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Drawing on faculty from various disciplines, the College of Arts and Sciences sponsors a distinctive offering of international studies programs. International studies involves the examination of living world civilizations (with the exception of those of Western Europe and North America) from an interdisciplinary point of view. The various aspects of these civilizations — art, government, history, language, literature, music, religion and social organization — are studied in the traditional departments of the university.

A major in one of these areas might be considered by a student who, from intellectual curiosity or from career choice, seeks an integrated view of a civilization. Career opportunities in international studies include business and industries with international dimensions, international agencies and foundations, government service, translation, journalism, teaching and graduate study.

The college offers majors in African and African-American studies, East Asian studies (China and Japan), South Asian studies (India, Pakistan and Bangladesh), Slavic studies (Russia and Eastern Europe) and Latin American studies. Minors in these areas are also offered. Courses labeled IS are described in this section. All other courses applicable to international studies programs are offered by individual college departments; descriptions of those courses can be found in respective departmental listings.

## Requirements for the liberal arts majors in international studies, B.A. programs

The international studies majors consist of a minimum of 40 credits, of which 28 credits must be taken in the primary area (African and African-American studies, East Asian studies, South Asian studies, Slavic studies or Latin American studies); 12 credits in a complementary area of study; and language proficiency equivalent to 8 credits of work at the third year of study in an appropriate language. Language courses at the 100 and 200 level do not count toward the total number of credits for the major. The complementary area of study ordinarily consists of the appropriate introductory course and two

additional courses appropriate to the area, which may be either international studies courses or departmental courses.

Duplication of course credit in the primary and complementary areas is not permitted. However, majors may apply their introductory course to both their major and general education requirement in international studies.

## Departmental honors

Honors are available to outstanding students in the majors. A GPA of 3.60 or higher in courses credited to the major is required. Because basic language courses at the 100 and 200 level are not counted toward the total number of credits for the major, such courses may not be figured into the GPA for departmental honors. Qualified students may apply for honors at the start of the semester in which they will graduate. For more specific information, students should contact Center for International Programs, 221 Varner Hall, (248) 370-2154.

## Requirements for the liberal arts minors in international studies

Minors in international studies consist of a minimum of 20 credits in any single world area designated below for major programs, distributed as follows:

1. Introductory course in the chosen area of study;
2. 16 additional credits from among the course offerings in the chosen world area of study, including up to but no more than 8 credits of language study appropriate to the chosen area, at any level.

## African and African-American studies, B.A. program

**Coordinator:** *Vincent B. Khapoya (Political Science)*

Course requirements for the major in African and African-American studies include IS 230 and HST 292 plus 20 additional credits drawn from the following list of courses: AH 305, 352; ENG 342; HST 323, 362, 366, 385, 386, 388; IS 380, 384; MUS 336, 338; PS 312, 333; and SOC/AN 331. The additional 12 credits for the complementary area of study may be taken in either Latin American or Islamic civilization. The appropriate language is either French or Spanish. Students may also submit three years of transferred course work or equivalent proficiency in an African language or in Arabic.

## East Asian studies, B.A. program

**Coordinator:** *Richard B. Stamps (Sociology and Anthropology)*

Course requirements for the major in Chinese studies include IS 210 plus 24 additional credits drawn from the following list of courses: AH 104, 304; AN 362; HST 373, 374, 375, 376, 377; IS 381; LIT 100; PHL 350; PS 334 and 377. The additional 12 credits for the complementary area of study may be taken in either Japanese or South Asian studies. The appropriate language is Chinese.

The Center for International Programs periodically sponsors summer study tours to China including study at the Foreign Affairs College in Beijing. Course requirements for the major in Japanese studies include IS 220 plus 24 credits drawn from the following list of courses: AH 104, 301; HST 370, 371, 372, 375; IS 361-362 or IS 365-366, 381; LIT 100; PHL 350; and PS 334. The additional 12 credits for the complementary area of study may be taken in either Chinese or South Asian studies. The appropriate language is Japanese. Students wishing to study in Japan may do so through an exchange program between Oakland University and Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, and the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Hikone, Shiga, Japan. See *Study Abroad Opportunities*.

## South Asian studies, B.A. program

**Coordinator:** *Peter J. Bertocci (Sociology and Anthropology)*

Course requirements for the major in South Asian studies include IS 240 plus 24 additional credits drawn from the following courses: AH 104, 310; AN 361; HST 377; IS 382; LIT 100; PHL 350, 352; and PS 334. The appropriate language is Hindi-Urdu. The additional 12 credits for the complementary area may be taken in Chinese, Japanese or Islamic studies.

