Honors

Students who declared the major before the first day of the fall 2021 semester may choose to complete the prior honors requirements as listed in the 2020-21 General Catalog but are encouraged to complete the new requirements listed below; other students wishing to complete honors in the major are held to the new requirements below.

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. International studies honors students must maintain a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33 and a g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in all coursework for the major and in all coursework that may be applied to the major.

To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete a minimum of 46 s.h. for the major (an additional 3 s.h.), including at least 6 s.h. in courses designated as honors courses.

Honors students must choose IS:3010 Designing an International Studies Project for their capstone option, and complete IS:4991 Honors Thesis in International Studies. Students also are encouraged to present their research in a public venue, such as the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF).

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the international studies major.