

International Studies

The International Studies Program is located in the Department of Political Science (see page 264), which offers international studies as a second major.

There are three programs in international studies: a regular program leading to the B.A. degree in four years, and two accelerated programs leading to the B.A./M.A. in five years. One of the accelerated programs is in partnership with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington and the other with the Sciences Politique Academy in Paris. All three programs are described below. (For information on more advanced international study, see Political Science, page 265.)

Undergraduate Program

Requirements for the B.A. Degree

(See also General Requirements for Departmental Majors, page 46.)

Students who are thinking of majoring in international studies should complete as many of the basic degree requirements as possible and make a decision by the middle or end of sophomore year. All prospective majors should include the following among their basic courses: two History of Occidental Civilization classes (100.101-105), Elements of Economics (180.101-102), and one of Contemporary International Politics (190.209), International Politics (190.213) or Topics in Foreign Policy (190.308).

In addition to the distribution requirements for departmental majors, the requirements for the B.A. degree with a major in international studies are as follows:

Foreign Language

Proficiency in one major foreign language. This requirement may be met either by a year's work beyond the intermediate level or by special examination.

Core Courses

- Three semester courses in history in addition to the two taken in Occidental Civilization (100.101-105). At least one of these additional courses must be taken in the History Department and at least one must focus on a non-Western region.
- One course in international politics, designated (IR) in the catalog, in addition to the one of the core IR courses listed above (209, 213 and 308).

- One course in American politics, designated as (AP) in the catalog.
- Two courses in comparative politics, designated (CP) in the catalog.
- One course in political theory, designated (PT) in the catalog.
- Two semester courses from the list of approved courses updated each semester in the area of international economics in addition to 180.101-102. At least one of these additional courses must be taken in the Economics Department.

Senior Thesis

Students may write a thesis during their senior year. Students electing this option enroll in 190.471 Senior Thesis Seminar designed to prepare them for the 190.499 Senior Thesis. The seminars and thesis together account for nine credits. Students must complete a thesis to be eligible for honors in international studies.

Field of Interest

Every major in international studies selects a field for intensive and specialized work. The field of interest may be organized in terms of area (Latin America, East Asia); function (security studies, international economics), or language (an additional language for study). The student, in other words, has the widest possible choice. Although there is no set amount of course work for this particular requirement, it normally consists of four semester courses or the equivalent.

Study Abroad

Studying abroad is especially valuable for International Studies majors. Participating students generally spend one or both semesters of the junior year abroad. Hopkins offers several of its own study abroad programs. The Bologna program, offered through the Bologna campus of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), offers courses tailored to International Studies majors. (Students who spend their junior year in Bologna and subsequently apply for graduate studies at SAIS will receive one semester of credit at SAIS for their work in Bologna.) A program similarly tailored to International Studies students is offered through Sciences Po in Paris. Students may also apply to study at the SAIS campus in Nanjing or at the Villa Spelman, a Hopkins facility in Florence. In addition to these, Hopkins recognizes and accepts transfer credits from other overseas programs. In particular, programs that participate

in the Consortium of International Educational Exchange (CIEE), of which Hopkins is a member, allow for easy transfer of credits and financial aid. Prior to enrolling in these programs, students meet with an adviser to discuss those study abroad courses they wish to use toward International Studies requirements.

Five-Year Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

For declared International Studies Program majors with a clear intent to pursue an M.A. after graduation from Hopkins, the university offers an accelerated and competitive International Studies B.A./M.A. Program drawing upon its resources at SAIS, located in Washington, D.C. Combining liberal arts with a strong concentration in international studies, it allows those enrolled to receive the B.A. and M.A. degrees in five years instead of the usual six.

Each year about eight sophomores are selected for the program. Admission is limited to those who are highly motivated toward careers for which a background in international studies is essential: research, teaching, or practice in international affairs. Financial assistance is available to those admitted. In accordance with university policies, it is based both on need and on superior academic achievement. Students interested in the B.A./M.A. program should apply to the director of the International Studies Program in the beginning of the second term of their sophomore year.

Five-Year Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program with Sciences Po

Declared International Studies majors may also apply to participate in a five-year accelerated B.A./M.A. program with Sciences Po, one of Europe's finest schools of political science. After the junior year, students spend two years completing graduate-level coursework in international relations, political economy, and history at Sciences Po. They earn the B.A. after their first year in Paris and a master's (Dipôme) from Sciences Po after their second year.

Applicants follow an application and review process similar to the one for the SAIS program, described above. About three sophomores are selected each year for the Sciences Po program. Students pay tuition to Johns Hopkins for the first year in Paris and to Sciences Po for the second. Financial aid from Johns Hopkins continues only through the end of a student's fourth year. Instruction at Sciences Po is in French. Only students with appropriate proficiency in French are admitted.

Progress Toward the B.A./M.A. Degrees

Students in both programs described above spend their first three years at the Homewood campus and the last two at either SAIS or Sciences Po. Students receive the B.A. degree at the end of their first year at either SAIS or Sciences Po and the M.A. at the end of their second year.