## Slavic studies, B.A. program

**Coordinator:** *Paul J. Kubicek (Political Science)*

Course requirements for the major in Slavic studies include IS 260 plus an additional 24 credits drawn from the following courses: HST 354, 355, 356, 357, 358; IS 383; PS 337 and 377. The appropriate language is Russian. The additional 12 credits for the complementary area may be taken in Chinese, Japanese or Islamic studies.

## Latin American studies, B.A. program

**Coordinator:** *Estela Moreno-Mazzoli (Modern Languages and Literatures)*

Course requirements for the major in Latin American studies include IS 250 plus 24 additional credits drawn from the following courses: AH 309; AN 370, 371, 372; HST 261, 262, 363, 366, 367; IS 385 and PS 335. The 12 credits for the complementary area must be taken in African and African-American studies. The appropriate language is Spanish.

## Other course work for the liberal arts majors in international studies, B.A. programs

Provided that the specific course topic to be studied in any given semester is consistent with their chosen major, students may also offer the following courses for major credit: AH 490; IS 300, 390, 490; LIT 251 and 375. To be sure that course work in any of these courses will be counted toward their major, students must obtain the approval of the director or faculty adviser in the Center for International Programs before enrolling in them. Finally, all course work taken in the relevant language at the 300 level or above will count toward fulfillment of major requirements.

## Study Abroad Opportunities

The Center for International Programs offers the following study abroad opportunities:

*Student Exchange Program, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan.* Two-semester program. One year of Japanese language required. Courses taught in English. Housing with Japanese family. Coordinator: Seigo Nakao, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 403 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-2066 or messages at (248) 370-2154.

*Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Hikone, Shiga, Japan.* Two-semester program. No language proficiency required. Courses taught in English. Housing in Center's dormitory. Coordinator: Margaret Pigott, Director of International Education, 520 O'Dowd Hall or 322 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-4131 or messages at (248) 370-5112.

*Vienna Study Abroad Program.* One-semester and two-semester program. No language proficiency required. Courses taught in English. Housing with Viennese family. Director of International Education, Margaret Pigott, 520 O'Dowd Hall or 322 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-4131 or messages at (248) 370-5112.

*Macerata and Siena, Italy, Study Abroad Program.* One-semester and two-semester programs. No language proficiency required. Courses taught in English. Housing with Italian family. Director of International Education, Margaret Pigott, 520 O'Dowd Hall or 322 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-4131 or messages at (248) 370-5112.

*Segovia, Spain, Study Abroad Program.* Fall, winter or summer program. Two years of college-level Spanish required. Courses taught in Spanish. Housing with Spanish family. Director of International Education, Margaret Pigott, 520 O'Dowd Hall or 322 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-4131 or messages at (248) 370-5112.

*Student Exchange Program, University of Orléans, Orléans, France.* One-semester or two-semester program. Two years of college-level French required. Courses taught in French. Housing prior to start of class and holidays with a French family; otherwise, in university dormitory. Coordinator: Stacey L. Hahn, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 419 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-2062 or messages at (248) 370-2060. Offered in cooperation with the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

*Student Exchange Program, University of Oldenburg, Oldenburg, Germany.* One-semester or two-semester program. Two years of college-level German required. Courses taught in German. Housing in university dormitory, shared flat with other students, or room in private house near University Buddy Program with German students. Coordinators: Barbara Mabee and Christopher Clason, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 418 Wilson, (248) 370-2099 or messages at (248) 370-2060.

*Chinese Language and Culture Program at the China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing.* Intensive 6-week language and culture study in May and June. Beginning and intermediate level Chinese language courses taught in Chinese; culture courses taught in English. Culmination of program is a one-week tour of historic sites in Northern and Southern China. Housing in college's international guest house/dormitory on campus. Coordinators: Barbara Mabee, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, 418 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-2099 and Richard Stamps, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 518 Varner Hall, (248) 370-2425.

*British Studies at Brasenose College, Oxford University, Oxford, England.* Two three-week summer sessions. No foreign language proficiency required. Courses taught in English. Housing in college's private rooms. Coordinator: Brian Connery, Department of English, 517 Wilson Hall, (248) 370-2254 or messages at (248) 370-2251.

