

EXISTING MAJOR

The international studies major integrates the perspectives of political science, economics, business, and history in an effort to provide the student with a more structured approach to a comprehensive understanding of the complex and interdependent nature of political, social, and economic factors that shape behavior in the international system. Five concentrations are offered which permit the student to focus in a given area of interest: (1) Conflict and Peace Studies; (2) Environmental Issues; (3) Global Trade and International Business; (4) Global Interdependence; (5) an Area Studies concentration; or, (6) a uniquely designed specialized concentration. The major prepares the student for careers in foreign service, the intelligence community, international business, the international policy-making community, positions with international NGOs, related research fields, as well as law and teaching.

Recommendations for Study Away from Campus

Students are strongly urged, in consultation with their faculty advisor, to plan their major early in their career at Muhlenberg so that space can be provided for important Study Abroad experience and/or out-of-classroom learning such as the Washington Semester and internships.

Recommended Language Courses

International studies majors are strongly encouraged to demonstrate competence in a language other than English by double majoring or minoring in a language. Alternately, if their schedules do not permit a minor, students are strongly encouraged to take courses in a language through Advanced Conversation & Composition. Students may complete one of the required writing intensive courses with one of the following:

- FRN 304 Advanced French Conversation & Composition
- GRM 304 Advanced German Conversation & Composition
- RUS 304 Advanced Russian Conversation & Composition
- SPN 304 Advanced Spanish Conversation & Composition

In addition, students may fulfill the general academic requirement in historical studies with one of the following courses:

- FRN 320 or 321 French Civilization
- GRM 220 or 221 German Civilization
- SPN 320 or 231 Civilization of Spain
- SPN 322 or 323 Civilization of Latin America

Finally, international studies majors may find the following courses useful:

- FRN 310 French for the Professions
- GRM 310 or 311 Business German
- SPN 310 or 311 Business Spanish

Honors in International Studies

A student may work for Honors beginning in the spring semester of his/her junior year. Students who fulfill the following conditions will be awarded honors at Commencement:

- A 3.500 grade point average in international studies.
- Enrollment in an independent study offered by a member of the departments participating in the international studies major.
- The submission and approval of an Honors essay as the culmination of the independent study. This essay must be of substantial length (approximately 25 pages) and be based upon an appropriate volume of primary and secondary research.
- A grade in the independent study of no less than B+.
- Passing of an oral defense of the project conducted by members of the departments participating in the International Studies major.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The major consists of six core courses plus six courses in either one of the five designated concentrations or a specialized concentration.

Core Course Requirements:

ECN 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECN 102 Principles of Microeconomics
PSC 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics & International Relations
PSC 328 or 329 International Law & Organization
PSC 339 or 340 Theories of International Relations
A Culminating Seminar in International Studies (PSC 420, PSC 430, or PSC 440)

Optimally, the student will follow one of the following four designated concentrations. However, where there is a compelling academic reason, such as education abroad, the student may make substitutions in any of the five concentrations or design a unique concentration (such as Developing Nations Studies) in consultation with his or her faculty advisor and the director of the major.

Concentrations

Students following the Conflict and Peace Studies, Environmental Issues, Global Interdependence, or Global Trade and International Business concentrations must choose one of the following Area Study Courses as one of their six required courses.

PSC 230 or 231 Government & Politics of Europe
PSC 232 or 233 Governments & Politics of East Asia
PSC 234 or 235 Government & Politics of Russia
PSC 237 or 238 Governments & Politics of Africa
PSC 244 or 245 Government & Politics of Latin America
PSC 248 or 249 Governments & Politics of the Middle East

Conflict and Peace Studies

This concentration explores the interdisciplinary study of peace and conflict. It examines the theoretical arguments about the nature of conflict, approaches to peace building, and the utility of both violence and non-violence. It explores topics ranging from the impact of patriotism and nationalism on peace and conflict, theories of just and unjust wars, the role of militarism in shaping international relations, causes and cases of ethnic conflict, and the various efforts and institutions that have sought to resolve conflicts and build peace.

