

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

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## ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

International studies is available as an interdisciplinary minor offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Education and the Department of Social Sciences. Through a cross-national approach, the minor is designed to make visible and explicit the interdependence that has been created by economic, technological, and communications development in the contemporary world.

Students in international studies must be self-directed and confident in their ability to plan their coursework to match their anticipated professional goals. This minor is designed to prepare students to work effectively in an increasingly complex world. The minor offers considerable flexibility for students to develop areas of specialization and to draw upon the offerings of other departments across the university. All minors are required to study a world language and participate in an education abroad program.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The international studies minor provides a foundation in transnational and intercultural relations through interdisciplinary work across departments. It includes curricular, experiential, and skills components that enable students to develop their academic commitment, engage in intercultural understanding, and advance their personal development.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. Be able to approach international problems from multiple disciplinary perspectives (such as anthropology, business, economics, environmental sciences and society, history, political science, and sociology).
2. Be able to communicate proficiently in a language other than English.
3. Be able to analyze international issues from multiple theoretical perspectives (such as realist, feminist, environmental, institutionalist, historical materialist, and structuralist).
4. Be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a particular country or region outside the United States.
5. Be able to write effectively about international issues.

## MINOR

- International Studies Minor (<https://catalog.uwplatt.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-education/history-and-social-sciences/international-studies/minor/>)