International Studies

Degree Designation: BA

Mission Statement

The major in International Studies enables students to undertake programs of study which emphasize the study of particular international themes and topics and / or the study of particular regions and cultures.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content / Discipline Skills

- Understand the structure, institutions, regions and issues related to the modern international system.
- Be familiar with the theoretical foundations of the study of the international system.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the interconnection between state, sub-state, non-state, inter-governmental actors,

Critical Thinking Skills

- Demonstrate critical thinking skills and analytical reasoning through the formation and support of research topics utilizing quantitative, qualitative and theoretical methods of research and analysis.

Communication Skills

- Create and deliver effective oral presentations.
- Develop effective written communication skills.
- Contribute effectively to group discussions.

Assessment Strategies

- Through a variety of methods, including examinations, assignments, senior seminars internships (optional), study abroad opportunities (optional), research papers and successful completion of required core course work, the International Studies faculty will measure students’ achievement of the identified core learning outcomes. The results of the assessment will be used to improve student achievement and program effectiveness.