

International Studies

Office of Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

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Overview

International Studies is one of six concentration areas in the Social Sciences Interdisciplinary major. It combines the study of international politics, history, and culture with advanced study in a foreign language. Study abroad is encouraged. For more information please see the [Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Degree Programs](#).

About our Degrees

Acceptance Criteria

Minimum GPA of 2.0 overall.
Minimum grade of C in [PSC 102](#) and [UGC 112](#).

Acceptance Information

Deadlines: Rolling
Number of Accepted Majors (2010-2011): 31
Number of majors currently enrolled: 44

Degree Requirements

Please see [Degrees and Policies](#).

About our Courses

Each of the Interdisciplinary Degree Programs' concentrations offers a curriculum that allows students to combine coursework from three or more departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. There are also options to incorporate courses from other areas of the university, thereby allowing students to obtain a broad range of skills and education.

The typical class size for:

Freshman/introductory courses is: 25-200
Sophomore/intermediate courses is: 25-50
Upper level/advanced courses is: 35-90

In the IDP, what do teaching assistants (TAs) do?

Many courses in the social sciences interdisciplinary program's curricula originate in other departments, where teaching assistants may be assigned instructional or grading duties.

Suggested Introductory Courses

- An introductory foreign language course consistent with a focus area in the major
- [ECO 181](#) Introduction to Microeconomics
- [GEO 103](#) Geography of Economic System
- [PSC 102](#) Introduction to International Politics
- [UGC 112](#) World Civilizations II

For course descriptions, please see [Courses](#).

About our Faculty

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The IDP faculty, though limited in number, not only teach courses applicable to the program's degree tracks, but are also involved in the advisement of IDP majors, a function that is vitally important for students selecting courses from a number of different departments.

Extracurricular Activities

See the [UB Student Association](#).

Practical Experience and Special Academic Opportunities

The Interdisciplinary Degree Programs' concentrations offer an opportunity to focus studies on a particular topic whose breadth and diversity overlap several departments in the faculty.

Students in the International Studies concentration are encouraged to do study abroad for at least one semester. Students should consult with the program director about possibly using study abroad classes to meet major requirements.

Career Information and Further Study

While the IDP degree tracks were not developed primarily to train students for specific careers, they are intended to provide an academic background relevant to a wide range of occupations and fields of graduate study.

Alumni have found employment as:

- Assistant to the Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee
- Second lieutenant, TC-U.S. Army
- Language and Culture Assistant at the Spanish Embassy

Post-undergraduate Opportunities

- Teaching English as a Second Language at SUNY Buffalo
- Political Science at UB
- Law School at UB
- Hispanic Language Translation at New York University in Madrid

What percentage of graduates goes on the graduate school?

- 30-35%

What percentage of graduates goes on to find related employment?

- 30-35%

Degrees Offered

Undergraduate: BA in Social Sciences Interdisciplinary

Concentration: International Studies

See [Social Sciences Interdisciplinary](#) for degree requirements

Links to Further Information About this Program

- [Undergraduate Catalog](#)
- [Undergraduate Admissions](#)
- [Graduate Admissions](#)
- [Office of Interdisciplinary Degree Programs](#)
- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [Study Abroad Program](#)

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