

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

A major in International Studies, first organized in 1977, was the natural out-growth of the internationalist thrust of the Core Curriculum and of the personal commitments of a number of the College's faculty. In a century when people are becoming more and more aware of their interdependence, there is a great need for college graduates who are prepared to serve in careers in the international field and who have learned how to think perceptively and with sensitivity in terms of the global Family of Humanity.

Saint Joseph's College offers two majors in International Studies. The first is a group major in which students spend their junior year in a study-abroad program. There is a second option for a non-group major in which students do not spend a year abroad. They may, however, choose to fulfill some credits for the major in a semester or summer study-abroad program.

A major in International Studies is an excellent preparation for careers with the federal government, the foreign service, public international organizations, banking and business, consulting firms, research organizations, teaching, trade and professional associations, the media, foundations and other private nonprofit groups.

The program described below has been put together after careful study of the competencies that a graduate entering a career position in the international field ought to have. It provides the student with the opportunity to develop the following traits and skills:

- a sense of the dignity of the human person, clarity of personal and cultural values, and a broad and deep understanding of the commitments of Christian humanism;
- proficiency in speaking and writing, the ability to organize thoughts and introduce timely arguments, and skills in logical analysis of problems;
- basic skills in economic and political analysis, including both quantitative and qualitative approaches;
- a conceptual grasp of history and contemporary events and the ability to relate specific cases to general patterns;
- knowledge of international peoples, languages and institutions, suggesting an ability to relate and to analyze across cultural and national lines.

MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (39 credits)

REQUIRED: 4 courses (12 credits) **Common Body of Knowledge**

POL 102 Comparative Politics

SOC 112 Culture & Society

ECN 201 Principles: Money and Income

PHL 111 Philosophy of Human Nature

Choose 3 credits from: **Values**

PHL 342 Contemporary Political Philosophy

REL 332 Worship, Belief, and Praxis

REL 232 Christianity in History

REL 358 Special Studies in Religion

Choose 12 credits from: **Systems**

MGT 312 International Business
ECN 200 Principles: Markets and Prices
ECN 410 International Finance
ECN 435 Comp Econ Systems

POL 407 International Law
POL 103 International Relations
ESS 132 Geography Econ Resources
SOC 447 Law and Society
SOC 115 Gender and Culture

Choose any 12 credits from: **Area**

HST 209 U.S. Foreign Policy
HST 240 History of Africa
HST 343 History of Modern East Asia
HST 344 Imperial Russia, Soviet Union
HST 345 Modern Middle East
ENG 222 Creative Writing - Poetry

ENG 359 Special Studies in Literature
FLXXX Foreign Language
SPN 235 Peninsular Civil & Culture
SPN 236 Latin America Civil & Cult.

Some of these credits may also be earned during a study-abroad program through the following course numbers:

IS 302 Area Studies in Humanities
IS 490 Internship/Field Work

IS 305 Area Studies in Social Sciences

Foreign Language Requirement: Intermediate level competency required. This competency may be gained through course work at Saint Joseph's College and/or through summer language programs.

GROUP MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WITH JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (54 CREDITS)

Common Body of Knowledge (12 credits)

Values (3 credits)

Systems (15 credits)

Area (24 credits) These courses are all taken as part of the study-abroad program in the junior year. These course numbers are used to transfer in the credit for the courses taken through the program.

REQUIRED: one course (3 credits)

IS 101 Introduction to Area Studies in Culture

Choose 21 credits from (These courses may be repeated for credit):

IS 301 Area Studies in Commerce
IS 302 Area Studies in Humanities
IS 303 Area Studies Mathematical Sciences
IS 304 Area Studies in Natural Sciences
IS 305 Area Studies in Social Sciences
IS 490 Internship/Field Work

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