

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 Application and 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	Topics in Global Geography	
PHIL A400	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 A424	Imperial Russian History	
HIST A425	History of the Soviet Union	
HIST A427	Post-Soviet Culture and Society	
HIST A490	Studies in History	
PHIL A314	Western 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	
JPN A390A	Selected Topics: English-Language Studies in Japanese Culture and Society	
JPN A490	Selected Topics: Studies in Japanese Literature and Culture	
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
HIST A408	Iberian Empires: Globalization in the Early Modern World
PHIL A314	Western 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 A390A	Selected Topics: Studies in Translation and Interpretation 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 A375	Environmental Applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
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 42 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:

1. Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/graduation/>).
2. Meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies.
3. Maintain a grade point average of 3.80 or above in courses applicable to the degree requirements.
4. Complete ENGL A440, GEOG A390A, PHIL A400, or SOC A380 with a grade of A.
5. 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.