Required Courses:

PSC 242 or 243 Introduction to Conflict & Peace Studies

Choose four (4) of the following:

ECN 336 or 337 Economic Growth & International Development
HST 277 or 278 Modern Middle Eastern History
HST 393 or 394 The Arab-Israeli Conflict
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
PSC 356 or 357 War & Justice
PSC 430 Seminar in Comparative National Security Policy
SOC 325 Imagined Communities: The Sociology of Nations & States
SOC 340 Sociology of Development

Environmental Issues

This concentration focuses on developing an understanding of the national actors, non-state actors, international institutions, attitudes, and values that have shaped the formulation of international environmental policy. It also examines the environmental context within which many international

political crises are rooted. The concentration provides students with the opportunity to acquire a basic knowledge of the strategies and political accommodations required to address problems which flow from environmental crises.

Required Courses:

PSC 216 or 217 Environmental Politics & Policymaking
PSC 330 or 331 Comparative & International Environmental Policies

Choose three (3) of the following:

ECN 245 or 246 Environmental Economics
ECN 249 or 250 Economics of Natural Resources & Sustainability
GEO 101 World Geography
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
SOC 320 Environmental Sociology
SUS 350 Environmental & Cultural Conservation in Latin America

It is strongly recommended that students following the Environmental Issues concentration use any of the following toward their science requirement:

ESC 111 Topics in Environmental Science
ESC 113 Environmental Science I
ESC 114 Environmental Science II

Global Interdependence

This concentration examines the complex interaction of political and economic forces in shaping international relations in an age of increasing global interdependence. The concentration focuses on the role of dominant political and economic institutions in shaping the behavior of international, national, and sub-national actors. Particular attention is paid to studying the asymmetries in global power relationships regarding issues related to development in general and debt, trade, finance, and the environment in particular.

Required Courses:

PSC 343 or 344 International Political Economy

Choose four (4) of the following courses:

COM 208 or 209 Communication in the Global Community
ECN 334 or 335 International Trade & Globalization
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 254 or 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
PSC 370 or 371 European Union
PSC 420 Seminar in Regimes & Regime Change
PSC 430 Seminar in Comparative National Security Policy

Global Trade and International Business

This concentration grounds students in: 1) the principles of global trade and development and 2) the political and economic factors that influence the conditions in which international business operates within specific geographic regions. In addition, it provides the student with grounding in coordinate skills and principles of international business.

Required Courses:

ACT 101 Financial Accounting
FIN 237 or 238 Corporation Finance
BUS 235 or 236 Management
BUS 239 or 240 Marketing

Choose one of the following courses:

BUS 341 or 342 Globalization & Marketing

ECN 334 or 335 International Trade & Globalization
FIN 362 or 363 Multinational Financial Management
PSC 254 or 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 343 or 344 International Political Economy

Students in the Global Trade and International Business Concentration are strongly urged to meet the general academic requirement in reasoning with MTH 104 Statistical Methods.

Area Studies Concentration (Choose one cluster–Europe, Asia, Latin America, Middle East)

Choose one of the following Area Study Combinations:

PSC 230 or 231 Government & Politics of Europe
HST 217 or 218 Revolution & the Birth of Modern Europe (1787-1919)
4 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

PSC 234 or 235 Government & Politics of Russia
HST 263 or 264 Imperial Russia
HST 265 or 266 Soviet Russia
3 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

PSC 232 or 233 Governments & Politics of East Asia
HST 271 or 272 Modern China
HST 273 or 274 Modern Japan
3 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

PSC 244 or 245 Government & Politics of Latin America
HST 291 or 292 Colonial Latin America
HST 293 or 294 Modern Latin America
3 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

PSC 248 or 249 Governments & Politics of the Middle East
HST 275 or 276 Rise of Islam
HST 277 or 278 Modern Middle Eastern History
3 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

Self-Designed Concentration

In consultation with the Director of the major, the student will develop an appropriate mix of six interrelated courses from multiple disciplines which in combination reflect a coherent sub area of the discipline of International Studies: examples of past self-designed concentrations include: comparative political psychology, human rights, indigenous issues, etc.

A 2.000 grade point average in all courses must be maintained to remain a major in the program. Majors may satisfy the writing intensive course requirement in political science; history; economics; or languages, literatures, and cultures.