For specifics about any of these programs (minimum GPA requirement, if any, course offerings, costs, faculty and other eligibility requirements), the student should contact the individual program coordinator. For additional information about other study abroad opportunities, see the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

## Course Offerings

The department offers selected courses from this catalog as warranted by student needs and availability of faculty. Specific offerings for each term may be found in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### IS 200 Global Human Systems (4)

Introductory survey of world-wide distribution, variation, and interconnections of economic, cultural, and political systems and their underlying geographic elements. Basic concepts in human geography and other social sciences, as relevant are introduced as are techniques and tools used in carrying out and expressing geographic analysis. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.* Identical with AN 200 and GEO 200.

### IS 210 Introduction to China (4)

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of China and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

### IS 220 Introduction to Japan (4)

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of Japan and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 230 Introduction to Africa (4)**

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of Africa and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 240 Introduction to India (4)**

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of India and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 250 Introduction to Latin America (4)**

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of Latin America and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 260 Introduction to Russia and Eastern Europe (4)**

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of Russia and Eastern Europe and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 270 Introduction to the Middle East (4)**

An interdisciplinary study of the peoples of the Middle East and their traditional and modern civilizations. *Satisfies the university general education requirement in the global perspective knowledge exploration area.*

**IS 300 Special Topics in International Studies (4)**

Interdisciplinary study of a foreign area for which no regular course offerings exist. May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits.

Prerequisite: Appropriate IS introductory course.

**IS 350 World Regional Geography (4)**

Identical with AN 350 and GEO 350.

Prerequisite: AN 200 or IS 200 or GEO 200.

**IS 361-362 Japan Exchange Program I (16-18 each)**

Course work is taken at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan, and includes Japanese language study and additional appropriate courses with English as the language of instruction.

**IS 363-364 Japan Exchange Program II (16-18 each)**

Course work is taken at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan, and includes Japanese language study and additional appropriate courses with English as the language of instruction. Second year.

**IS 365-366 Japan Program: Shiga I (4-18 each)**

Course work is taken at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Shiga, Japan, and includes Japanese language study and additional appropriate courses with English as the language of instruction.

**IS 367-368 Japan Program: Shiga II (4-18 each)**

Course work is taken at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Shiga, Japan, and includes Japanese language study and additional appropriate courses with English as the language of instruction. Second year.

**IS 370 France Exchange Program: Language I (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French grammar. French is the language of instruction. Fall semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 371 France Exchange Program: Literature I (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French literature. French is the language of instruction. Fall semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 372 France Exchange Program: Conversation, Comprehension, Writing I (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes French conversation, comprehension and writing. French is the language of instruction. Fall semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 373 France Exchange Program: Civilization I (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes French history, geography and contemporary civilization. French is the language of instruction. Fall semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 470 France Exchange Program: Language II (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French grammar. French is the language of instruction. Winter semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 471 France Exchange Program: Literature II (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French literature. French is the language of instruction. Winter semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 472 France Exchange Program: Conversation, Comprehension, Writing II (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French conversation, comprehension and writing. French is the language of instruction. Winter semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 473 France Exchange Program: Civilization II (4)**

Course is taught at the University of Orléans in France and includes the study of French history, geography and contemporary civilization. French is the language of instruction. Winter semester.

Prerequisite: permission of program coordinator.

**IS 380-385 Seminars (4)**

Selected topics dealing with a specified area, to supplement departmental area courses. Students enroll under the number corresponding to a specific area. May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits.

Prerequisite: senior standing and permission of instructor.

**IS 380 Seminar in African-American Studies**

**IS 381 Seminar in East Asian Studies**

**IS 382 Seminar in South Asian Studies**

**IS 383 Seminar in Russian and Eastern European Studies**

**IS 384 Seminar in African Studies**

**IS 385 Seminar in Latin American Studies**

**IS 386                    Slavic Folk Studies (2)**

An intensive survey of the traditional music, songs, dances and costumes of selected Slavic cultures. Includes participation in the Slavic Folk Ensemble. May be repeated once for a total of 4 credits. Graded S/U.

**IS 390                    Directed Readings in International Studies (2, 4, 6 or 8)**

Readings from diverse disciplines with focus on a student's area of specialization. Conducted as a tutorial by an instructor chosen by the student. May be taken for no more than a total of 8 credits.

Prerequisite: appropriate IS introductory course and permission of program chairperson and instructor.

**IS 490                    Directed Research in International Studies (2, 4, 6 or 8)**

Research relating to area of specialization including a senior essay or research paper. Supervised by an international studies instructor. May be taken for no more than a total of 8 credits.

Prerequisite: senior standing and permission of program chairperson and instructor.