

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

The international studies program prepares students to be global citizens in an interdependent world. International and intercultural knowledge is fundamental to contemporary life and work. The objective of this program is to prepare students to be contributing members of the international community.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
- Complete the following major requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational Courses		
ENGL A200	Global Literature and Culture	3
HIST A101	Western Civilization I	3
HIST A102	Western Civilization II	3
INTL/GEOG A101	Local Places/Global Regions: An Introduction to Geography	3
PS A102	Introduction to Political Science	3
SOC A101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Core Courses		
HIST A390	Themes in World History	3
PHIL A301	Ethics	3
PS A311	Comparative Politics	3
SOC A307	Demography	3
Mastery Courses		
Complete one of the following:		3
ENGL A440	Topics in Comparative Literature	
GEOG A390A	Selected Topics in Global Geography	
PHIL A490A	Selected Topics in Ethics, Community, and Society	
SOC A380	Sociology of Globalization	
Choose an emphasis language from among the foreign languages offered at UAA and complete at least two semesters at the 200 level or higher. Students in the Regional Studies track must choose a language appropriate to one of the approved regions of study, as specified below.		8

Complete either the Regional Studies or Global Social Sciences track listed below.

Total 53-56

Code **Title** **Credits**
Regional Studies Track **12-15**

Europe (Languages: French, German, Russian, Spanish)

Complete 12 upper-division credits in two subject areas: 12

FREN A310	Selected Topics: Literary Trends and Traditions ¹	
FREN A490	Selected Topics: Studies in French/Francophone Literature and Culture ¹	
GER A310	Selected Topics: Literary Trends and Traditions ¹	
GER A490A	Topics in Literatures and Cultures of the German-Speaking Countries ¹	
HIST A314	Nineteenth Century Europe	
HIST A316	Twentieth Century Europe	
HIST A411	History of Modern Germany	
HIST A425	History of the Soviet Union	
HIST A427	Post-Soviet Culture and Society	
HIST A490	Selected Topics in History ¹	
PHIL A314	Abrahamic Religions	
PS A333	History of Political Philosophy II: Modern	
SPAN A320	Studies in Contemporary Hispanic Cultures ¹	
SPAN A490	Selected Topics: Hispanic Culture and Civilization ¹	
SPAN A490A	Selected Topics: Studies in Hispanic Literature and Culture ¹	
Northeast Asia (Languages: Chinese, Japanese)		
HIST A121	East Asian Civilization I	3
or HIST A122	East Asian Civilization II	
Complete 12 upper-division credits in two subject areas:		12
HIST A321	Modern China	
HIST A322	Modern Japan	
HIST/INTL/PS A325	Northeast Asia in 21st Century	
HIST A330	Russia in East Asia	
JPN A350	Business Japanese	
JPN A390	Selected Topics: Studies in Japanese Culture and Society ¹	
JPN A390A	Selected Topics: English-Language Studies in Japanese Culture and Society ¹	
JPN A490	Selected Topics: Studies in Japanese Literature and Culture ¹	
PHIL A313	Eastern Philosophy and Religion	
PS A324	Model United Nations ¹	

The Global South (Languages: French, Spanish)

Complete 12 upper-division credits in two subject areas: 12

FREN A310	Selected Topics: Literary Trends and Traditions ¹
FREN A490	Selected Topics: Studies in French/Francophone Literature and Culture ¹
HIST A336	Latin America to 1800
HIST A338	Modern Latin America: Revolutions, Dictatorships, and Democracy
HIST A408	Iberian Empires: Globalization in the Early Modern World
PHIL A314	Abrahamic Religions
PS A324	Model United Nations ¹
SPAN A310	Selected Topics: Literary Trends and Traditions ¹
SPAN A320	Studies in Contemporary Hispanic Cultures ¹
SPAN A490	Selected Topics: Hispanic Culture and Civilization ¹
SPAN A490A	Selected Topics: Studies in Hispanic Literature and Culture ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Global Social Sciences Track		12
Complete 12 credits in two subject areas from the following:		
EDFN A304	Comparative Education	
GEOG A475	Geospatial and Cartographic Techniques for the Sciences	
JUST A365	World Justice Systems	
PS A301	Comparative Political Economy	
PS A321	International Relations	
PS A324	Model United Nations	
SOC A361	Social Science Research Methods	
SOC A363	Social Stratification	
SOC A377	Sociology of Gender	

