

International Studies, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students who intend to study abroad during their junior year should schedule an appointment during their fourth semester to meet with an advisor from International Programs Study Abroad; those who intend to study abroad during their senior year should schedule an appointment during their sixth semester.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least two 3 s.h. foundation courses, and one global perspectives course or world cultures and societies course.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least nine courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least 12 courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major (including capstone course if not already taken), all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Iowa Degree in Three

University of Iowa majors who are strongly motivated can graduate with a degree in three years under the Iowa Degree in Three. The program is available to students who can complete more semester hours each term than they would on the Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

Students are allowed to bring Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit upon admission to reduce the number of semester hours required for their degree. They should consult their advisor about the program.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

International Studies, BA

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
The International Studies program encourages students to develop cross-cultural skills through study abroad and/or involvement with internationally-focused U.S.-based organizations. ^a		
Honors students must choose IS:3010 Writing and Research for the World for their capstone option and complete IS:4991 Honors Thesis in International Studies.		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^b		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
IS:2000	Introduction to International Studies ^c	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency ^e		4 - 5
First-Year Seminar course with international content encouraged		1
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		16-18
Spring		
IS:2500 or IS:1000	Working Internationally ^c or Designing Your International Studies Major	1
IS:2009	World Travel: Cross-Cultural Skills for International Business, Education, and Service ^c	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		14-16
Second Year		
Fall		
IS:2020	World Events Today! ^c	3
Major: World Cultures and Societies course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{g, h}		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency ^e		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		2
Hours		15-16
Spring		
Major: Global Perspectives course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{h, i}		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^e		4 - 5

Elective course ^f	2
Hours	15-16
Third Year	
Fall	
IS:1000 or IS:2500	1
Designing Your International Studies Major ^c or Working Internationally	
Major: World Cultures and Societies course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{g, h}	3
Major: Language Requirement course ^j	3 - 5
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^d	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^d	4
Elective course ^f	1
Hours	15-17
Spring	
Major: Global Perspectives course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{h, i}	3
Major: World Cultures and Societies course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{g, h}	3
Major: Language Requirement course ^j	3 - 5
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Hours	15-17
Fourth Year	
Fall	
IS:3010	3
Writing and Research for the World ^{h, i}	
Major: World Cultures and Societies course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{g, h}	3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^d	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Hours	15
Spring	
IS:3012	3
Service Learning in International Studies ^{h, i}	
Major: Global Perspectives course (may select Optional Concentration course) ^{h, i}	3
Elective course ^f	3
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Elective course ^f	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)	
Hours	15
Total Hours	120-130

- a Students meet regularly with the International Studies academic advisor for help in identifying experiential learning activities and integrating them into their academic plans.
- b Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- c Students earn a minimum of 10 s.h. in International Studies Foundation courses.
- d GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students

should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

- e Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- g Students earn a minimum of 12 s.h. in International Studies World Cultures and Societies courses including at least 6 s.h. numbered 2000 or above; see the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- h Students have the option to complete a 15 s.h. concentration. They choose Global Perspectives courses and World Cultures and Societies courses approved in one of the three concentrations: Global Business and Communication, International Human Rights and Public Service, or International Sustainable Development.
- i Students earn a minimum of 12 s.h. in International Studies Global Perspectives courses including at least 6 s.h. numbered 2000 or above; see the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- j Students must complete a minimum of two courses of language study beyond that required by the GE CLAS Core. This additional language requirement may be met either by completing two courses of upper-level study in the same language used to fulfill the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement or by completing two courses, or the equivalent, of a second world language at any level.
- k Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.