

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BA

International Studies is a growing interdisciplinary field that offers students the opportunity to study politics, economics, history, sociology, anthropology, and communication as parts of a complex and evolving global system. Rather than focusing on relations between states in the international system, the International Studies major affords students the opportunity to create a focus on particular geographic areas of the world, the evolution of the international system itself, or on global race, gender and activism.

Majoring in International Studies lays the groundwork for students to pursue a wide array of careers in international affairs, from work with intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations or the World Bank to aid and development work with groups such as the U.S. Agency for International Development; democracy promotion for organizations such as Freedom House; international law at The Hague; advocacy groups such as Witness or Human Rights Watch; environmental groups such as the Sierra Club; or global solidarity campaigns, including the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women.

Downtown Chicago is an ideal location for those pursuing International Studies at Roosevelt University. A growing, bustling and vibrant global city, Chicago is host to numerous international organizations, government offices, advocacy centers, and think tanks, and plays host to countless international conferences. The program studies the international system with a focus on the pursuit and realization of social justice across national boundaries. International Studies graduates gain fluency in contemporary debates across multiple fields, with the moral and ethical foundation to be international leaders and global citizens.

Advising

Students should consult their advisor or the program coordinator, Philip Hultquist, (phultquist@roosevelt.edu) before registration each semester to assure that requirements are met and that the electives constitute a coherent program that is tailored to the student's interests.

Students who wish to pursue specialized topics may do so by independent study; however, no independent study may be undertaken until the core sequence has been completed. Each independent study course must have the approval of the program coordinator. Only one independent study course may be taken for credit in the major.

Students are strongly encouraged to undertake study abroad. Roosevelt's Office of International Programs (<https://www.roosevelt.edu/International.aspx>) will assist students in selecting and applying for study abroad programs. The program coordinator will assist in selecting courses once the student has been admitted to a program. Study abroad courses and programs vary, so students should consult the program coordinator to see how study abroad courses fit into the International Studies curriculum.

Students are also strongly encouraged to supplement their International Studies education by learning a foreign language, though there is no formal requirement to do so.

Students may also deepen their learning and gain valuable work experience through internships with an agency or organization that deals with international issues and populations. Stipulations for internships are the same as for independent study.

Requirements

Students who major in International Studies must complete 12 courses (36 credit hours) in the program, each with a grade of C or higher. This includes a set of five required core courses and seven electives.

Students must complete 15 credit hours at the 300 level in the major. For their electives, students must take five courses in one of the three tracks, as well as one course from each of the other two tracks. At least five courses in International Studies must be taken at Roosevelt University.

Please note that not all International Studies courses are listed here. International Studies faculty members frequently add new courses that count toward the International Studies major. Other International Studies courses not listed in the catalog may only be offered once but can still count toward the major. You can find these courses by searching for classes in the online course schedule, using the International Studies attribute. Most study abroad classes can count for the major as well. In all cases, students should consult with the program coordinator or their academic advisor to discuss how these courses will be integrated into their major or minor.

Core

ECON 101	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS I	3
HIST 112	THE WORLD SINCE 1500	3
POS 102	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3
POS 103	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
SOC 101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3

Two International Studies Electives from tracks outside of Primary Concentration ¹

Primary Concentration		
Select one of the following tracks:		15

Track A: Regional Studies		
HIST 240	INTRODUCTION TO AFRICA	
HIST 315	COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA	
HIST 316	LATIN AMERICA SINCE INDEPENDENCE	
HIST 341	TOPICS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY	
HIST 342	TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY	
POS 344	POLITICS OF INDIA	
POS 358	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
SPAN 312	STUDIES IN HISPANIC CIVILIZATION & CULTURE	

Track B: Developments in the Global System

ECON 214	THE ECONOMICS OF GLOBALIZATION	
ECON 374	ECONOMICS OF DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT	
ECON 376	INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND IMPERIALISM	
ECON 377	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS	
HIST 305	COLONIAL AND POST-COLONIAL EUROPE	
HIST 335	HISTORY OF NATIONALISM	
PHIL 219	WORLD RELIGIONS	

POS 206	SIMULATING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
POS 302	PROBLEMS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
POS 306	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH
POS 339	POLITICAL VIOLENCE & TERRORISM
POS 342	CONTEMPORARY CIVIL WARS
SOC 344	SOCIOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION
Track C: Race, Rights, Gender, and Activism	
ANTH 240	CROSS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
HIST 317	THE FRENCH REVOLUTION & NAPOLEAN
POS 327	SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
POS 345	GLOBAL DIGITAL ACTIVISM
POS 347	ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS
POS 348	POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
POS 380	INTERNATIONAL LAW I: HUMAN RIGHTS
POS 388	INTERVENTION AND PEACEKEEPING
SOC 211	CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL ISSUES
SOC 329	WHITENESS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY
SOC 342	GLOBAL RACE
SPCH 345	CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION
WGS 304	TOPICS IN IDENTITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND POWER

General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives

Courses to total 120	84
Total Credit Hours	120

¹ At least one course is required from each of the other two concentrations

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Academic Communities of Practice		
ACP 101	FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ¹	3
ACP 110	PRIMARY TEXTS	3
ACP 250	FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE	3
English Composition ²		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
Humanities		
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ³	3
Non-Western requirement		

Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements) 3

RU mission-related course ²

LIBS 201 WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE 3

Science

One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors)) 7-8

Social Sciences

Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies 9

Total Credit Hours 49-50

¹ Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours

² Minimum grade of C- required

³ Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements—see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
ACP 101	3 ACP 110	3
ENG 101	3 ENG 102	3
POS 102 or 103	3 POS 102 or 103	3
MATH 110	3 Humanities #1	3

BIOL 111 or 112 ⁵	4 Physical Science ⁵	3
	16	15

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
LIBS 201, ACP 250, or POS 250	3 SOC 101	3
ECON 101	3 ACP 250, POS 250, or LIBS 201	3
HIST 112	3 International Studies Concentration Course	3
Non-Western Studies Course ⁴	3 Humanities #3	3
Humanities #2	3 General Elective ¹	3
	15	15

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
International Studies Concentration Course	3 International Studies Concentration Course	3
International studies course outside of Concentration	3 International Studies Concentration Course	3
General Elective ³	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
	15	15

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
International Studies Concentration Course	3 International studies course outside of Concentration	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
General Elective ¹	3 General Elective ¹	3
	15	15

Total Credit Hours 121

¹ Or course towards an optional Minor.² Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.³ Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.⁵ One Natural Science course must have a lab.