

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, B.A.

Saint Louis University's undergraduate degree in international studies is offered through the College of Arts and Science's Political Science department. The program offers students the opportunity to focus both on a specific region of the world as well as a specific topic or theme (arts and culture, environment and health, economics and development, war and peace).

A wide variety of courses will fulfill program requirements, from economics, political science and sociology to art history, philosophy and theology.

As part of a degree program, students will demonstrate proficiency in a modern language and complete a capstone experience. Students will also have the opportunity to study abroad and participate in international internships.

Curriculum Overview

The international studies major requires 36 credits and the curriculum includes the following requirements: students must demonstrate proficiency in a second language as well as complete required courses in international politics, international economics, and cultural anthropology. Beyond required courses, students will declare a regional focus (Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, Middle East) and complete 9 credits of coursework in that area as well as a thematic focus (arts and culture, environment and health, economics and development, war and peace) and complete 9 credits of coursework related to that topic. A list of applicable courses will be published prior to each semester. Students will complete an internship, field research experience, or elective course. Finally, all students must complete a 3-credit capstone seminar which includes a rotating selection of 4000-level seminars.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Although not required, students are encouraged to study and do internships abroad, and the international studies program includes a field research course which enables students to design and complete research projects relevant to their program of study. Students can study abroad at SLU's Madrid campus or at any of the nearly 40 SLU-affiliated programs on six continents. Students can also gain practical experience in their field through an international internship that complements their major.

Careers

An undergraduate degree in international studies prepares students for a global career and can make students more attractive to future employers. Some examples of fields where a degree in international studies can be beneficial include:

- Public service with NGOs or governmental agencies
- Global health
- Education
- Immigration law
- Research
- Environmental
- Social reform

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to analyze cultural, economic, political and social aspects of contemporary international issues.
2. Graduates will be able to describe how culture and national identity affect a person's perspectives.
3. Graduates will be able to apply a variety of methodologies to answer empirical questions about international phenomena.
4. Graduates will be able to assess analytical arguments.
5. Graduates will be able to assemble evidence from reliable sources to support their arguments.
6. Graduates will be able to estimate the global or transnational impact of local actions.
7. Graduates will be able to apply their knowledge of international phenomena to engage effectively as global citizens.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
College core requirements (p. 5)		57-66
For additional information about core courses (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#policiestext)		
Foreign Language		3
Select one of the following:		
CHIN 3020	Oral and Written Proficiency in Chinese II	
FREN 3040	Society, Nation & the Arts in Pre-Revolutionary France	
ITAL 4020	Oral Communication in Italian II	
SPAN 3040	Advanced Oral Communication	
GR 4010	Fluency in German	
RUSS 4010	Fluency in Russian	
International Politics		
POLS 1600	Introduction to International Politics	
International Economics		3
Select one of the following:		
POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	
POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	
ECON 3790	Economies of Latin America	
ECON 3850	Political Economy European Union	
ECON 4300	International Trade	
ECON 4310	Exchange Rates and Global Economics	
ECON 4560	Economic Development	
Cultural Anthropology		3
ANTH 2200	Cultural Anthropology	
Regional Focus (p. 2)		9
Three classes covering a single region of the world. Ideally, these will match the student's language focus. Courses that meet this requirement either (1) focus on multiple countries in the region or (2) focus on a single country broadly across time. Some sample courses that fulfill regional requirements are listed below. ²		
Thematic Focus (p. 3)		9
Three classes pertaining to a single theme. Thematic foci and sample courses are described below. Courses in this category focus on contemporary implications of the phenomena being studied. ³		

Internship, field research, elective course 3

Select one of the following:

ISTD 4910 Internship in International Studies

Any course with an ISTD attribute or ISTD subject code

Capstone Seminar 3

A rotating selection of seminars designated ISTD 4960-4969.

The capstone seminar take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of an international phenomenon or area. Students complete research projects and examine the contributions of various approaches.

General Electives 30-21

Total Credits 120

Regional Focus

Code	Title	Credits
Asia (attribute ISTD-Asia)		
ENGL 3180	Film	3
HIST 2700	China and Japan To 1600	3
HIST 2710	China and Japan since 1600	3
HIST 3200	China to 1644	3
IB 3040	Asian Business	3
POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	3
POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	3
POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	3
THEO 3710	Arts of Hinduism and Buddhism	3
THEO 3720	Intuition, Spontaneity, and Flow: Daoism in Comparative Context	3
THEO 3740	Religions of Asia	3
Africa (attribute ISTD-Africa)		
ARTH 2120	Survey of Art in Africa since Prehistory	3
ARTH 2320	Art of the African Diaspora	3
ENGL 3540	Literature of the African Diaspora	3
FREN 2250	Literature of French-speaking Africa & the Caribbean	3
FREN 4290	Women and Global Issues	3
FREN 4640	Studies in Francophone Literature	3
FREN 4670	Postcolonialism and Violence, Issues of Representation in Francophone Culture, Literature and Film	3
HIST 3230	Africa to 1884	3
HIST 3240	Africa since 1884	3
HIST 3430	African Economic History	3
POLS 2520	Introduction to African Politics	3
POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	3
Europe (attribute ISTD-Europe)		
ENGL 3170	European Drama	3
ENGL 3250	British Literary Traditions to 1800	3
ENGL 3260	British Literary Traditions after 1800	3
ENGL 3300	Eastern European Literature	3
ENGL 3390	Literature and Film of World War II	3
FREN 4180	French and International Relations: Global Simulation	3
FREN 4660	Nation, Identity, Culture	3

