

# major in INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

University of California, Irvine

## THE DEGREE

International studies majors acquire twenty-first-century analytical skills that enable them to understand and contribute to shaping the rapidly evolving global community. The major provides an interdisciplinary perspective on global politics, economics, cultures and history. International studies majors benefit from courses with prominent faculty and lecturers in the social sciences, as well as other schools across campus. Faculty expertise and research interests in international, global, and regional affairs make UCI one of the leading globally-oriented educational institutions in the world.

## CAREERS

The degree in international studies equips students for professional careers in a variety of fields such as international affairs and public policy, international business and finance, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and academic research and teaching.



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U.S. under 50**

*\*Times Higher Education*



**9th best public  
university in the U.S.**

*\*US News & World Report*



**"Coolest School"  
for sustainability**

*\*Sierra Magazine*

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS ASK QUESTIONS LIKE ...

- How can economic, cultural and religious factors influence peace and conflict?
- Why are NGOs sometimes a force for good in global politics and sometimes not?
- Why does global inequality exist and what can we do about it?



## SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

### Freshman<sup>1</sup> (12 to 16 units per quarter)

- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- International Studies 11, 13, 14 and History 21 A, B or C (four courses)<sup>2</sup>
- Social Science 3A
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- Language other than English through 2B level<sup>3</sup>
- General Education VII (one course)
- International Studies 183A

### Sophomore (16 units per quarter)

- Social Science 10A-B-C or Math 2A-B and Stats 7
- Economics 20B and choose one from: Anthro 2A, PolSci 51A, RelSt 5A, RelSt 5B, Social Science 5D, Sociology 2 (two courses)
- General Education II or IV (three courses)

### Junior (16 units per quarter)

- Upper Division Writing
- Regional focus courses (four courses)
- Functional focus courses (two courses)
- International Experience<sup>4</sup>
- Apply to Honor Program in International Studies at end of junior year<sup>5</sup>

### Senior (16 units per quarter)

- Functional focus courses (two courses)
- Electives
- International Studies H180, 190 if in Honors Program (three courses)



<sup>1</sup>Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

<sup>2</sup>These courses can satisfy General Education VIII.

<sup>3</sup>This satisfies General Education VI.

<sup>4</sup>International studies majors can fulfill the international experience requirement in several ways: Study Abroad, UCDC, or an approved local internship.

<sup>5</sup>The Honors Program is open to all juniors and senior international studies majors with an overall GPA of 3.0 and an international studies major GPA of 3.5 who have completed International Studies 11, 13, 14 and two upper division courses.

## OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, international studies students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their education. These opportunities include:

### • HONORS PROGRAM

### • CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Conflict analysis and resolution
- Mediation
- Middle East Studies\*
- Global Leadership\*\*

### • MINOR PROGRAMS

- Conflict Resolution
- International Studies

### • INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES HOUSE

### • GLOBAL CONNECT\*

### • DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL\*

\*Open to all majors

\*\*Administered by the Center for International Education

## UNDERGRAD STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including:

- Course planning
- Change of major requests
- Financial aid appeals
- Graduate and professional school information
- Information concerning honors
- Course substitutions
- Career and internship guidance

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at [www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs](http://www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs).

## ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

Visit SSARC online at [www.ssarc.socsci.uci.edu](http://www.ssarc.socsci.uci.edu) or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.

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