

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES [INTERDISCIPLINARY]

## **Bachelor of Arts degree with an Interdisciplinary Studies major**—option in International Studies

See *Interdisciplinary Studies for self-designed BA and BS degree programs*.

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## **The Program**

This is a unique, faculty-designed program with four distinct components: core curriculum, area concentration, language proficiency, and residency abroad. The program provides a flexible and balanced combination between classroom instruction and direct contact with the regions and cultures of interest.

The program prepares students to enter the international labor force in the US or abroad, in the public or private sector, in for-profit or nonprofit organizations. This program also provides a basic foundation for further graduate work and scholarship in the international field.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION**

### **Core Courses**

Both of the following:  
GEOG 300 Global Awareness\* \*  
INTL 310 Global Economics and Politics

One methodology area course:  
ANTH 318 Ethnography  
COMM 322 Intercultural  
Communication\* \*

One course on modern world issues:  
ECON 306 Economics of the Developing  
World\* \*  
HIST 312 World History from 1750  
PSCI 303 Third World Politics\* \*  
SOC 303 Race & Ethnic Relations\* \*  
SOC 305 Sociology of the Modern  
World-System\* \*

### **Concentration Area**

Choose one of the following concentration areas (described in detail in the next section). Each concentration area requires six courses.

Chinese Studies  
Cultural Studies  
European Studies  
Globalization Studies  
International Business Studies  
Islamic Culture Studies  
Latin American Studies  
Pacific Basin Studies  
Postcolonial African Studies

### **Second Language**

All students in the option must demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language pertinent to the concentration area. Proficiency is generally equivalent to a fifth

semester or higher of college-level language. Some concentration areas have more specific language requirements. Check below.

### Residency Abroad

All students in the option must complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project or assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s). Some concentration areas have more specific residency requirements. Check the following.

## CONCENTRATION AREAS

### Chinese Studies

This concentration provides a breadth of knowledge and direct experience of Chinese culture and society. It is appropriate for those whose work will require considerable cultural competency.

#### Language & Culture

Three courses from the following:

ANTH 328 Social Anthropology Lab:  
Culture Contact

ANTH 340 Language & Culture

GEOG 472 China's Cultural Realms\*

HIST 107 East Asian Civilization  
to 1644\*\*

HIST 108 East Asian Civilization  
Since 1644\*\*

WLC 120 Chinese Language (any level)

#### Breadth Courses

Three courses from three different departments.

ANTH 306 World Regions Cultural  
Studies: China\*\*

ANTH 359 Chinese Archaeology

ANTH 390 World Regions Cultural  
Seminar: China

ANTH 492 China Field Project

GEOG 340 Geography of the Pacific  
Basin

GEOG 411 Senior Field Research in  
China

HIST 338 Modern Chinese History

PHIL 385 History of Philosophy: China

RS 340 Zen, Dharma, & Tao\*\*

Students may include special topics courses in Chinese culture offered by any department. Consult with an advisor first.

\* Course only meets requirements if specific topic is appropriate to the concentration area. Consult with an advisor.

\*\* Courses also meet GE and/or DCG requirements.

\*\*\* Course taught in non-English language (Spanish, French, German).

### Second Language

Demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language, generally equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language.

### Residency Abroad

Complete a full academic semester abroad (12 units minimum). Participate in an international study or research experience in China (or in a predominantly Chinese community outside the US) arranged with the appropriate academic advisors.

### Cultural Studies

This concentration focuses on the diverse transnational cultural phenomena (musical, literary, filmic, artistic) that characterize the modern era. Of particular interest is the role of cultural production in the exercise and aftermath of empire: the relationship between culture and imperialism, the forging of new national cultures in the Third World, emergence of border and diaspora cultures, and evolution of other sorts of cultures that now cross-pollinate and circulate across global routes.

### Visual & Performing Arts

Two from the following:

ART 104K Introduction to Tribal Art\*\*

MUS 302 Music in World Culture\*\*

TFD 303 World Dance Expressions\*\*

### Cultures In Migration

Two from the following:

ANTH 306 World Regions Cultural  
Studies\* \*\*

ANTH 340 Language & Culture

ES/GEOG 304 Migrations & Mosaics\*\*

### Language & Literature

Two courses from the following:

ENGL 240 World Literature\*

ENGL 305 Postcolonial Perspectives:  
Literature of the  
Developing World\*\*

ENGL 465 Multicultural Issues in  
Language\*/\*\*

WS/FREN/GERM/SPAN 306 Sex,  
Class, & Culture: Gender &  
Ethnic Issues in International  
Short Stories\*\*

Various other special topics may be appropriate to this concentration. These will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the concentration area advisors.