SPAN 4350	Latin American Testimony	3	IB 3160	Cultural Differences in International Business	3
THEO 2710	Religions of the World	3	IB 3140	International e-Business	3
WGST 4860	Global & Transnational Feminism	3	IB 4120	International Business Strategies	3
Global Health and the Environment (attribute ISTD-Health)			IB 4900	Global Immersion in International Business	3
<i>Many of the most critical contemporary issues – from climate change, to pandemics, to sustainable development – transcend national boundaries, and solutions must also transcend boundaries. Addressing these issues requires students to understand the scientific facts, the ways societies adapt to those realities, and the political process through which change could occur.</i>					
ANTH 2460	Global Mental Health	3	IB 4910	International Business Internship	1-3
BIOL 1090	Biodiversity & Conservation	4	LAS 3000	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3
BIOL 1140	Our Living Environment	3	POLS 1510	Politics of Developing World	3
BIOL 1200	Ecological Issues and Society	3	POLS 2560	The Politics of Asia	3
BIOL 1340	Diversity of Life	3	POLS 2570	Introduction to Latin American Politics	3
BIOL 1385	Introduction to Ecology and Evolution	3	POLS 2580	Politics of Mexico	3
BIOL 1400	Biology of Health and Disease	3	POLS 2600	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
BIOL 1640	Microbes, History and Society	3	POLS 3500	East Asian Political Economy	3
BIOL 3280	Ethnobotany	3	POLS 3560	Political Process - Latin America	1,3
BIOL 3410	Concepts in Ecology	3	POLS 3570	Third World Development	3
EAS 1080	Introduction to Environmental Science	3	POLS 3600	Problems of Globalization	3
EAS 1090	Climate Change	3	POLS 3800	The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally	3
EAS 1310	Water-Our Precious Resource	3	POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
EAS 1600	Sustainable Energy	3	POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	3
EAS 2530	Fundamentals of Climate Systems	3	SOC 2180	Cities and Space	3
HIST 3350	Plagues and Peoples: Disease and Society in the Pre-modern World	3	SOC 3180	Immigration	3
HIST 3660	North American Environmental History	3	SPAN 4160	Business & Prof Spanish	0,3
PHIL 3420	Environmental and Ecological Ethics	3	War and Peace in the Contemporary World (attribute ISTD-War)		
POLS 4840	Global Health Politics and Policy	3	<i>International conflict leaves untold human suffering in its wake, including refugees unable to return home, damaged social and political institutions, and environmental devastation. Understanding the roots and forms of conflict and the mechanisms that allow people to live together without violence enables students to work toward a more peaceful and just world.</i>		
PUBH 2100	Introduction to Global Health	0-3	ENGL 3390	Literature and Film of World War II	3
PUBH 2300	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3	ENGL 3400	War in Literature	3
SOC 1180	World Geography	3	FREN 4180	French and International Relations: Global Simulation	3
SOC 2360	Diversity & Health Disparities	1-4	FREN 4670	Postcolonialism and Violence, Issues of Representation in Francophone Culture, Literature and Film	3
SOC 2470	Culture and Health	3	HIST 3250	World in Conflict Since 1945	3
SOC 2500	Social Ecology	3	LLC 3250	Migrants and Borders on Screen: The Cinema of Migration in Mediterranean Europe	3
SPAN 4150	Spanish for the Health Professions	3	POLS 2540	Ethnicity and Internal War	3
Global Economy and Economic Development (attribute ISTD-Economy)			POLS 2590	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
<i>Trade links people and places that are very distant and sometimes different from each other. While global markets can be a force for progress and rising living standard, they can also be a source of conflict and forced homogenization, as some prosper at the expense of others. To participate effectively in this global economy, students need to understand its past, present, and potential from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.</i>					
ANTH 2080	Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment	3	POLS 2640	International Terrorism	3
ECON 4300	International Trade	3	POLS 2650	War & Peace in the Middle East	3
ECON 4310	Exchange Rates and Global Economics	3	POLS 2691	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	3
ECON 4560	Economic Development	3	POLS 3510	Rebirth of Democracy	3
FREN 4180	French and International Relations: Global Simulation	3	POLS 3530	Comparative Revolutions	3
FREN 4290	Women and Global Issues	3	POLS 3610	Multilateral Diplomacy	3
IB 3100	Geopolitics of World Business	3	POLS 3620	International Organization and the Management of World Problems	3
			POLS 3630	International Security and Conflict Resolution	3
			POLS 3640	International Law	3
			POLS 3650	International Relations of Africa	3
			POLS 3660	US Strategy in Asia	3
			POLS 3670	America and the Middle East	3

POLS 3810	Latin American-U.S. Relations	3
POLS 4510	Seminar: Democratization	3
POLS 4610	International Relations: Theory and Practice	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
POLS 4650	War, Peace, and Politics	3
POLS 4692	Theories of World Politics	3
SOC 2220	Peace and Conflict Studies	3
SOC 3180	Immigration	3
SPAN 4350	Latin American Testimony	3

Study Abroad

International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad. The program director will work closely with them to locate courses in study abroad programs that will fulfill International Studies requirements.

Continuation Standards

- Students must a 2.00 GPA in the major.
- Students must earn a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the time of graduation.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Components and Credits		
Foundations of Discourse (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foundations-discourse)		3
Diversity in the U.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity)		3
Global Citizenship (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/bs-core/global-citizenship)		3
Foreign Language (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language)		0-9
Fine Arts (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts)		3
Literature (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature)		6
Mathematics (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics)		3
Natural Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences)		6
Philosophy (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy)		9
Social Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science)		6
Theology (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology)		9
World History (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history)		6
Total Credits		57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.

- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Introduction to Literature for International Students (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses. In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete Dept/Program specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.