Handbook for International Studies Majors At Albion College

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Requirements for the International Studies Major

A minimum of EIGHT units as follows:

1) Three IS core courses:
   a) INTN 130: Introduction to International Studies
   b) Two additional IS core courses (200-level or higher), taken in two different departments.

2) Elective courses constituting a curricular focus, taken in at least two different departments.
   a) Area Studies--At least three units of course work in one of the following areas: Europe, Africa, Asia or Latin America. Depending on course availability, students may pursue other area studies tracks with the prior approval of the International Studies Major Advisory Committee.

   OR

   b) Transnational Studies--At least four units of course work on a specific transnational topic. Preapproved tracks include international environmental studies and international gender studies. Depending on course availability, students may pursue other transnational studies tracks with the prior approval of the International Studies Major Advisory Committee.

   Note: The track in "International Society and Politics" will be phased out in Fall 2007, but it is still an option for students whose catalog of entry is 2006-07 or earlier. Students wishing to pursue the ISP track should consult with the IS chair about how to assemble a coherent group of courses within this track.

3) INTN 370: Building on Your International and Intercultural Experiences
   (Note: this course is mandatory for students whose catalog of entry is 2005-06. Students whose catalog of entry is 2002/03, 2003/04, or 2004/05 may elect to satisfy this requirement with a capstone project. See the IS adviser for details)

4) Proof of foreign language competence equivalent to 2 years of college-level language study. For students pursuing an area studies track, the language must be related to the area of study.

5) At least one semester abroad must be completed in an off-campus study program approved for Albion College credit. For students pursuing an area studies track, the off-campus program must be related to the area of study. In special circumstances, students may petition the International Studies Program Committee to fulfill this requirement through U.S.-based off-campus study programs with significant international content.

6) Additional stipulations:
   a) Course work must include at least two courses taken at the 300-level or above.
   b) No more than three units of 100-level work may be counted toward the major.
   c) Up to three units of course work may be taken abroad.

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the IS major, students are strongly encouraged to select an academic adviser who is a member of the IS committee.

FAQ: What courses count for the International Studies major?

Q: How do I find out what courses count for the IS major?
A: The IS advisor will have a list of courses that have been pre-approved for the major. This list is updated each year by the IS committee.

Q: What if I want to take a course that is not on the list?
A: You can submit a petition to the IS committee to consider the course as counting towards the major. A sample petition form is appended to the back of this handbook.

Q: When should I submit my petition?
A: For courses offered at Albion College, we strongly urge you to talk to the IS adviser about the course during the academic advising period and submit your petition prior to registering for the course. In any case, the petition must be **received** by the committee by the second day of classes in the semester that you intend to take the course. For example, if you are taking the course in Fall 2007, we would have to receive your petition by August 23, 2007. This will allow us to give you a decision before the drop/add deadline.

The IS committee does not consider requests for retroactive approval of courses taken at Albion College. A different petition deadline applies to courses taken off-campus (see below).

Q: Can I count courses taken abroad or off-campus?
A: Yes, provided they meet the relevant criteria for IS courses. However, students should be aware that courses taken abroad may not meet these requirements. Therefore, to be safe, you should not rely on being able to fulfill IS major requirements with off-campus courses.

In practical terms, it is usually quite straightforward to apply off-campus area studies courses to the "area studies track" in the major. But to count a course as a "core course" or for a "transnational track" may be more complicated (criteria for "core courses" are appended to the back of this handbook).

Q: How do I petition to have an off-campus course count for the IS major?
A: In the semester before you go off campus, talk to the IS adviser so that you can identify which courses might count. While you are studying off-campus, keep all documentation from the courses that you would like to count (syllabus, assignment sheets, papers, exams). After you return to Albion, complete the petition form and submit it to the committee along with the relevant documentation.

Petitions for off-campus programs will be evaluated on a rolling basis.

Q: How many off-campus courses can I count towards the major?
A: Up to three units of off-campus work may be applied towards the IS major.

Please note: at Albion College, one course equals one unit. However, course credits are calculated differently at other institutions, so that a course taken off campus may only count as 0.50 or 0.75 Albion units. It is your responsibility to be aware of how many Albion College units you have earned.

International Studies Major: Pre-approved courses

Pre-approved IS Core Courses (current as of February 11, 2010)
Note: the IS core courses designation is instructor-specific. The course may not qualify as a core course if taught by a different instructor than the one(s) is listed here.