### Second Language

Demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language, generally equivalent to

a fifth semester or higher of college-level language.

### Residency Abroad

Complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project or assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s).

### European Studies (France, Germany, Spain)

This concentration (with an emphasis in either France, Germany, Spain, or a combination) provides language and cultural skills necessary to work in European history, politics, culture, and economy. Emphases on language acquisition and time spent abroad give students direct experience with the societies of Europe. Courses allow ample opportunity to explore and select an appropriate focus. In consultation with faculty advisors, students may develop an emphasis within European Studies other than those mentioned above.

### Continental Background

Five from the following:

ART 315 Topics in 19th Century Art\*

ART 316 Topics in Early 20th  
Century Art\*

ART 317 Topics in Late Modern  
& Contemporary Art\*

BA 415 International Business  
Essentials

ECON 306 Economics of the Developing  
World\*\*

ENGL 240 World Literature\*

GEOG 332 Geography of the  
Mediterranean

GEOG 360 Geography of the World  
Economy\*

GEOG 472 Topics in Regional  
Geography\*

HIST 300 Era of World War I\*\*

HIST 301 Era of World War II\*\*

HIST 344 19th Century Europe

PHIL 302 Environmental Ethics\*\*

PHIL 384 History of Philosophy:  
19th Century

PSCI 330 Political Regimes &  
Political Change\*

### Language/Regional Emphasis

One course from one emphasis area:

#### *Emphasis in France*

FREN 306 Sex, Class, & Culture:  
Gender & Ethnic Issues in  
International Short Stories\*\*

FREN 320 Francophone Culture &  
Civilization\*\*\*

FREN 480 Seminar: Albert Camus

### *Emphasis in Germany*

- ART 301 The Artist: German Expressionism\* \*\*  
[or equivalent course on German art]
- GERM 305 Marx, Nietzsche, Freud & German Literature
- GERM 306 Sex, Class, & Culture: Gender & Ethnic Issues in International Short Stories
- HIST 348 Modern Germany

### *Emphasis in Spain*

- SPAN 343 The Golden Age\* \*\* \*
- SPAN 344 Modern Hispanic Theater Workshop\* / \*\* \*\*
- SPAN 345 Hispanic Cinema\* / \*\* \*\*
- SPAN 348 Contemporary Hispanic Poetry\* / \*\* \*\*
- SPAN 349 Contemporary Spanish Novel\* \*\* \*
- SPAN 401 Hispanic Civilization: Spain\* \*\* \*

Special topics courses in European culture/society offered by any department may fulfill this requirement. Prior approval by the concentration area advisor is mandatory.

### **Language Requirement**

Demonstrate basic language proficiency in the target language pertinent to the region of emphasis: French, German, or Spanish. The required proficiency is equivalent to 1+ on the current US government scale. Meet this requirement by examination or by completing two semesters of language courses beyond the second year.

### **Residency Abroad**

Complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project/assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s).

### **Globalization Studies**

Globalization is the process of increasing integration among world economies. Examine the profound economic, political, cultural, and environmental dimensions of this process and its impact on various regions of the world.

### **Economic Dimension**

- Two courses from the following:
- ANTH 316 Anthropology & Development
- ECON 305 International Economics & Globalization\* \*\*
- ECON 306 Economics of the Developing World\* \*\*
- ECON 315 Political Economy of Islam
- GEOG 360 Geography of the World Economy

- PSCI 303 Third World Politics\* \*\*
- PSCI 360 Political Economy

### **Political Dimension**

- One course from the following:
- HIST 375B US Foreign Relations, 1943 to present
- PSCI 341 International Law
- PSCI 347 US Foreign Policy
- PSCI 440 International Organizations
- SOC 305 Sociology of the Modern World System\* \*\*
- SOC 420 Social Change
- WS 303 Third World Women's Movements

### **Environmental Dimension**

- One course from the following:
- ECON 309 Economics of a Sustainable Society\* \*\*
- ECON 423 Environmental & Natural Resources Economics
- GEOG 301/ENVS 301 Int'l Environmental Issues & Globalization\* \*\*
- PSCI 373 Politics of a Sustainable Society
- PSCI 464 Technology & Development
- SOC 302 Forests & Culture
- SOC 320 Social Ecology