Rationale for Revision of the Major

The revised International Studies major is a product of a retreat attended by representatives of participating departments including political science, economics/business, sociology, history, and religion. The revised major is structured to

increase the interdisciplinary focus of requirements both within the core and within required and elective courses for each of the concentrations within the major. In addition, the revised major seeks to reflect student interest by increasing the number of concentrations available to students. We have two new concentrations within the major: Development Studies and Global Public Health. The new Global Public Health concentration has been reviewed by the current director of the Public Health minor and is presented with her support. Finally, the revised major seeks to expand student choice in courses within each concentration by decreasing the number of core courses and increasing the number of options within each concentration based upon the increased number of courses relevant to the major that are now being offered by Muhlenberg faculty from a variety of departments.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR (REVISED)

The international studies major integrates the perspectives of political science, economics, business, sociology, history and a variety of other disciplines in an effort to provide the student with a structured approach to a comprehensive understanding of the complex and interdependent nature of political, social, and economic factors that shape behavior in the international system. Seven structured concentrations are offered which permit the student to focus in a given area of interest: (1) Conflict and Peace Studies; (2) Environmental Issues; (3) Global Trade and International Business; (4) Global Interdependence; (5) Development Studies; (6) Global Public Health Studies; and, (7) an Area Studies concentration. In addition, students may develop a uniquely designed specialized concentration. The major prepares the student for careers in foreign service, the intelligence community, international business, the international policy-making community, positions with international NGOs concentrating on development and public health, related research fields, as well as law and teaching.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Recommendations for Study Away from Campus

Students are strongly urged, in consultation with their faculty advisor, to plan their major early in their career at Muhlenberg so that space can be provided for important Study Abroad experience and/or out-of-classroom learning such as the Washington Semester and internships.

Recommended Language Courses

International studies majors are strongly encouraged to demonstrate competence in a language other than English by double majoring or minoring in a language. Alternately, if their schedules do not permit a minor, students are strongly encouraged to take courses in a language through Advanced Conversation & Composition. Students may complete one of the required writing intensive courses with one of the following:

- FRN 304 Advanced French Conversation & Composition (W)
- GRM 304 Advanced German Conversation & Composition (W)
- RUS 304 Advanced Russian Conversation & Composition (W)
- SPN 304 Advanced Spanish Conversation & Composition (W)

In addition, students may fulfill one of their general academic requirements in humanities with one of the following courses:

- FRN 320 or 321 French Civilization
- GRM 220 or 221 German Civilization
- RUS-320 or 321 Russian Civilization
- SPN 320 or 231 Civilization of Spain
- SPN 322 or 323 Civilization of Latin America

Finally, international studies majors may find the following courses useful:

FRN 310 French for the Professions
GRM 310 or 311 Business German
SPN 310 or 311 Business Spanish

Recommended Math and Science courses:

It is strongly recommended that students in International Studies use one of the following courses toward their Reasoning requirement:

MTH 104 Statistical Methods
MTH 119 Statistical Analysis

It is strongly recommended that students in International Studies use the following courses to meet their Science requirement:

BIO 101 Human Biology, Science, & Society
BIO 106 The Biotech Century
BIO 109 Bubonic Plague to AIDS: The Influence of Infectious Disease on the Human Species & Environment
BIO 111 Crisis Earth: Causes, Consequences, & Solutions for a Changing Planet
CHM 101 Chemistry of the Environment
ESC 111 Topics in Environmental Science
ESC 113 Environmental Science I
ESC 114 Environmental Science II

Honors in International Studies

A student may work for Honors beginning in the spring semester of his/her junior year. Students who fulfill the following conditions will be awarded honors at Commencement:

- A 3.700 grade point average in international studies.
- Enrollment in an independent study offered by a member of the departments participating in the international studies major during the Fall semester.
- The submission and approval of an Honors essay as the culmination of the independent study. This essay must be of substantial length (approximately 50 pages) and be based upon an appropriate volume of primary and secondary research.
- A grade in the independent study of no less than B+.
- Passing of an oral defense of the project conducted by members of the departments participating in the International Studies major.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The major consists of four core courses plus eight courses in any one of the seven designated concentrations or a specialized concentration.