A/S 220: Animals and Human Societies (Mullin)
A/S 248 Social Change & Development in Africa (Togunde)
A/S 250: Population and Environment (Togunde)
A/S 332: Anthropology of Sex & Gender (Mullin)
A/S 343: Theory and Method in Anthropology (Mullin)
A/S 350: Comparative Families: A Global Perspective (Togunde)
A/S 371: Environmental Anthropology (Mullin)
A/S 375: Global Transformations (Mullin)
A/S 389: Archeology of Colonialism (Chase)
A/S 398: Language, Ethnicity and Nationalism (Theils)
ARTH318: Art & Medieval Cult of Saints (Morrow)
ARTH319: Modern Myth & Primitive Art: From Grass Huts to Glass Boxes (Morrow)
BIO 289: Conservation Biology (Lyons-Sobaski)
COMM 313: Intercultural Communication (Erlandsen)
E/M 364: The Japanese Economy (Yoshida)
E/M 366: International Trade (Li)
ETHN 289: Children of Immigrants (Ariza)
FREN 314: Multicultural France (Guenin-Lelle)
GER 314: Multiculturalism in Germany (Myers)
HIST 270: Going North (Kanter)
HIST 289: Conflict in Africa (Carotenuto)
HIST 300: Slave Societies of the Americas (Kanter)
HIST 309: Pax Britannica [British Empire] (Hagerman)
HIST 375: Colonial Africa (Carotenuto)
HIST 385: British India (Hagerman)
HIST 402: Coffee: A Global History (Baxter)
HIST 402: Latin-American-U.S. Relations (Kanter)
INTN/HIST 260: An International History of the Cold War (Yoshii)
INTN 264/HIST 264: An International History of Japan (Yoshii)
INTN 300: Power and Culture in the Asia-Pacific (Yoshii)
PLSC 235: U.S. Foreign Policy (Schlewitz)
PLSC 289: Contemporary East Asian Politics (Dabney)
PLSC 289: The Indian Question in the Americas (Schlewitz)
PLSC 336: Pro-Seminar in International Relations (Grossman)
PLSC 338: International Political Economy (Dahlerus)
PLSC 356: Human Rights in the Modern World (Dahlerus/Rose)
PLSC 352: Comparative Politics of Developing Nations (Dahlerus, Schlewitz)
RS 204: Islam and the Modern World (Soileau)
RS 210: The Feminine in World Religions (Raj)
RS 312: Global Christianities (Raj)
RS 313: Death & Dying in World Religions (Raj)

Sample Courses for a European Area Studies Track:
FRNL 264: Masterworks of European Languages

FREN 307: Civilizations of the French-Speaking World
FREN 315: Interpretation of Literature
FREN 320: French Women Writers and Feminist Criticism
FREN 337: Cinema in French
FREN 341: French Literature to 1789
FREN 342: French Literature from 1789 to the present
FREN 301: Advanced Oral and Written Expression, I
FREN 302: Advanced Oral and Written Expression, II
FREN 303: French for the Professions
FREN 314: Multicultural France: Current Issues and Historical Perspectives
FREN 315: Writing/Filming France
FREN 351: French Society from Marie de France to Louis XIV
FREN 352: Francophone Cultures on the Internet
HIST 102: Ancient and Medieval Worlds
HIST 103: 1500 Europe 2000
HIST 217: 1789 Europe 1918
HIST 218: 1918 Europe 1989
HIST 229: Film Images of WWII
HIST 307: Tudor-Stuart England
HIST 308: Victorian England
HIST 313: Modern Russia
HIST 390: Modern Germany
GER 307: German Civilization
GER 310: Germany and the Environment
GER 314: Multiculturalism in Germany After WWII
GER 316: Crisis in Language (1890-1945 A Literary Survey)
GER 389: Postwar German Short Story
GER 402: German Exile Literature
PLSC 202: Comparative Politics of Europe
PLSC 350: Russian Politics
SPAN 305: Spanish Civilization
SPAN 315: Contemporary Approaches to the Interpretation of Literature
SPAN 340: Studies in Spanish Medieval and Golden Age Literature
SPAN 341: Studies in Spanish Literature from the 18th C to the Present
LA101: The Holocaust
LA101: Cultures, Connections, Communities from Albion to France and Back
LA 101: Haves and Have Nots: Socioeconomic Issues on the Stage of German Literature (1800-present)

Sample courses for a Latin American Area Studies Track

A&S 254: Cultures of Mexico
FRNL 107 'Our Americas': Crossing Borders, Cultures and History
HIST 142: Modern Latin American History
HIST 393: Gender and Sexuality in the "Hispanic World"
HIST 300: Slave Societies of the Americas
HIST 399: Contact and Conquest in the Americas
ENGL 211: Latina/o Literature
SPAN 306: Latin American Civilization
SPAN 342: Latin American Literature I
SPAN 343: Latin American Literature II

