



International Studies



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CIE

The Center for International Education promotes international opportunities and activities for the University and wider communities. Along with housing the international studies major and certificate programs, the CIE serves as a resource for Webster faculty, staff, and students by providing information on various international fellowships, grants, internships, and other programs. The CIE also sponsors many programs, including the International Studies Symposium Series. Together with other Webster offices, the Center's activities enhance the international atmosphere at Webster.



International Studies Committee

The International Studies Committee is a faculty, student, and staff led committee which focuses on promoting and advancing the international mission of Webster University through its involvement with the Center for International Education and the university's international programs, activities, and outreach. The International Studies Committee serves as a forum for discussion of international issues of concern to the Webster University community.

Why International Studies?

"I consistently promote the International Studies program because I see an inherent value in studying internationalism across disciplines. It provides for an excellent opportunity for students to diversify their studies and become more responsible global citizens."
-Bethany Keller, Academic Advisor

"In a world that is increasing in complexity, density, and problematic situations arising from differences in religion and political views, an international studies major/certificate helps the individual understand the structures that international decisions are formed from. The International Certificate helps the student look beyond media images and stereotypes and facilitates a more holistic view of the world."
- Christina Nissen, International Studies Certificate student

International education ignites a passion for understanding other people and their perspectives. That's one important benefit to working or studying abroad - and it's essential to success in our increasingly diverse world. Students with international exposure come to understand the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of view. They also gain an understanding of the importance of relationships. Relationships are the foundation for meaning and success in life. They are also the foundation for strong businesses, especially businesses that care about creating mutual benefit. . . . Regardless of the path they take, students will benefit from exposure to international education.
- Douglas N. Daft, Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company

About the Program

Why pursue international studies? We live in an interdependent world. Daily headlines, national policies, and regional economics are shaped by people all around the globe. World forces affect our academic choices, career opportunities, and shopping lists. International studies provides a context for studying social and natural sciences, business and commerce, the humanities, fine arts, and foreign languages within a global context.

International studies provides an interdisciplinary program designed to give students specialized and general global knowledge, second language skills, and significant international experience. Each student will complete the core courses, select a second language, and study abroad or complete an internship (as approved by the Director of the Center for International Education).

Career Opportunities

Companies and organizations around the globe are realizing the importance of an employee with a knowledge and understanding of global issues. There are many opportunities for internships in the St. Louis area for your summers or during the school year.

Degree Requirements

36 required credit hours
27 general education credit hours
65 electives credit hours

Program Requirements

Core Courses:

ISTL 1000 Introduction to International Studies
INTL 1500 World Systems since 1500
HRTS 1100 Introduction to Human Rights
ANSO 1090 Geography
ISTL 4500 International Studies Senior Capstone (prerequisite: Junior standing)

Culture and Communication (one of following):

ANSO 1070 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANSO 2030 Culture and Communication
FORL 2150 Topics in Culture
MEDC 3260 International Communications

Science and Technology (one of following):

BIOL 3200 Ecology
SCIN 1520 Environment
ISTL 2600 Natural Systems and Sustainable Ecologies
RELG 4330 Bioethics
PHIL 2360 Environmental Ethics

One course from one of the following categories (3 additional credits):

International Arts and Fine Art (one of following):

ARHS 22xx International Art History
ENGL 1510 Major Dramatists I
FILM 2060 Modern World Cinema
FILM 2070 History of Animation
HRST 3160 Human Rights in Film
MUSC 1070 Topics in Music (as deemed appropriate)
PHOT 2040 History of Photography

THEA 2030 History of Theatre

Global Civil Society (one of following):

HRTS 3500 International Human Rights Law
HRTS 3700 Human Rights and Business
INTL 2030 International Law
POLT 1050 Introduction to International Politics
INTL 2600 International Organizations
INTL 2690 Multinational Corporations
INTL 3330 International Economic Integration

Individual Area of Emphasis (12 additional credits):

The remaining credits will be determined by the area of emphasis selected by the student in consultation with the academic advisor. At least six of the twelve hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Current areas of emphasis available:

- International Film Studies
- Global Journalism
- International Media Communications
- International Business
- Latin American Studies

To learn more, contact:

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About Webster University



Webster University is a private, nonprofit, accredited University that offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in many fields including business, computer science, psychology, communications, international relations, science, education, fine and performing arts, and liberal arts.

The home campus is located in Webster Groves, a picturesque suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

Founded in 1915 as a small private college, Webster has grown into an international network of over 100 campuses across the United States, Europe, China and Thailand.

Currently the University enrolls approximately 22,000 students worldwide who range in age from traditional college age students to adult learners, and represent over 100 nationalities.

Webster University is dedicated to academic excellence, innovation in higher education, meeting the needs of students in an ever-changing world and incorporating an international perspective throughout the curriculum.

Since 1925, Webster University has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL, 60602-2504, 1-800-6217440.