



International Studies

The curriculum for International Studies is designed to support Gonzaga University's mission to promote "a mature commitment to the dignity of the human person, social justice, diversity, intercultural competence, global engagement, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, and care for the planet." This interdisciplinary program aims to foster understanding of and appreciation for the interconnections and interdependencies that shape the contemporary world.

THE PROGRAM

The International Studies major includes a curriculum that encompasses the following four units*:

- Foundational courses in Political Science, History, Sociology, Economics, and International Studies.
- A thematic concentration in either International Political Economy, War and Peace, or Global and Intercultural Connections.
- A regional concentration in either Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East.
- Study of a language spoken in the region of concentration.

To achieve Intermediate High proficiency in their chosen language, students complete language courses through (or demonstrate proficiency through) the 202 level before taking six (6) credits at the 300-level. Students choose their language and concentrations with the assistance of a faculty advisor to ensure consistency in their course selections and promote their individual interests and career goals.

**International Studies Minors complete either a thematic or a regional concentration. Minors complete the Arts and Sciences Language Requirement.*

COURSEWORK

Select Course Offerings:

- African Health and Healing
- Foundations of East Asian Civilizations
- Global Economic Issues
- Global Migration
- International Law
- International Organizations
- Interreligious Dialogue
- Introduction to International Studies
- Islamic Civilization
- Latin American Politics
- Model United Nations
- New Europe



STUDY ABROAD

International Studies Majors are encouraged to study abroad during their time at Gonzaga. This may take a variety of forms from faculty-led summer programs to directly enrolling in an international institution. In many cases, students may live with a local family or with local students and/or integrate internship and volunteering opportunities into their study abroad experience.

Home-Stay Programs:

- Argentina
- China (Beijing or Shanghai)
- Chile
- Denmark
- France
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Mexico
- Spain

Service Learning Available:

- Ireland
- South Africa

Internships Available:

- Belgium
- China
- France
- Ghana
- Jordan
- Spain
- United Kingdom
- Washington, D.C.

Volunteering Available:

- Ghana
- Italy
- South Africa
- Spain



Students interested in deepening their international focus in areas such as Digital Media Experiences and Global Leadership, may enroll in a 4+1 Pathways program to obtain a Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership or a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership.

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OUTCOMES

Many International Studies students choose to undertake international service or teaching positions after graduation. In addition to Peace Corps, recent graduates have been awarded Fulbright Teaching Fellowships in Austria, Bahrain, and Germany. Graduates have also worked with the Borgen Project, the People for Change Foundation, the United Nations, World Relief Services, and Young Adults in Global Mission.

An International Studies major can also prepare students for careers in the fields of international business, international relations, language services, communications, international law, and travel and tourism, among many others.

Some of Gonzaga's recent International Studies graduates have attended graduate programs at the following institutions:

- The Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Monterey Institute of International Studies
- Schiller International University - Paris
- University of Denver - International Development

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