SPAN 350: Women in Hispanic Literature
LA 101: Puerto Rico: Boricua to Colonial West Side Story and Jennifer Lopez

Sample courses for a Pacific-Asian Area Studies
A/S 289: Anthropology of Japan
ARTH 218: Asian Art
HIST 111: East Asia—Cultures and Civilizations
HIST 263: Modern China
HIST 289: Selected Topics in Asian History
HIST 365: Women and Gender in East Asia
HIST 402: East Asian Environmental History
HSP 135H: India, Values, and Gender Roles
INTN 264/HIST 264: An International History of Japan
INTN 300: Power and Culture in the Asia Pacific
LA101: Samurai Culture Through Film
PHIL 102: Philosophy East and West
PLSC 289: Japanese Politics
RELST 102: Introduction to Eastern Religions
RELST 211: Hinduism
RELST 212: Buddhism

Sample courses for an African Area Studies Track
A/S 248: Social Change & Development in Africa
ART HIST 210: The Art of Egypt and Mesopotamia
FREN 353: Francophone Africa
HIST 189: Introduction to African History
HIST 289: African Identities
HIST 402: The City in Africa
LA 101: Africa: Myth and Reality

Sample courses for a Middle Eastern Area Studies Track
RELST: 121 History, Literature and Religion of the Old Testament
LA101: Conflict: Israel and Palestine

Sample courses for International Environmental Studies
A/S 250: Population and Environment
GER 310: Germany and the Environment
HIST 402: East Asian Environmental History
LA101: Population Growth and Sustainability
LA101: Chernobyl and Hiroshima

Sample courses for International Gender Studies
FREN 320: French Women Writers and Feminist Criticism
HIST 393: Gender and Sexuality in the "Hispanic World"
HIST 370: Women and Gender in East Asia
SPAN 350: Women in Hispanic Literature
RELST. 210: The Feminine in World Religions
LA101: Women's Lives in a Global Perspective
LA101: Women's Worlds: Gender in Global Perspective
LA101: A Woman's Place Is in the House: Female Leadership in the U.S.

Petition to count a course for the IS major (Albion College courses)

Deadline: This petition must be received by the second day of class in the semester that the course is being taken. Please return the petition to Myron Levine, Chair, IS committee.

Student name: _____

Course number/name: _____

Course instructor: _____

What part of the IS major would you like this course to count for? (select one)

[__] As an IS core course
[__] As an area studies track course (area of concentration: _____)
[__] As a transnational track course (area of concentration: _____)

Explain why you believe this course should count. Please attach the course syllabus.

_____ _____

Student signature Date

Petition to count a course for the IS major (Off campus courses)

Deadline: Requests will be considered on a rolling basis.

Student name: _____

Course number/name: _____

Course instructor: _____

Institution where course was taken: _____

Semester in which course was taken: _____

Albion College units earned for course: _____

What part of the IS major would you like this course to count for? (select one)

[__] As an IS core course
[__] As an area studies track course (area of concentration: _____)
[__] As a transnational track course (area of concentration: _____)

What level is this course?

[__] 100 – level
[__] 200 – level
[__] 300 – level
[__] 400 – level

Explain why you believe this course should count. Please attach the course syllabus, assignments, and your course work.

_____ _____

Student signature Date

Int'l Studies Audit Sheet **Student name:** _____

Expected graduation year: _____

Requirement	How satisfied	Semester satisfied
A) IS core courses:		
(1) INTN 130	_____	_____
(2) 200+ course	_____	_____
(3) 200+ course	_____	_____
#2 and #3 taken in 2 different depts.?	_____	_____
B) Elective Courses		
B.1) Area studies (specify): _____		
(1) Elective	_____	_____
(2) Elective	_____	_____
(3) Elective	_____	_____
Foreign language in area of study	_____	_____
Study abroad in area of study	_____	_____
B.2) Transnational studies (specify): _____		
(1) Elective	_____	_____
(2) Elective	_____	_____
(3) Elective	_____	_____
(4) Elective	_____	_____
Foreign language competence	_____	_____
Study abroad	_____	_____
C) INTN 370	_____	_____

D) Additional conditions met?

Eight units total (list additional course name (s), if applicable)	_____
Two units of 300+ level course work	_____
Maximum of three 100 level courses	_____
Maximum of three units taken abroad	_____

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