

International Studies Minor—Approved March 2006.

The international studies minor is designed to provide students with:

- (a) awareness of international issues, challenges and opportunities,
- (b) knowledge of global similarities, differences, ways of understanding and approaches to policymaking,
- (c) opportunities for cross-disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary approaches to academic study, and
- (d) experience with cultures outside the United States.

This 15 credit minor is easy to combine with a variety of campus majors and plans of study and allows students to explore in-depth areas which compliment their major course work—such as international business, comparative political systems, or cross-cultural communication. While not required, students who pursue this minor are strongly encouraged to combine their interest in international studies with in-depth study of languages offered on the IU Kokomo campus, (whether Spanish, German or French) and coursework which provides broad international content. Please consult the International Studies Minor website on a regular basis for an update as to which courses are being offered in any given semester. If you have questions about the minor or seek advising as to how to incorporate the minor into your plan of study, please consult Dr. Donna McLean at domclean@iuk.edu, or call (765) 455-9442 to set up an appointment.

Requirements: The minor comprises at least 15 credit hours of course work including:

1. **I100 Introduction to International Studies**

This 3 credit class is an interdisciplinary introduction to international studies. In the course, students will examine global issues like trade and overpopulation from the perspective of the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

2. **Any approved overseas study course (3 credit class) which may include, but is not restricted to the following: D496 Foreign Study in Business (BUS), F200 Foreign Study (COAS), K433 Korean Culture and Healthcare practicum (2 credits) with K432 Korean Culture and Healthcare (1 credit), L410/L580 Comparative Labor Unions: The Americas (3 credits)**

OR

S427 Cross-cultural Communication

As a capstone experience students are required to take either S427 Cross-cultural Communication (as long as they have not taken the course as part of their third requirement for the minor described below—you can only get credit once in the minor for taking this class), or any overseas study class offered through the university. To satisfy the overseas study requirement for students not taking S427, students must complete at least 3 credits of course work which involves travel, an internship or service work opportunity outside of the US, or an in-depth approved study of a culture unfamiliar to the student.

3. **An additional nine credits of course work from any TWO of the following categories:**

A. **Global Markets and Governance:**

Course work in political science, economics or business with broad international content.

- Y217 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credits)**
- Y219 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)**
- Y339 African politics (3 credits)**
- D300 International Business Administration (3 credits)**
- D301 The International Business Environment (3 credits)**
- D302 International Business: Operations of International Enterprise (3 credits)**

Possible special topics courses may also be approved as part of this requirement. These courses are generally not available on a regular rotation, but if a course meeting criteria determining broad international content was offered in the area of global markets and governance, students would be able to authorize the course as part of the international studies minor. An example of a special topics course might be **E303, Survey of International Economics (3 credits)**.

B. Arts and Civilization:

Course work in the humanities, fine arts or history with broad international content.

- A108 Art of the Western World (3 credits)**
- L225 Introduction to World Masterpieces**
- G301 History of the English Language**
- H228 History of the Vietnam War (3 credits)**

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C. Health and Environment:

Course work in nursing, public policy or the natural sciences with broad international content.

- C390 Special topics in Chemistry (3 credits)**
- K432 Korean Culture and Healthcare (1 credit)**
- K433 Korean Culture and Healthcare practicum (2 credits)**

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D. Culture and Society:

Course work in communication, sociology or cultural study with broad international content.

- S200 Workshop in special topics: Hispanic Culture (Span) (3 credits)**
- P391 Psychology of Gender and Ethnicity (3 credits)**

S427 Cross-cultural communication (3 credits)

S363 Sociology of Development (3 credits)

S335 Race and Ethnic Relations

S419 Social movements and collective action

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If students would like to certify that a special topics course will fit into the international studies minor, they are requested to send the course number with a brief description of the course to the International Studies Committee. Please email the request to: domclean@iuk.edu for distribution to the International Studies Committee. The committee will review the matter and get back to the student as soon as possible through email.

Courses with international content will be listed on a semester by semester basis at IUK's International Programs web site at the following address: <http://www.iuk.edu/~koipdiv/minor.shtml> If faculty would like the International Studies Minor Committee to consider a course for inclusion in the minor, please send the course number, a brief description, and if possible a syllabus to: domclean@iuk.edu for distribution to the committee. Additionally, faculty are encouraged to announce when they will be teaching a course with international content, so that we may post this course on the International Programs website.