

Major Study Requirements

The major in International Studies requires 39 credit hours of which at least 21 credit hours (7 classes) must be at the upper-division level. As described below, the course work includes a foreign language, core introductory courses, thematic and area studies courses, and the capstone seminar. No more than 12 credit hours may be selected in any one department. Students work closely with the academic advisors for International Studies in planning their program of study and must receive approval for all course work in fulfillment of the major.

A. Foreign Language (6 credit hours)

Six hours beyond the 100-level of foreign language or demonstrated proficiency through the second year of any language other than English or Signed Language (i.e., Foreign Language 201 and 202 or above).

B. Core Courses (12 credit hours)

Select three hours from each of the following areas, including three hours in Humanities or Social/Natural Sciences that must introduce the student's thematic concentration:

1. Introduction to International Studies (3 credit hours): INTS 101
2. International Politics (3 credit hours): POLS 240
3. Humanities (3 credit hours): ARTH 201 or 202; COMP 224; ENGL 264; ENGL 292 or 293; HIST 181 or 182; MLANG 101; RELG 107; RELG 263 or 264
4. Social and Natural Sciences (3 credit hours): ANTH 130; CJ 115; CRP 181; ECON 203; ENVS 101; GEOG 140 or 195; PCST 102; POLS 220; SOC 221; WMST 109

C. Thematic Concentration (9 credit hours in approved upper-division courses)

Select one concentration from the following list:

1. Culture and Arts in Global Perspective
2. Environment and Society/Sustainability
3. Indigenous, National, and Transnational Identities
4. Global Markets, International Institutions, and Global Governance
5. Conflict, Peace, and Diplomacy
6. Rituals and Belief Systems
7. Women and Gender in the Contemporary World

D. Area Studies Concentration (9 credit hours in approved upper-division courses).

Select one concentration from the following list:

1. Africa
2. Europe
3. Asia and Middle East
4. Russia and Eurasia
5. Latin America

E. Capstone Seminar in International Studies (INTS 400, 3 credit hours)

The course is open to majors who have recently completed an approved international (i.e., study abroad) or intercultural academic experience related to their thematic and/or area studies

concentration. Two options are available to gain the required international or intercultural experience prior to taking the capstone seminar:

- **Option 1 (preferred): Study Abroad**

Majors must meet with the INTS faculty advisor to discuss and plan their study abroad experience. The study abroad experience may consist of a traditional semester or year spent at a university abroad, a short-term program (2-4 weeks) during intersession, or a summer language program. An appointment with UNM's Global Education Office (GEO) is required to begin the study abroad process. Once a study abroad program has been chosen, students must schedule another meeting with the INTS advisor to ensure that it meets department requirements.

Students may also design their own international experience in consultation with the INTS advisor. A formal proposal must be submitted to the INTS faculty advisor for approval well in advance of the planned international experience. A meeting with UNM's Global Education Office is also required to begin the independent study abroad process.

[See Sample Proposal for Independent Study Abroad Project](#)

- **Option 2: Intercultural Experience**

There are diverse opportunities on the UNM campus, in the community, and throughout the United States for majors to gain intercultural understanding and experience. This option allows students to find and explore these opportunities in consultation with the INTS advisor. A formal proposal must be submitted to the INTS faculty advisor for approval well in advance of the planned intercultural experience.

[See Sample Proposal for Intercultural Project](#)

F. Honors in International Studies (INTS 402, 3 credit hours)

Majors wishing to work for Honors in International Studies should contact the Director of the International Studies Program during their junior year. Honors students will need to sign up for two consecutive semesters of course work on the thesis.

The first semester consists of a readings course/independent study in the home department of their thesis mentor and counts as one of the student's electives in either the area studies or thematic concentration. This course is the preliminary work and research for the honors thesis. The second semester consists of INTS 402 in which the student completes the research and writes the honors thesis under the direction of a committee of at least two ISI-affiliated faculty members.

Note: This option adds 3 credit hours to the major.

Minor Study Requirements

The minor in International Studies requires 27 credit hours of which at least 12 hours (4 classes) must be at the upper division level. As described below, the course work includes a foreign language, core introductory courses, thematic and area studies courses. No more than 9 credit hours may be selected in any one department. Students work closely with the academic advisors for International Studies in planning their program of study and must receive approval for all course work in fulfillment of the minor.

A. Foreign Language (6 credit hours)

Six hours beyond the 100-level of foreign language or demonstrated proficiency through the second year of any language other than English or Signed Language (i.e., Foreign Language 201 and 202 or above).

B. Core Courses (9 credit hours)

Select three hours from each of the following areas, including three hours in *either* Humanities *or* Social/Natural Sciences that must introduce the student's thematic concentration:

1. Introduction to International Studies (3 credit hours): INTS 101
2. International Politics (3 credit hours): POLS 240
3. Humanities (3 credit hours): ARTH 201 or 202; COMP 224; ENGL 264; ENGL 292 or 293; HIST 181 or 182; MLANG 101; RELG 107; RELG 263 or 264

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4. Social and Natural Sciences (3 credit hours): ANTH 130; CJ 115; CRP 181; ECON 203; ENVIS 101; GEOG 140 or 195; PCST 102; POLS 220; SOC 221; WMST 109

C. Thematic Concentration (6 credit hours in approved upper-division courses).

Select one concentration from the list under *Major Study Requirements* and choose courses from the corresponding list of approved courses.

D. Area Studies Concentration (6 credit hours in approved upper-division courses).

Select one concentration from the list under *Major Study Requirements* and choose courses from the corresponding list of approved courses.