# International Studies Courses (IS)

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- IS:1000: Importance of interdisciplinarity, global perspectives, and world language study for 21st-century liberal education; intentional planning of courses and other out-of-class experiences to prepare students for life and career after college.
- IS:1030: Attendance at internationally oriented academic, artistic, or cultural events taking place in Iowa City.
- IS:1101: Comparative study of culture, social organization. GE: Social Sciences; Values and Culture. Same as ANTH:1101.
- IS:2009: Cross-cultural skills and ethics for international business, education, and service.
- IS:2012: Modules focusing on varied topics, taught by international studies faculty members.
- IS:2013: Modules focusing on varied topics, taught by international studies faculty members.
- IS:2020: Current events that introduce students to political and cultural developments throughout the world. GE: Diversity and Inclusion.
- IS:2041: Exploration of expressions and experiences of Muslims in increasingly diverse societies around the world. Same as ASIA:2041, RELS:2041.
- IS:2042: Culture defined as a system of taken-for-granted assumptions about the world that influence how people think and act; cultural differences that produce challenges and opportunities for understanding and communication; those differences from several theoretical perspectives; opportunities to examine culture and cultural differences in practical, experience-driven ways. Same as COMM:2042, SSW:2042.
- IS:2115: Analysis and evaluation of the international human rights program; relationship between human rights and international law. Same as HRTS:2115.
- IS:2120: World history from human origins, through classical antiquity, to the 16th century; political, economic, and environmental forces contributing to social transformations. Same as HIST:2120.
IS:3009 International Perspectives: Xicotepec  2-3 s.h.
Introduction to provision of service to a community in a 
less-developed country; development of discipline-specific 
projects aimed at improving community life in Xicotepec, 
Mexico in collaboration with Rotary International; cultural 
and professional preparation for teamwork in an international 
environment; service-learning course requiring travel to 
Xicotepec, Mexico during spring break.

IS:3010 Writing and Research for the World  3 s.h.
How to research and write on international and global topics 
in various genres; preparation for a local or international 
project which addresses international issues in a systematic 
way. Requirements: junior or higher standing.

IS:3011 Global Research: Strategies and Skills  1 s.h.
Skill development in international research; academic 
projects; work with research librarian; activity-based 
introduction to article, statistical, and governmental 
databases; research and popular materials; information 
discovery process (tools and search strategies); enhancement 
of critical thinking skills. Same as GHS:3011, ULIB:3011.

IS:3012 Service Learning in International Studies  3 s.h.
Internationally focused service learning in local communities.

IS:3020 Writing Projects in International 
Studies  0-3 s.h.
Writing project completed with the supervision of an approved 
faculty mentor.

IS:3116 Media and Global Cultures  3 s.h.
Communication as a vital component for any effort to create 
social change; necessary communication to reach out to 
target audiences—people and communities in need—from 
campaigns persuading communities to change knowledge, 
attitudes, and practices to aiding other development efforts in 
areas of health, education, rural development, or sustainable 
aricultural practices; importance of communication as an 
integral part to any effort aimed at creating large-scale social 
change. Same as JMC:3116.

IS:3142 Social Media for Social Change  3 s.h.
Individuals and groups use social media to organize, 
collaborate, and spread their messages to local and global 
audiences; students explore the myriad ways that people and 
organizations use social media as tools for civic engagement, 
activism, and political participation; drawing on a broad 
range of international and national cases, students examine 
unfolding social movements from early internet activism to 
the present. Same as JMC:3142.

IS:3190 Global Debt  3 s.h.
Economies as cultural systems that emphasize the role of 
worldviews and “meaning-making” in organizing economies; 
debt as a key mechanism in creation and maintenance of 
relationships; focus on how exchange, distribution, and 
obligation serve to shore up or sever various social institutions 
and links between debt, inequality, and power; debt in various 
forms, from a round of drinks to student loans, and from the 
U.S. mortgage crisis to development aid; diverse array of 
economies—from gift exchange to ceremonial destruction of 
wealth, and from Melanesia to Wall Street—to evaluate 
assumptions that undergird different systems of debt and 
credit. Requirements: introductory course in anthropology 
or international studies or gender, women’s, and sexuality 
studies. Same as ANTH:3190, SJUS:3190.

