INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINOR

The purpose of this interdisciplinary minor is to provide students with an education that broadens their knowledge of the people of the world, international events, and the socio-economic and socio-political background to global affairs. To do this, it integrates area studies and the study of international problems viewed from a cross disciplinary perspective. New curricular efforts, including global perspectives in issues-oriented courses, are emphasized.

This minor provides a splendid foundation for careers in which an understanding of international economic, political, social, and cultural affairs is of importance; it also provides a foundation for graduate work in the field; and is an excellent complement to majors in the humanities, social sciences, arts and business.

Language Component (3 s.h.)

In addition to the six credits of an international language required by the university’s world language requirement, students must take at least three additional credits in the same language. Students who demonstrate advanced level competency will be waived from this requirement.

Electives (12 s.h.)

These electives will include six credits in Area Studies courses that focus on the same regional area of studies:

- Africa,
- Asia,
- Europe,
- Latin America and Caribbean, or
- the Middle East

(three of these six credits must be in Culture and Artistic Expression; and the remaining three credits in Area Studies courses must be taken in Social and Political Structures); plus three credits each in Global Issues courses and in courses with international focus.

All elective courses retain their prerequisites, corequisites, and restrictions (as applicable). Only the departments offering a course can issue exemptions from their corresponding restrictions or prerequisites. No more than six credits can be taken as electives from one alpha course code.

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