Core Courses

IST 101 Introduction to International Studies (Interdisciplinary Course - new)
ECN 102 Principles of Microeconomics
PSC 340 Theories of International Relations (W)
CUE Seminar (PSC 440/ PSC 420/ PSC 430) - all will seek (W) designation

Students following **any** of the concentrations listed below must choose **two (2)** of the following Area Study Courses.

Area Studies Courses

Choose (2) two of the following

HST 293 or 294 Modern Latin America
PSC 230 or 231 Government & Politics of Europe

PSC 232 or 233 Governments & Politics of East Asia
PSC 234 or 235 Government & Politics of Russia
PSC 237 or 238 Governments & Politics of Africa
PSC 249 or 249 Governments & Politics of the Middle East

Concentrations

Optimally, the student will follow one of the following seven designated concentrations: Peace and Conflict Studies, International Environmental Problems, Global Interdependence, Global Trade and International Business, Development Studies, Global Public Health, or Area Studies. However, where there is a compelling academic reason, such as education abroad, students may make substitutions in any of the seven concentrations or design a unique concentration (such as Indigenous Peoples in International Relations) in consultation with his or her faculty advisor and the director of the major.

Peace and Conflict Studies

Required Courses

PSC 241 or 242 Intro to Conflict and Peace Studies
PSC 329 International Law and Organization (W)

Choose (4) four of the following:

ECN 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECN 336 or 337 Economic Growth & International Development
HST 277 or 278 Modern Middle Eastern History
HST 393 or 394 The Arab-Israeli Conflict
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
PSC 356 or 357 War & Justice
PSC 430 Seminar in Comparative National Security Policy
REL 102 Religion and Violence
REL 227 Islamic Traditions
REL 357 The Holocaust: Nazi Germany and the Jews
SOC 325 Imagined Communities: The Sociology of Nations & States
SOC 340 Sociology of Development
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

International Environmental Problems

Required Courses:

PSC 330 or 331 Comparative & International Environmental Policies (W)
PSC 329 International Law and Organizations (W)

Choose four (4) of the following:

ATH 310 or 311 Human Ecology
BIO 111 Crisis Earth
COM 336: Environmental Communication
ECN 245 or 246 Environmental Economics
ECN 249 or 250 Economics of Natural Resources & Sustainability
HST 373 or 374 Environmental History of Latin America
PSC 216 or 217 Environmental Politics & Policymaking
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
SOC 320 Environmental Sociology
SUS 350 Environmental & Cultural Conservation in Latin America
SUS 355 Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Bangladesh
PSC 280 Sustainable Development in China's Pearl River Delta
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

It is strongly recommended that students following the Environmental Issues concentration use any of the following towards their science requirement:

BIO 111 Crisis Earth
ESC 111 Topics in Environmental Science
ESC 113 Environmental Science I
ESC 114 Environmental Science II

Global Interdependence

Required Courses:

ECN 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
PSC 343 or 344 International Political Economy

Choose four (4) of the following courses:

COM 208 or 209 Communication in the Global Community
ECN 336/337 Economic Growth & International Development
ECN 284 International Macroeconomics
ECN 222 or 223 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
ECN 334 or 335 International Trade & Globalization
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
PSC 254 or 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 329 International Law and Organizations (W)
PSC 330 or 331 Comparative & International Environmental Policies (W)
PSC 341 or 342 American Foreign Policy
PSC 420 Seminar in Regimes & Regime Change (W) or
PSC 430 Seminar in Comparative National Security Policy (W)
SUS 355 Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Bangladesh
PSC 280 Sustainable Development in China's Pearl River Delta
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

Global Trade and International Business

Required Courses:

ACT 101 Financial Accounting
ECN 101 Principles of Macroeconomics
BUS 387 International Business

Choose (3) of the following courses:

BUS 235 or 236 Management (W)
BUS 239 or 240 Marketing
BUS 341 or 342 Globalization & Marketing
ECN 284 International Macroeconomics
ECN 334 or 335 International Trade & Globalization
FIN 237 or 238 Corporation Finance
FIN 362 or 363 Multinational Financial Management
PSC 254 or 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 329 International Law and Organizations (W)
PSC 343 or 344 International Political Economy
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

Students in the Global Trade and International Business Concentration are strongly urged to meet the general academic requirement in reasoning with MTH 104 Statistical Methods.