IS:3198 Anthropology and Global Health Policy  3 s.h.
Global health has grown as an area of practice and study, with 
well-being and livelihoods of increasing numbers of people 
now deeply influenced by these ideas, practices, and policies; 
students engage with ways that global health programs 
have influenced experiences of health and illness by those 
who participate in these programs, critically analyzing how 
global health interacts with local dynamics of inequality, race, 
gender, and power. Same as ANTH:3199, GHS:3199.

IS:3199 Global Environmental Politics  3 s.h.
Survey of major environmental crises and conflict between 
environmental groups and their detractors; climate change, 
global warming, loss of biodiversity, pollution, toxins, nuclear 
power, deforestation.

IS:3200 Sustainable Development  3 s.h.
Overview of development theory and debate; increasing role 
of China and other new players in development funding and 
projects; development-oriented projects, career paths.

IS:3350 Transnational Feminism  3 s.h.
Exploration of feminist perspectives from the United States 
and outside of the United States; how geopolitics shapes 
understanding of familiar feminist issues (e.g., reproduction, 
cultural practices, sexualities, poverty); emphasis on 
global south regions and populations. Same as ANTH:3125, 
GWSS:3350.

IS:3355 Understanding Health and Disease in 
Africa  3 s.h.
Cultural, historical, and political framework for the delivery 
of health care services in African nations. Recommendations: 
junior or higher standing. Same as GHS:3355, HIST:3755.

IS:3565 Global Perspectives on Negotiation, 
Persuasion, and Communication  3 s.h.
Cross-cultural approach to preparation for negotiation; 
exploration of how culture simultaneously enhances and 
complicates persuasive interactions at the individual, 
organizational, and global levels; evaluation and improvement 
of negotiation and cross-cultural communication skills through 
 experiential-in-class exercises.

IS:3600 Development in a Global Context I: 
Preparing for an Internship in Health, Gender, and 
Environment  2 s.h.
Students work with a UI faculty mentor to articulate 
an international development project and apply to an 
international development organization for an internship; 
students are matched to an organization/project and begin 
preparation for their internship by communicating with onsite 
mentor/supervisor.

IS:3700 Development in a Global Context II: Reflections 
on Real World Interventions  1 s.h.
Students produce a research paper analyzing their personal 
internship in an international development program.

IS:3855 Human Rights and Islam  3 s.h.
Exploration of social forces, legal regimes, and cultural norms 
that have shaped discourse on human rights in a global 
context with reliance on a systems thinking framework; 
examination of intersections of rights, culture, society, 
and law in the last 2,000 years; consideration of interplay 
between institutional (formal) and societal (informal) powers 
that shape human rights norms; origins and evolution of 
discourse on rights across cultures and throughout history. 
IS:3903 Technology and Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination of emerging human rights issues in technology from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3903.

IS:3904 Business, Labor, and Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination of emerging human rights issues in labor and business from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3904.

IS:3905 Topics in Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination of emerging human rights issues from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3905.

IS:3907 Literature and Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination in human rights in literature from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3907.

IS:3908 Governance and Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination of emerging human rights related to governance issues from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3908.

IS:3909 Human Rights Lab 1-3 s.h.
Discussion-based examination of emerging human rights issues from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3909.

IS:3910 Human Rights Advocacy 3 s.h.
Theoretical foundations and critical issues for international human rights advocacy and international humanitarian movements. Same as HRTS:3910.

IS:3990 Independent Study in International Studies arr.
Research on a topic of international significance. Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4131 Globalization and Culture 3 s.h.

IS:4990 International Studies Senior Project 3 s.h.
Prerequisites: IS:3010. Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4991 Honors Thesis in International Studies 3 s.h.
Prerequisites: IS:3010. Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4999 International Experience 0 s.h.
Engagement in international experiences. Same as GHS:4999.