### **Cultural Dimension**

- One course from the following:
- ANTH 315 Sex, Gender, & Globalization
- ANTH 317 Women & Development
- ANTH 340 Language & Culture
- ENGL 305 Postcolonial Perspectives\* \*\*
- GEOG/ES 304 Migration & Mosaics\* \*\*
- PSCI 340 Ethnicity & Nationalism
- SOC 303 Race & Ethnic Relations\* \*\*

### **Regional Dimension**

- One course from the following:
- ANTH 306 World Regions Cultural Studies\* \*\*
- GEOG 332 Geography of the Mediterranean
- GEOG 335 Geography of the Middle East
- GEOG 340 Geography of the Pacific Basin
- GEOG 341 Middle America
- GEOG 344 South America\* \*\*
- HIST 350 History of the Soviet Union
- PSCI 330 Political Regimes & Political Change
- SPAN 309 Revolution, Reform, Response\* \*\*

### **Second Language**

Demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language, generally equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language.

### **Residency Abroad**

Complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project/assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s).

### **International Business Studies**

This concentration is designed for those seeking employment in the international field. It provides a basic understanding of business functions and their applications to cultural, political, and economic environments of international firms.

### **Prerequisite**

- STAT 108 Elementary Statistics (GE Area B) **or** equivalent

### **Business Dimension**

Six required courses:

- BA 345 Marketing Essentials
- BA 355 Essentials of Financial & Management Accounting
- BA 365 Finance Essentials
- BA 375 Management Essentials
- BA 415 International Business Essentials
- BA 444 International Marketing

### **Second Language**

Demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language, generally equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language.

### **Residency Abroad**

Complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project/assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s).

### **Islamic Culture Studies**

This concentration has three focuses: first, the study of diverse Islamic cultures, from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia to the increasing Muslim population in the US; second, the fostering of good will among the 1/5 of humankind belonging to this religion; third, the acquisition of language experience in Arabic or some language indigenous to the region visited. Students are encouraged to travel to some Islamic culture for study or fieldwork.

### **Islamic Background**

Two from the following:

- RS 332 Introduction to Islam
- GEOG 335 Geography of the Middle East
- ECON 315 Political Economy of Islam

## Sub-areas

Four from the following:

ANTH 306	World Regions Cultural Studies**
ANTH 390	World Regions Cultural Seminar
BA 410	International Business Mgmt
BA 415	International Business Essentials
ENGL 240	World Literature*
ENGL 465	Multicultural Issues in Language**
ES 328	African Religion & Philosophy
GEOG 332	Geography of the Mediterranean
GEOG 360	Geography of the World Economy
GEOG 363	Political Geography
GEOG 472	Topics: Cultural Realms*
GEOL 303	Earth Resources & Global Environmental Change**
HIST 311	World History to 1750
HIST 312	World History from 1750
PSCI 330	Political Regimes & Political Change*
SOC 303	Race & Ethnic Relations**

## Language Requirement

Demonstrate a basic language proficiency in the target language (generally equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language). The target language must be Arabic or a language indigenous to the region visited. Given the complex nature of some of these languages, two of the appropriate academic advisors are to evaluate the student's language proficiency.

## Residency Abroad

Compete a full academic semester of residency abroad (12 units minimum) in some Islamic community. Study and/or work on a meaningful project or assignment approved by the concentration area advisors.

## Latin American Studies

Develop the professional skills and gain the knowledge necessary to establish a lasting and successful relationship with a public or private sector organization in Latin America and/or the US. Explore diverse areas of study related to the region, including anthropology, archaeology, art, dance, economics, film, geography, history, language, literature, muralism, music, politics, and popular cultures.

This concentration welcomes students with specific goals in the international field as well as those who would complement this degree with a second major or minor, especially in

technical areas: appropriate technology, computers, natural resources, environmental studies, etc. Finally, this concentration provides the basic foundations for graduate work in Latin American studies.

## Social Sciences

Three courses from the following:

ANTH 306	World Regions Cultural Studies*/**
ANTH 390	World Regions Cultural Seminar
ANTH 395	Mesoamerican Archaeology
ES 310	US & Mexico Border
ES 314	Chicano Culture & Society in America**
GEOG 341	Middle America
GEOG 344	South America**
HIST 309	Revolution, Reform, Response**
PSCI 330	Political Regimes & Political Change*
SPAN 402	Hispanic Civilization: Latin America***

## Arts & Literatures

Three from the following:

ART 104M	Latin American Art** or
ES 480	Latin American Art
ART 301	The Artist: Mexican Muralists in Mexico & the US** or
ART 316	Topics in Early 20th Century Art: Mexican Muralists in Mexico & the US
MUS 485	Seminar: Art & Dance of Latin America
ENGL 240	World Literature*
ENGL 305	Postcolonial Perspectives: Literature of the Developing World**
ENGL 465	Multicultural Issues in Language**
SPAN 345	Hispanic Cinema***
SPAN 346	Borges & the Contemporary Spanish American Short Story***
SPAN 347	The "Boom" of the Latin American Novel***
SPAN 348	Contemporary Hispanic Poetry***
SPAN 450	Threads of Communication
SPAN 480	Undergraduate Seminar* [taught in English or Spanish]

## Language Requirement

Demonstrate a basic Spanish language proficiency of 1+ on the current US government scale. Meet this requirement by standardized test or by completing two semesters of language courses beyond Spanish second

year. Four units of one of the following courses satisfy this requirement:

SPAN 250	Intermediate Spanish Conversation
SPAN 311	Spanish Level V, Advanced Grammar & Composition

## Residency Abroad

Complete a full academic semester of residency (12 units minimum), or its equivalent, in a Latin American country.

- Conduct field research or enroll in a professional internship in a topic or area agreed upon with the concentration area advisors.
- If full-time status is needed to obtain financial aid, enroll in a Special Topics Field Research/Internship equivalent to full-time status at Humboldt.
- Present a written report of the field research or professional internship experience (minimum 20 pages, maximum 50 pages).
- Conduct a public presentation or class presentation on the topic of the field research or professional internship experience.

A combination of the language acquisition program and field research (or professional internship) is possible. Residency in a Latin American country should take place only after extensive consultation with the appropriate academic advisors and after receipt of their written approval.

## Pacific Basin Studies

Explore the emerging realm of the Pacific Basin from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, focusing on both the American and Australasian sides of the ocean. The Pacific Basin has emerged as a critical world region. Its destiny will determine the shape of the 21st century. The person familiar with Pacific Basin issues will be better prepared to face the challenges of the "Pacific Century."

## Courses

Follow the instructions for the minor in Pacific Basin studies. Take six courses total—the first one of the required core courses being GEOG 340 or GEOL 308. Then, from the regional focus areas, take two courses from one area, three from the other.

## Second Language

Demonstrate a basic proficiency in the target language, generally equivalent to a fifth semester or higher of college-level language.

### Residency Abroad

Complete a full academic semester (equivalent to at least 12 units) while working on a meaningful project/assignment approved by the concentration area advisor(s).

### Postcolonial African Studies

This concentration gives the necessary cultural, historical, and linguistic background to understand major events that have shaped present-day Africa. The concentration places special importance on African nationalism, emerging definitions of democracy, the role of women, and the influence of Islam.

#### Literature

Two courses from the following:

- ENGL 240 World Literature\*
- ENGL 360 Special Topics in Literature\*
- FREN 317 Modern Francophone Literature\*
- FREN 318 French Poetry\*
- FREN 319 Francophone Theatre/Cinema\*
- FREN 410 Bilingual African Newsletter
- FREN 480 Seminar\*

#### Religion, Philosophy, & Culture

Two courses from the following:

- ANTH 306 World Regions Cultural Studies\*/\*\*
- ANTH 390 World Regions Cultural Seminar\*
- ES 323 Patterns of Pan-Africanism
- ES 328 African Religion & Philosophy
- RS 332 Introduction to Islam

#### History & Politics

Two courses from the following:

- HIST 391 Special Topics & Interdisciplinary Studies in History\*
- PSCI 330 Political Regimes & Political Change\*
- PSCI 340 Ethnicity & Nationalism\*
- WS 391 Special Topics in Women's Studies\*

The following may substitute for any of the above, depending on the appropriateness of the topics:

- GEOG 472 Topics in Regional Geography\*
- WS 480 Selected Topics in Women's Studies\*

#### Language Requirement

Demonstrate a "high intermediate" proficiency in an African national language, such as Arabic, French, Portuguese, or Swahili. This level of proficiency is equivalent to 1+ on the current US government scale (ILR) of

second-language acquisition, or the equivalent ability of a student who successfully completes five semesters of second-language study at Humboldt. Students can meet this requirement at Humboldt by completing FREN 311.

### Residency Abroad

Complete a full academic semester of residency abroad (equivalent to 12 units minimum) in a course of study in Africa or an alternative site. Study abroad may include, but is not limited to, special topic field research, language study, or an internship. An extended stay in Africa or another site should take place only after extensive consultation with the appropriate academic advisors and after receipt of their written approval.



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\*\* Courses also meet GE and/or DCG requirements.

\*\*\* Course taught in non-English language (Spanish, French, German).