intercultural competencies and values
5.	Ability to perform original research based on interdisciplinary methods, theories, and primary sources
6.	Convey complex information and interdisciplinary ideas in written and oral form that are clear, robust, carefully edited, well organized, and stylistically engaging and accessible.

### Requirements for the major in International Studies (B.A.):

An International Studies major shall choose a concentration consisting of three electives and a thesis. Two of these electives shall be courses that give a student solid knowledge of a geographic area (such as Africa, East Asia, Europe, or Latin America), and the third one shall be a global thematic course (such as International Politics, Global Inequality, or International Trade). The thesis shall deal with the chosen geographic area and the theme of the chosen global thematic course. A semester of study abroad may be used to satisfy part of the concentration requirement.

Req	Course	Cr's
1	L.POL-121: Issues in Global Politics-EI	3
2	L.ECO-222: Principles of Macroeconomics-QR	3
3	L.INS-489: Senior Seminar	3
4	L.HIS-175: Themes in World History-EI	3
5	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
6	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
7	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3

8	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
9	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
10	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
<b>30 total required credits</b>		

### Requirements for the minor in International Studies:

Req	Course	Cr's
<b>Select one course from Req 1</b>		
1	L.POL-121: Issues in Global Politics-EI	3
1	L.HIS-175 Themes in World History-EI	3
2	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
3	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
4	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
5	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
6	Elective: Approved course from the I.S. Committee	3
<b>18 total required credits</b>		

### Approved Elective Courses for International Studies:

L.BUS-348 International Marketing  
 L.BUS-370 International Business  
 L.COM-285 World Cinema  
 L.ECO-236 Quest for Ethical Development  
 L.ECO-334 International Trade  
 L.ECO-335 Economies in Transition  
 L.ECO-336 Economic Development  
 L.ENG-248 Caribbean/African/Asian Lit of Identity  
 L.ENG-274 Literature of Oppression and Resistance  
 L.ENG-285 Modern Irish Culture and Literature  
 L.ENG-348 Post-Colonial Literature in English  
 L.EXP-376 City as Text  
 L.HIS-141 Modern Europe from 1750 to the Present  
 L.HIS-155 Introduction to Latin American History  
 L.HIS-161 Modern Africa since 1800  
 L.HIS-162 The Scramble for Africa  
 L.HIS-182 Islamic Civilization  
 L.HIS-249 Russian Civilization  
 L.HIS-255 U.S.-Latin American Relations  
 L.HIS-257 Modern Brazilian History and Culture  
 L.HIS-272 Modern Japanese History and Culture  
 L.HIS-277 Modern Chinese History and Culture  
 L.HIS-282 History as Film: Africa  
 L.HIS-333 Imperial Geographies  
 L.HIS-349 The Second World War  
 L.HIS-360 Southern Africa since 1800  
 L.HIS-365 Contemporary Urban Portugal  
 L.HIS-380 The Cold War  
 L.HIS-392 History as Film (When Offered as an International Topic)

L.HIS-395 Topics: When Offered as an International and Contemporary Topic)  
L.HIS-404 Historical Geography  
L.HIS-405 Cape Verdean Cartographies  
L.POL-211 Comparing Political Regimes  
L.POL-221 International Politics  
L.POL-251 Comparative Environmental Politics  
L.POL-312 Latin American Politics and Society  
L.POL-313 Middle East Politics and Society  
L.POL-314 Politics in the Third World  
L.POL-315 European Politics  
L.POL-321 War and Pacifism  
L.POL-322 American Foreign Policy  
L.POL-395 Topics (When Offered as an International Topic)  
L.PSY-278 Cross-Cultural Psychology  
L.REL-210 World Religions  
L.SPA-257 Cultural Geography of the Spanish-speaking World  
L.SPA-350 El Mundo Hispano  
L.SPA-360 Major Writers  
L.SPA-395 Special Topics (when the topic is historical, cultural, or international context)  
L.SPA-450 Topics in Culture and Civilization  
L.SPA-460 Themes in Literature

### **Study abroad**

Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad. With prior approval of the International Studies Committee, courses taken abroad will be eligible for transfer to Loras and credited toward the major if passed with the grade of C or better. For further information, visit the Center for Experiential Learning and the Program Coordinator for the major.

### **2021-2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES COURSES:**

#### **L.INS-489: Senior Seminar**

A thesis-preparation seminar culminating in a public defense on a topic derived from the student's concentration. Students are expected to develop a research paper that contributes to the literature. 3 credits.

#### **L.INS-494: Internship in International Studies**

Students are encouraged to participate in internships that expose them to the nature and variety of internationally related careers. Such internships include working as an intern in a governmental or nongovernmental organization involved in international matters or a business organization with international exposure, work organized as part of studies abroad, and research and campus activities at Loras College. Proposal and credits are to be arranged in consultation with the Director of the International Studies Program. Junior and senior standing