

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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International studies is an undergraduate adjunct major taken in conjunction with a disciplinary major. It complements other Weinberg majors with a broad perspective on global issues. It is open to students in all schools.

The adjunct major provides students with a platform for interdisciplinary understanding of international affairs in connection with contemporary politics and society. Students are required to take a core set of courses in history, economy and markets, and US foreign policy that are designed to introduce key elements and concepts related to global and international issues. Each student also chooses a thematic concentration, taking courses from a variety of disciplines such as history, political science, economics, anthropology, literature, art, linguistics, global health, music, and religion. Students complete the major with either an integrating project seminar related to the thematic focus or an honors thesis that includes a 2-quarter honors seminar.

Each student majoring in international studies has a different combination of courses. Because international studies majors must show a minimum of 8 courses not double-counted in any other major(s), students should see an international studies adviser when designing their programs.

## Programs of Study

- International Studies Adjunct Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-adjunct-major/>)
- International Studies Minor (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/international-studies/international-studies-minor/>)

**INTL\_ST 290-0 Topics in International Studies (1 Unit)** Topics vary. Augments offerings of departments. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area*

**INTL\_ST 383-1 Elliott Scholars Program: Foundation Topics in Global Affairs (1 Unit)** The Elliott Scholars Program, offered with the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, provides an opportunity for a cohort of undergraduates to engage deeply in a critical issue within global affairs from an interdisciplinary perspective. This first seminar will provide students with a foundational understanding of the issue, which will vary as different professors participate. This is an application-based program. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

**INTL\_ST 390-0 Special Topics in International Studies (1 Unit)** Topics vary. Augments offerings of departments.

**INTL\_ST 393-0 Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change (1-3 Units)** Central debates and issues of international development. Global poverty, development goals, alternative approaches, participation, scale, sustainability, power, evaluation, and social change. Restricted to students in the Global Engagement Studies Institute program. *Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area*

**INTL\_ST 393-SA Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change (1-3 Units)** Central debates and issues of international development. Global poverty, development goals, alternative approaches, participation, scale, sustainability, power, evaluation, and social change. Restricted to students in the Global Engagement Studies Institute program. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity Social*

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**INTL\_ST 395-0 Integrating Project Seminar (1 Unit)** Small research seminars allow international studies majors to conduct research in their chosen themes.

**INTL\_ST 398-1 Honors Seminar (1 Unit)** Two consecutive quarters (fall and winter) during which students work on their senior theses. Admission by written application to the program director.

**INTL\_ST 398-2 Honors Seminar (1 Unit)** Two consecutive quarters (fall and winter) during which students work on their senior theses. Admission by written application to the program director.

**INTL\_ST 399-0 Independent Research (1 Unit)** Advanced research is carried out under the supervision of a Northwestern professor. Independent study may count toward completion of a thematic cluster. Consent of the director of the undergraduate's major is required following submission of a written proposal.