

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



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A degree in International Studies provides students with a valuable global perspective and the skills needed to pursue a future career or higher degrees in the areas of government, teaching, communication, nonprofits, law, journalism, business and many others.

DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (B.A.)

International Studies (INTL) is designed to produce informed leaders on world issues who are proficient in a foreign language and have exceptional research, writing and public speaking skills. The program promotes rigorous academic training, and provides students with the professional skills needed to operate in an increasingly complex and globalized society.

FOUNDATION COURSES

Students are required to complete 21 credits of foundation courses that cover the principal contributing academic disciplines for this interdisciplinary degree: anthropology, economics and government, along with an interdisciplinary introductory course and a capstone experience.

CONCENTRATIONS

Students are expected to take 12 credits in two out of four areas of study:

- **Comparative Societies** focuses on understanding ourselves and others from different cultures and explores issues such as race, religion and gender. It considers how identities are affected by changing patterns of human interaction and the interchange of ideas between cultures.
- **Economic Interdependence** studies economic interactions that occur on a global scale and among and within countries.
- **Global Environmental Issues** examines environmental challenges that impact the international community, individual countries and our own local communities.
- **International Relations** explores the interactions of actors in international politics, including international organizations (such as the United Nations), countries and nonstate actors. Courses in this area involve foreign policy, international law and the evolution of the international system.

REGIONAL FOCUS

International Studies majors are also required to select a geographic region in which they specialize. In order to fulfill this requirement, students must complete nine credits in one geographic region: African Area Studies, The Americas Area Studies, Asian Area Studies or European Area Studies.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

As the world becomes more interdependent, it is essential that students move beyond a monolingual global understanding. Proficiency in more than one language will be crucial for future international opportunities.

Students must complete six credits in a foreign language of their choice. Through study at Millersville or through an arrangement with neighboring Franklin & Marshall College, INTL majors have the following foreign languages to select from: Arabic, Mandarin, French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Russian.

VISITING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

This program brings a professor from one of Millersville's international partner institutions to teach an intensive three-credit course during January and February each year. To date, scholars have come from Australia, Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom. Past topics have included globalization and international trade, HIV/AIDS, human rights, Latin American culture and transitional justice issues. The courses are taught from a regional perspective and are often delivered and assessed in the manner that the instructor would utilize at his/her own home educational institution. Overall, this allows students to have a unique international educational experience without actually leaving the Millersville campus.



STUDY ABROAD

International Studies majors are encouraged to study abroad. This is an important and valuable part of the student's undergraduate educational experience. Study-abroad experiences expand intellectual horizons and deepen understanding of cultural, political and economic issues. Students may study, work or intern abroad any time after the completion of 24 credits.

Millersville University has partner institutions in Australia, Chile, China, France, Germany, Japan, South Africa, Spain and the United Kingdom. Recent INTL majors have also studied in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Russia, Sweden and Vietnam.

For information regarding study abroad, please visit www.millersville.edu/globaled.

INTERNSHIPS

Students have many opportunities to participate in internships and earn academic credit applicable to the INTL major while gaining valuable professional experience. International Studies-related internships are offered in partnership with numerous local, state, national and international institutions. INTL majors in recent years have interned with national parliaments (U.K., Canada, Chile), Save the Children Federation, Amnesty International, Church World Service (Lancaster) and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to coursework, INTL majors and minors engage in on-campus student organizations and activities. Student organizations are part of the Millersville University campus experience and can enhance the skills learned in the classroom setting. Through participation in extracurricular activities, students expand upon their leadership and social and organizational skills that are valuable for any career. Student organizations that are affiliated with the International Studies Program are Asian Student Inclusivity Association (ASIA), Model UN Club, and Sigma Iota Rho (Honors Society).

Periodically, the INTL Program also sponsors campus speaker events or field trips. Each spring, students have the opportunity to visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York to meet with diplomats from other countries and receive policy briefings from country missions.

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The INTL program offers opportunities for students to complete their capstone experience requirement through a short-term summer study-abroad program taught by Millersville University faculty. Over the past few years, INTL students have participated in such programs in Greece, Turkey, South Africa and Switzerland.



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