Duluth Campus

International Studies B.A.

History, Political Science & International Studies

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 47 to 53
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This interdisciplinary program provides students with a broad background in contemporary international affairs and the skills necessary to participate effectively in the global community. The program incorporates courses and faculty from many different departments and programs. Majors and minors are encouraged to incorporate a study abroad experience into their programs.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1) Majors must be able to either demonstrate intermediate level verbal and written skills in a second language or complete a second language through the intermediate-level sequence at the college level.

2) A second field of study (either a minor, another major or dual degree).

3) Students are encouraged to study abroad. Course work taken abroad may be applicable to the major with approval from the program director.

First Term Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement.
New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Lower Division Core Requirement (13 cr)

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ANTH 1604 - Cultural Anthropology [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
GEOG 1205 - Our Globalizing World [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
INTS 1010 - Introduction to International Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
POL 1050 - International Relations [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division Core Requirement (4 cr)
INTS 4100 - Seminar in International Studies (4.0 cr)

International Language Requirement (8 cr)
Majors must be able either to demonstrate intermediate level verbal and writing skills in a second language or complete a second language through the intermediate-level sequence at the college level. Students may be exempted from all or part of this requirement if they have previously studied in a second language. Students should consult the Department of World Language and Cultures for placement or potential waivers.

Chinese
CHIN 1201 - Intermediate Chinese I: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
CHIN 1202 - Intermediate Chinese II: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT3, LEIP CAT03, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
or **French**
FR 1201 - Intermediate French I [LE CAT3, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
FR 1202 - Intermediate French II [LE CAT3, LEIP CAT03, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
or **German**
GER 1201 - Intermediate German I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
GER 1202 - Intermediate German II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
or **Russian**
Intermediate Russian Language sequence at The College of St. Scholastica (through inter-institutional cross-registration) (8.0 cr).
RUSS course(s) (through The College of St. Scholastica)
or **Spanish**
SPAN 1201 - Intermediate Spanish I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
SPAN 1202 - Intermediate Spanish II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Thematic Electives (9-12 cr)
Thematic courses are broadly focused on contemporary global issues, such as health, poverty, the environment, or security, as international problems rather than state specific issues.

To complete this requirement students take at least 3 courses from at least 2 different subjects, such as AMIN, POL, or WS. Students may apply study abroad, including short-term programs, other appropriate courses, or INTS courses for approval by the program director.

Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
- AMIN 3430 - Global Indigenous Studies [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 3628 - Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 3888 - Anthropology of Food [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 4623 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- ANTH 4640 - Medical Anthropology (4.0 cr)
- ARTH 2380 - A Global History of Contemporary Art (3.0 cr)
- COMM 3535 - Intercultural Communication [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- COMM 3625 - Rhetoric of Globalization [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- COMM 4210 - Theories of Intercultural Communication (3.0 cr)
- ECON 3150 - Development Economics (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3370 - Geographies of Development (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3422 - Natural Hazards (3.0 cr)
- GEOG 3461 - Geography of Global Resources (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3386 - The United States and the World since 1898 (4.0 cr)
- INTS 3458 - International Negotiation & Bargaining: Negotiating Across Cultures (3.0 cr)
- LGBT 3151 - Queer Cinema in International Perspective [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- LGBT 3152 - History of the International Homosexual Rights Movement (1895 - present) [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- POL 3400 - Contemporary Issues in World Politics (4.0 cr)
- POL 3403 - American Foreign Policy (3.0 cr)
- POL 3420 - International Organization and Global Governance (3.0 cr)
- POL 3426 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- POL 3430 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- POL 3451 - Theories of International Relations (4.0 cr)
- POL 3456 - International Security: War and More (4.0 cr)
- POL 3530 - Comparative Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics (3.0 cr)
- POL 3570 - Politics of Developing Nations (3.0 cr)
- POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
- WS 3000 - Transnational Perspectives on Feminism [SOC SCI, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

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•WS 3001 - Gender Relations in the Global South [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•WS 3250 *{Inactive}*[GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Regional Electives (9-12 cr)
Regional courses are courses that might, for example, focus on the politics, culture, or art of a particular country or region.

To complete this requirement students take at least 3 courses from at least 2 different subjects, such as ANTH, HIST, or SPAN. Students may apply study abroad, including short-term programs, other appropriate courses, or INTS courses for approval by the program director.

Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:
•AMIN 3230 - American Indian Tribal Government and Law [SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•AMIN 4250 - American Indian Diplomacy: Treaties, Compacts, and Agreements [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 3632 - Latin American Cultures (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 3635 - Anthropology of Europe (3.0 cr)
•ANTH 3638 - Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3130 - Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3140 - Women in Art/Visual Culture in Latin America (3.0 cr)
•ENGL 3502 - British Literature II [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•FR 2315 - French Cinema [LE CAT9, LEIP CAT09, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•FR 4412 - Contemporary French Culture and Society [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•GEOG 3712 - Geography of Latin America (3.0 cr)
•GER 2402 - Germany Today [LE CAT8, LEIP CAT08, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
•GER 4302 - German Women Writers and Filmmakers [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•GER 4305 - German Cinema [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•GER 4404 - Contemporary Germany [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 2325 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3243 - Europe in Crisis in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3244 - Holocaust & Genocide in Europe in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3264 - Russian Empire under the Tsars: Russia under the Romanovs from Peter the Great to Lenin [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3265 - The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and Contemporary Russia [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3615 - Modern Africa (4.0 cr)
•HIST 3616 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
•HIST 3726 - Modern Middle East: 18th Century-Present [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•POL 3517 - Western European Political Systems (4.0 cr)
•POL 3518 - Transitional Politics of Asia (3.0 cr)
•POL 3525 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•POL 3575 - Latin American Politics and Development (3.0 cr)
•POL 3580 - Central American Politics (3.0 cr)
•SPAN 3042 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities in Latin America [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 3044 - Civilization, Cultures and Communities of Spain [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4011 - Latin American Prose [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4017 - Latin American Cinema and Culture [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4018 - Latin America From Within [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4019 - Seminar: Latin America in the 21st Century [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4027 - Contemporary Literature and Culture of Spain [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4028 - Literature and Culture of Spain 18th to the 20th Century [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
•SPAN 4030 - Cinema and Culture of Spain [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
•WS 3002 - Latin American Women: Culture and Politics (3.0 cr)
•WS 3750 - Voices of African Women [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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