Development Studies

Required Courses

ECN 101 Introduction to Macroeconomics
ECN 336 or 337 Economic Growth and International Development
PSC 343 or 344 International Political Economy

SOC 344 or 341 Sociology of Development or PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations

Choose (2) of the following courses:

BUS 285 International Business
ECN 222 or 223 Intermediate Macroeconomics
HST 293 or 294 Modern Latin America
HST 277 or 278 Modern Middle Eastern History
HST 288 Special Topics African History
PSC 254 or 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 246 or 247 Developing Nations
SOC 325 Imagined Communities: The Sociology of Nations & States
SOC 320 Environmental Sociology
SOC 344 or 341 Sociology of Development
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

Global Public Health – **NOTE:** This Concentration follows the model of Business Administration's International Business Concentration in that it requires participation in a study abroad program.

On Campus Required Courses

PBH 200 Issues in Public Health
BIO 109 Bubonic Plague to AIDS or BIO 111 Crisis Earth
BIO 101 Human Biology, Science, and Society

Optional Courses: Choose a Total of 4 from 1 and 2

1-Optional Courses at Muhlenberg (Choose at least 2)

COM 334,335 Health Communication
ECN 243 Health Care Economics
HST 347 History of Public Health in American
PHL Biomedical Ethics
PSC 213 Public Health Policy
PSC 219 or 220 Public Administration
PSC 254, 255 Globalization & Social Justice
PSC 330, 331 Comparative & International Environmental Policies (W)
PBH 960 or PBH 970 Practicum or Independent Study or Independent Research or Internship (With an emphasis on the social, political, cultural, economic, psychological, environmental, or biological context of global public health)
SOC 317 Sociology of Medicine, Health and Illness
Appropriate MILA or Special Topics Course with permission of the Director

2- OFF-Campus Options – Choose 1

- A-Denmark International Studies (DIS) Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)
- B- University Of Maastricht Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)
- C-CIEE Botswana Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)
- D-CIEE Thailand Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)
- E-SIT Chile Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)
- F-SIT South Africa Option (*Choose at least 2 courses from Public Health offerings*)

It is strongly recommended that students choosing any of the six options the Public Health concentration use one of the following courses toward their science requirement:

- ESC 111 Topics in Environmental Science
- ESC 113 Environmental Science I
- ESC 114 Environmental Science II

Area Studies (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Russia)

Choose one of the following Area Study Combinations:

Europe

- PSC 230 or 231 Government & Politics of Europe
- HST 217 or 218 Revolution & the Birth of Modern Europe (1787-1919)
- 5 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

Russia

- PSC 234 or 235 Government & Politics of Russia
- HST 263 or 264 Imperial Russia
- HST 265 or 266 Soviet Russia
- 4 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

East Asia

- PSC 232 or 233 Governments & Politics of East Asia
- HST 271 or 272 Modern China
- HST 273 or 274 Modern Japan
- 4 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

Latin America

- HST 291 or 292 Colonial Latin America
- HST 293 or 294 Modern Latin America
- 4 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

Middle East

- PSC 248 or 249 Governments & Politics of the Middle East
- HST 275 or 276 Rise of Islam
- HST 277 or 278 Modern Middle Eastern History
- 4 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major)

Africa

- PSC 237 or 238 Governments & Politics of Africa
- 5 Additional courses appropriate to the geographic area chosen (selected in consultation with the director of the major).

Self-Designed Concentration

In consultation with the Director of the major, the student will develop an appropriate mix of eight interrelated courses from multiple disciplines which in combination reflect a coherent sub area of the discipline of International Studies: examples of past self-designed concentrations include: comparative political psychology, human rights, indigenous issues, etc.

A 2.000 grade point average in all courses must be maintained to remain a major in the program. Majors may satisfy the writing intensive course requirement in political science; history; economics; or languages, literatures, and cultures.