

## Minor in International Studies

The minor in International Studies is a 20 unit interdisciplinary program recommended for students preparing for professional, managerial and service careers in international affairs, business or education. It is intended to complement majors in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences.

Recognizing our increasing interdependence, the Minor is designed to increase awareness and understanding of other cultures as well as to develop a broader perspective of international relations and global issues. It provides an opportunity to explore and compare the social structures, cultures, political institutions and economic systems of other countries as well as to study relations between them. The Minor also permits the development of a concentration or emphasis on a particular country, culture or region.

### Career Alternatives

In view of the increasing interdependence of the world, almost all walks of life are affected by or involved in cross cultural exchange or international relations. Even within the United States, the variety of cultures and languages is increasing and persons working in the private and public sectors need to understand and communicate with different ethnic communities. A greater awareness of the world and other cultures, therefore, is essential preparation for living and working in the modern world. The Minor also provides background for those interested in careers in the Foreign Service, International Banking and Business, International Health Care, International Development Agencies, Social Service Work (e.g. the Red Cross), and International Travel. Given new graduation requirements and efforts to internationalize the schools, the Minor provides a valuable background for teachers in the humanities and social studies.



The minor shall consist of 20 semester units which include at least one course from two different categories in Group A and at least one course from two different categories in Group B. Courses used for General Education may not be counted towards the minor and not more than 8 units from the student's major may be used towards the minor.

#### **GROUP A:**

Select courses from at least 2 of the following 3 categories:

##### **I Societies and Environment**

- ANTH 340 Living in a Pluralistic World (4)
- ANTH 345 Human Ecology (4)
- ANTH 389 Language and Communication (4)
- ENSP 301 The Human Environment (4)
- GEOG 202 World Regional Geography (4)
- SOCI 497 Interdisciplinary Seminar: Comparative Society (1-4)

##### **II Alternative Political Economic Models**

- ANTH 360 Special Topics in Development Anthropology (2-4)
- ECON 403 Seminar in International Development (4)
- ECON 426 Seminar in History of Economic Thought (4)
- ENSP 304 World Food/Population Crisis (3)
- GEOG 320 Political Geography (3-4)
- GEOG 338 Social Geography (3-4)
- GEOG 343 Economic Geography (3-4)
- HIST 380 20th Century World (3)
- POLS 315 Democracy, Capitalism and Socialism (4)
- POLS 350 European Parliamentary Democracies (4)
- POLS 351 Totalitarianism & Authoritarianism (4)
- POLS 452 Third World Political Systems (4)

##### **III International Relations**

- ECON 303 International Economics (4)
- HIST 343 The United States and Latin America (3)
- HIST 466 United States Foreign Relations (4)
- POLS 342 International Politics and Foreign Policy (4)
- POLS 345 Model United Nations (2-4)
- POLS 444 United States Foreign Policy (4)
- BUS 393 Introduction to International Business (3)

#### **GROUP B:**

Select courses from at least 2 of the following 3 categories:

##### **IV International Cultural Perspectives**

Specified courses offering a cross cultural study in the departments of Art, English, History, Hutchins, India Studies, Music, Philosophy and Theatre Arts.

##### **V Regional Emphasis**

Courses on regions or cultures other than the United States in the departments of Anthropology, Art, Foreign Languages, Geography, History, India Studies, Music, Philosophy, Political Science or Sociology.

##### **VI Foreign Languages**

Modern Language courses in the Department of Foreign Languages. (All foreign language skill courses numbered 201 or higher are applicable toward completion of the International Studies Minor.)

**Total units in the minor**

**20**

#### **Foreign Language Studies**

For students seriously interested in imparting an international emphasis to their baccalaureate work, the study of at least one foreign language is essential. Without the broadened cultural-linguistic flexibility and heightened self-understanding which result from learning a foreign language, one can see the world only through the filter of one's own language and culture. The way to move beyond one's own innate nationalism to a truly international perspective is to learn the language, and therewith the habits and thought patterns, of another people.

The University offers foreign language programs in French, German and Spanish, and courses in India Studies, Italian, Latin, Greek. The major programs (French, German, and Spanish) all offer various interdisciplinary study options, allowing students maximum flexibility in choosing a program that fits their specific needs. Please refer to Foreign Languages for a detailed description of each program.

Additionally, career advising is offered in each of the major languages, for students who wish to combine their academic concentration with a career involving travel and/or correspondence abroad.

The paramount intent in all these courses and programs is to move students smoothly and rapidly toward genuine fluency in speaking, writing, and understanding the foreign language. The large number of Sonoma State students who go on to apply their language skills to work or study abroad testifies to the program's success in this endeavor.

We hope this information will be helpful. Official requirements of all majors and programs are published in the Sonoma State University catalog. Sonoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and has a strong commitment to the principal of diversity. A member of the California State University

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