

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Mission Statement

The mission of the International Studies Program is to endow students with knowledge of international studies as a discipline and with the skills necessary to become effective global citizens. The Departments of Communications, Economics and Geography, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology and Anthropology, and World Languages cooperatively provide students with an interdisciplinary curriculum that captures the wide-ranging historical, political, geographical, economic, social, and cultural forces at play in an increasingly interdependent world. A required study abroad component ensures that students experience the world they study and cultures other than their own.

Student Learning Outcomes

UNF graduates from the International Studies program will be able to:

Content-Discipline Knowledge & Skills

- demonstrate structural knowledge of the international system, including: roles and structures of state, intergovernmental, and nongovernmental actors; the system's historical evolution; and prevailing political, economic, social, and geographic debates about the system.
- demonstrate awareness of the variety of political, economic, geographic, cultural, and environmental orientations visible in the international system, such as nationalism, capitalism, globalization, etc.

Critical Thinking Skills

- employ the discipline's theories, approaches, and methods in order to examine and understand past, present, and possible future international interactions.
- analyze the effects of conflict and cooperation in historical, political, geographical, economic, social, and cultural international interactions.

Communication Skills

- demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate program-specific knowledge, both verbally and in writing. This includes the ability to effectively argue and defend a position.
- demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language at the intermediate level.

Assessment Approaches

Course embedded assessment tools will be the principle methods used to assess student achievement of the identified student learning outcomes. A senior seminar course is

planned that will require a capstone or portfolio project requiring students to integrate and achieve the fundamental knowledge and skills provided by the interdisciplinary program. Indirect assessment measures will also be employed that complement the more direct measures of achievement including graduating exit surveys, student perception surveys and alumni surveys.

Career Opportunities

For information on the many career opportunities available to International Studies majors, go to *What Can I do with an International Studies Major* at <http://www.unf.edu/dept/cdc/majors/internationalstudies.html>

For More Information

To learn more about the UNF International Studies Program, go to <http://www.unf.edu/coas/info/info.intlstud.html>

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