

Interdisciplinary Courses – International Studies

IDSC 479, 480 Honors Seminar (2 credits)

These interdisciplinary seminars are intended to develop integrating insights through an analysis of topics chosen from different disciplines. Often they are taught by two faculty members or by a visiting lecturer who holds one of the endowed chairs at the university. Although these seminars are part of the Aquinas Scholars program, any student who receives the permission of the instructor(s) may enroll on a space-available basis. (IDSC 479 is used if the seminar has been approved to partially fulfill a requirement in the core curriculum.)

IDSC 481 Seminar in International Studies (4 credits)

Directed readings and discussions on political, economic and historical aspects of the international system and the completion of a major research paper on a specific topic to be chosen in consultation with the instructor. The seminar will feature guest lecturers in political science, economics and history.

IDSC 483, 484 Seminar (2 credits)

IDSC 485, 486 Seminar (4 credits)

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

IDSC 487, 488 Topics (2 credits)

IDSC 489, 490 Topics (4 credits)

The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule/.

IDSC 491, 492 Research (2 credits)

IDSC 493, 494 Research (4 credits)

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

IDSC 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)

IDSC 497, 498 Individual Study (4 credits)

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International Studies

College of Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Program
Papagapitos (ECON), director

This major seeks to give the student a basic understanding of the contemporary international system. It combines study in economics, history and political science with a concentration in one of these fields, along with the study of a foreign language beyond the College’s general education requirement. The program enables students to relate international interests to a broad range of careers including government, international business, nonprofit associations and teaching.

Students graduating with a major in international studies should have adequate preparation for their professional lives, and the capacity for intellectually stimulating lives. They will be capable of critical thought and writing in the discipline. They will have pursued opportunities for broader governmental and international experience, and should be well-prepared to undertake post-baccalaureate studies.

Major in International Studies

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics (4 credits)

GEOG 113 World Geography (4 credits)

HIST 112 The Modern World Since 1550 (4 credits)

IDSC 481 Seminar in International Studies (4 credits)

POLS 105 Politics and Government in a Comparative Perspective (4 credits)

Plus:

Twenty-eight credits from the following list. A student must choose 16 credits from one discipline, and the remaining 12 must include courses from each of the other two disciplines.

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics (4 credits)

ECON 345 Economics of Development and Growth (4 credits)

ECON 346 Country and Area Studies in Economics (4 credits)

ECON 348 International Economics (4 credits)

ECON 349 Comparative Economic Systems (4 credits)

HIST 210 Modern Latin America, 1800 to the Present (4 credits)

HIST 220 Introduction to Japanese History and Culture (4 credits)

HIST 313 Europe 1750 to 1945 (4 credits)

HIST 314 Modern Europe since 1945 (4 credits)

HIST 340 Foundations of Chinese Civilization (4 credits)

International Studies – Journalism and Mass Communication

HIST 341 History of Modern China (4 credits)
HIST 345 Family and Women in Chinese History (4 credits)
HIST 347 The Modernization of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China (4 credits)
HIST 371 History of U.S. Foreign Policy (4 credits)

POLS 225 Introduction to World Politics (4 credits)
POLS 320 American Foreign Policy (4 credits)
POLS 326 International Law and Organizations (4 credits)
POLS 350 Comparative Politics of the New Europe (4 credits)
POLS 352 Third World Politics and Government (4 credits)
POLS 424 Seminar in International Politics (4 credits)
POLS 454 Seminar in Comparative Politics (4 credits)

GEOG - The Department of Geography from time to time offers courses on the geography of selected regions of the world. With the approval of the director of international studies, these courses may be elected to fulfill non-concentration requirements.

Allied requirements

At least twelve credits beyond the core curriculum requirement in a particular modern foreign language

Recommended courses:

While the student who might eventually seek employment in international business may choose any courses in business administration, the following four courses would be most appropriate for gaining general background in the field:

ACCT 205 Introduction to Accounting (4 credits)
BLAW 301 Legal Environment of Business (4 credits)
MGMT 300 Management for Non-Business Majors (4 credits)
MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing (4 credits)

ACTC courses:

A student with particular academic and/or career interests should consult with the director about courses offered by the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities that would be appropriate to the major.

Opportunities for studying human diversity:

Students should particularly note the opportunities in the major for enhancement of their understanding of other cultures. Courses with a non-Western focus meeting the requirements of the major are available both on campus and at the other ACTC schools.

Opportunities for study abroad:

Students majoring in international studies should seriously consider one or more of the opportunities to study abroad offered by the International Education Center.

Opportunities for internships:

Students majoring in international studies should discuss with the director opportunities to relate academic and career interests through internship experiences in the Twin Cities or Washington, D.C.

Irish Gaelic (IRGA)

See Modern and Classical Languages

Japanese (JAPN)

See Modern and Classical Languages

Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR)

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

Bunton (chair), Anderson, Boros, Christy, Connery, Craig, Gavrilos, Gillies, Neuzil, O'Donnell, Wyatt

The Department of Journalism & Mass Communication provides a values-oriented education that adheres to legal and ethical principles. Our aim is to teach students to think critically, to produce mass messages clearly and accurately, and to help students understand the consequences of those messages.

Our students study the principles of various mass media disciplines, and the practice and skills of written and visual communication essential for mass media professionals. Students also come to understand the role mass media play in a democracy and recognize that the mass media have a social responsibility to serve the common good because First Amendment freedoms convey corresponding obligations.

Courses in journalism and mass communication prepare students for a variety of careers in newspapers, magazines