¹ With approved topic.**International/Intercultural Experience**

International studies students are encouraged to engage in an international or intercultural experience related to their program of study and the student learning outcomes of the program. Students may earn credits applicable to the degree program through a study abroad program, short-term study abroad, or an internship or service-learning project that involves a significant international or intercultural component. Students seeking to fulfill a degree requirement with credits earned through study abroad, internship or service-learning should consult an academic advisor and submit an academic petition in advance.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 39 credits must be upper-division.

Honors in International Studies

Students majoring in international studies are eligible to graduate with honors if they satisfy the following requirements:

- Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/>);
- Meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies;
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.80 in courses applicable to the degree requirements;
- Complete ENGL A440, GEOG A390A, PHIL A490A, or SOC A380 with a grade of A;
- Complete the 8-credit language requirement at the 300 level.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies will be able to:

- Demonstrate cross-cultural understanding through language study.
- Demonstrate critical thinking about values, attitudes, and practices in an international context.
- Demonstrate an ability to analyze international issues and challenges and apply integrative multi-disciplinary tools to describe and explain them.
- Demonstrate effective written communication.

Sample Plan

The academic plan below is one pathway through the degree/certificate. It includes all requirements, taking into account recommendations from program faculty. Each student's plan may vary according to their initial course placement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/courseplacement/>), intended course load, additional majors and/or minors, and their placement into required prerequisite courses. Any change in the plan below can have an unforeseen impact on the rest of the plan. **Therefore, it is very important to meet with your academic advisor to verify your personal academic plan.**

Please review the following terms, definitions, and resources associated with the sample academic plan below.

- Each course in the far left column links to a pop-up bubble with a course description, prerequisite requirements, and associations with university requirements. For example, if a course fulfills a general education requirement, you will see that in the pop-up bubble.
- **GER:** indicates a General Education Requirement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>). GERs that also count toward degree/certificate requirements appear as a specific course in the plan. For these courses, "GER" is not indicated explicitly in the

table, but if you click on the course, you will see the course's GER status in the pop-up bubble.

- **Program Elective:** indicates a specific course selection determined by program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Elective:** indicates an open selection of 100-400 level university courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate.
- **Upper Division Program Elective:** indicates a specific 300-400 level course selection determined by the program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Upper Division Elective:** indicates an open selection of 300-400 level courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate. These courses must be upper division in order to meet General University Requirements for the particular degree/certificate type.

First Year

Fall	Credits
GEOG A101/INTL A101	3
WRTG A111 Writing Across Contexts	3
GER Natural Sciences	3
GER Quantitative Skills	3
Program Elective (Emphasis Language A101)	4
Credits	16

Spring	Credits
SOC A101 Introduction to Sociology	3
GER Natural Sciences	3
GER Natural Sciences Lab	1
GER Oral Communication Skills	3
GER Written Communication Skills (200 level course)	3
Program Elective (Emphasis Language A102)	4
Credits	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits
ENGL A200 Global Literature and Culture	3
HIST A101 Western Civilization I	3
GER Alaska Native-Themed	3
GER Fine Arts	3
Program Elective (Emphasis Language A201)	4
Credits	16

Spring	Credits
HIST A102 Western Civilization II	3
PS A102 Introduction to Political Science	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Program Elective (Emphasis Language A202)	4
Credits	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits
HIST A390 Themes in World History	3
PHIL A301 Ethics	3
PS A311 Comparative Politics	3
Upper Division Program Elective (Europe)	3
Upper Division Program Elective (Europe)	3
Credits	15

Spring	Credits
SOC A307 Demography	3
Program Elective (Mastery Course)	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Upper Division Program Elective (Europe)	3
Upper Division Program Elective (Europe)	3
Credits	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	1
Upper Division Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Credits	13

Spring	Credits
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Credits	12
Total Credits	120