

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES - BA

St. Kate's international studies majors will gain an understanding of political and economic structures in the various cultures of the world and in different historical periods. Students will study these structures from a variety of perspectives. Courses are designed to help students master the complexities of the contemporary, global world.

International studies major courses are drawn from the disciplines of economics, history and political science. Students are also required to complete a substantive, off-campus experience, including one of the following: a study abroad experience for a semester, a 3-4 week shorter term, or even a year; intern with an approved, internationally-oriented organization (pending departmental advisor's approval); or complete an internationally-related independent study with a fieldwork research component. This allows a student to experience the world or see the global connections in our own local communities.

Majoring in international studies at St. Kate's will prepare students for careers in government or international service; for law school, especially the study of international law; or for graduate study in social science disciplines like political science and economics. Combined with other appropriate courses, the international studies major can prepare students for careers in areas such as international business, as well.

Recommended minors for international studies majors are economics, history and political science.

See also: Political Science (<https://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/political-science-ba/>)

The International Studies major consists of 32 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	4
HIST 1160	East Asia Since 1600	4
or HIST 2300	World History Since 1500	
POSC 2200W	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4
or POSC 2250	Introduction to World Politics	
Select One of the Following:		4
ECON 4850W	Theory to Action	
POSC 4850W	Theory to Action	
HIST 4850W	Senior Seminar: Humanities Capstone	
WOST 4850W	Senior Seminar	
CRST 4850W	Senior Seminar	
Total Credits		16

Select at least 16 credits in courses with an international focus, from the courses above (if not taken for a requirement) or the list below. At least 12 credits must be at the upper division (3XXX or 4XXX) level.

Code	Title	Credits
Off-Campus Experience ¹		2-4
Internationally focused internship, approved by student's advisor		4
COMM 3100	Communicating across Cultures, Identities and Differences	4
CRST 2250	Critical Hmong Studies	4

CRST 2350	Asian American Identities	4
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON 3000	From Nudges to Nuclear War: Game Theory and Behavioral Economics	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills	4
ECON 3170	Discrimination and Disparities: The Economics and Politics of Race and Gender	4
ECON 3250	Healthcare Economics	4
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality	4
ECON 3460W	Global Financial Issues	4
ECON 3480W	International Economics: Trade and Immigration	4
ECON 3620	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON 3650	Cost-Benefit Analysis	4
ENGL 2120	The Immigrant Perspective in Literature	4
ENGL 2260	Literature in Translation	4
ENGL 3400W	Language as Power	4
HIST 3390	Modern Middle East	4
HIST 3550	Revolution and Communist Rule in China	4
HIST 3630	Women in Asia	4
HIST 3700	History of Feminism in Western Society	4
SOCI 3160	Migration, Citizenship, Community	4
SOCI 3450	Women's Issues from Global Perspectives	4
SOCI 3510	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	4
POSC 2600	Politics of Global Cities	4
POSC 2994	Topics: Human Rights	4
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization	4
POSC 3350	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	4
WOST 2050W	Foundations of Gender and Women's Studies	4

¹ The International Studies major provides credit for students who choose to complete a substantive off-campus experience. The purpose of this option is to encourage student engagement with a community of their choosing, and to consider the international and global implications of their life-worlds, whether it be abroad or at home. Students may choose to study abroad for a semester, a 3-4 week shorter term, or even a year; intern with an approved, internationally-oriented organization (pending departmental advisor's approval); or complete an internationally-related independent study with a fieldwork research component. Students may choose from an approved list of organizations, or may even suggest a new institution

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1 - Fall Term		
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	4
Select one of the following:		4
HIST 1160	East Asia Since 1600 ¹	
POSC 2250	Introduction to World Politics ²	
Year 1 - Spring Term		
Select one of the following:		4
HIST 2300	World History Since 1500	
POSC 2200W	Introduction to Comparative Politics	

Year 2 - Fall or Spring Term	
Select one of the following:	4
Study Abroad	
Internationally-Focused Internship	
Upper division course from major requirements list	
Year 3 - Fall Term	
Upper division course from major requirements list	4
Year 3 - Spring Term	
Upper division course from major requirements list	4
Year 4 - Fall Term	
Upper division course from major requirements list	4
Year 4 - Spring Term	
Select one of the following:	4
CRST 4850W Senior Seminar	
ECON 4850	
HIST 4850W Senior Seminar: Humanities Capstone	
WOST 4850W Senior Seminar	
Total Credits	32

¹ If you take HIST in Year 1 - Fall Term, take POSC in Year 1 - Spring Term

² If you take POSC in Year 1 - Fall Term, take Hist in Year 1 - Spring Term