



Wyoming Transfer Alignment Guide (WyoTAG)

International Studies, B.A.

Students graduating with a degree in international studies will be able to recognize and appreciate the historical, political, social, cultural, and economic dimensions of international processes and issues, integrating these into an interdisciplinary perspective. uwo.edu/sppais.

University Studies Program

This degree requires that The University Studies Program 2015 requirements are met before graduation. Some of the courses required for this major fulfill USP requirements, but not all. Students should check their degree evaluations and consult with their assigned academic advisor to discuss their specific course plan.

Course Name	Credits	UW Course in Major	AA/AS/AB/ADN satisfies this USP
C 1-Communication 1 (U5C1) (COM1)	3		X
C 2-Communication 2 (U5C2) (COM2)	3		X
C 3-Communication 3 (U5C3) (COM3)	3	(Must be completed at UW)	
Q-Quantitative Reasoning (U5Q)	3		X
PN-Physical and Natural World (1) (U5PN)	3		X
PN-Physical and Natural World (2) (U5PN)	3		X
H-Human Culture (1) (U5H)	3		X
H-Human Culture (2) (U5H)	3		X
V-US & WY Constitution (U5V)	3		X
FYS or USP Elective-Any 3-credit hour of FYS or 3-credit hours of USP electives	3		X

Note: FYS courses have been paused. 3 hours from any additional USP designated courses is still required.

Requirements

A major in International Studies requires 33 department hours. This includes with 9 hours of INST core courses, 9 upper-division hours in an interdisciplinary “concentration,” 9 hours of required “regional study” (3 lower-division and 6 upper-division), and 6 hours of upper-division electives.

International Studies majors are also required to take 15 hours in a single foreign language or achieve fourth-semester proficiency as determined by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Students can complete a maximum of 6 credit hours beyond SPPAIS-prefixed courses (that is, INST- or POLS-prefixed courses) towards the International Studies (INST) major. Students interested to complete more than the maximum of 6 credit hours beyond SPPAIS-prefixed courses for their INST major because of a study-abroad opportunity can email the INST Program Director and their academic advisor to discuss an exception to this rule.

All required courses for the major must be passed with a grade of C or better. There are numerous special topics courses offered during the academic year and these courses can fulfill the international studies requirements with approval from your adviser. Students are encouraged to satisfy the USP Q (quantitative reasoning) requirement by taking STAT 2070 - Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences or STAT2050 - Introduction to Statistics.

Core Courses

Students take 9 hours of core coursework. INST 2350 - Introduction to Global Studies and INST 2310 - Introduction to International Relations provide the theoretical framework for the Development Studies and Security Studies tracks.

INST 4950 - Capstone in International Studies (Capstone) provides the culminating experience for students completing the B.A. degree in international studies and fulfills the COM3 writing requirement for the University Studies Program.

Course Name	Credits	Casper	CWC	EWC	LCCC	NWCCD	Northwest	Western
INST 2310 - Introduction to International Relations	3	X						
INST 2350 - Introduction to Global Studies	3	X						
INST 4950 - Capstone in International Studies C3	3							

Concentration

International Studies majors will complete a minimum of 9 hours in a chosen area of concentration, choosing either “Development Studies” or “Security Studies”.

The course offerings for each concentration are distinct, but they do in some cases overlap. Students who wish to further explore how coursework for one concentration might inform their understanding of coursework eligible for completion of the other concentration are also enabled to do this as part of their “electives”. Students can also supplement eligible courses in either concentration with internationally focused courses approved by the student’s advisor and the INST Program Director.

Development Studies

Development Studies focuses on theories, practices, and processes in the governance of “social” and “economic” development of communities, at multiple scales (transnational, national, subnational); relations between societies and their environments; and political-economic challenges.

For students who choose this option, 9 credits from the list below must be taken

Course Name	Credits	Casper	CWC	EWC	LCCC	NWCCD	Northwest	Western
INST 3000 - Social Change	3							
INST 3050 - Economic Geography	3							
INST 3200 - Comparative Political Cultures	3							
INST 3400 - Politics and Society of Turkey	3							
INST 3910 - Global Sociology	3							
INST 4013 - Political Geography	3							
INST 4100 - Global Public Health	3							
INST 4200 - China and Globalization	3							
INST 4215 - European Union	3							
INST 4250 - East Asia Society and Economy	3							
INST 4255 - Politics of Developing Nations	3							
INST 4260 - Democratization and Regime Change	3							
INST 4270 - Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3							
INST 4340 - International Organizations	3							
INST 4350 - Culture Change	3							
POLS 4350 - Sustainable Development and Global Policy	3							
INST 4355 - Sustainable Planning and Urban Policies	3							
INST 4360 - International Peace and Conflict	3							
INST 4370 - Global Political Economy	3							
INST 4375 - Transitional Justice	3							
INST 4385 - Environment and Resource Conflict	3							
INST 4455 - Energy Security	3							
INST 4475 - Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America	3							
INST 4500 - Landscapes of the Americas	3							
INST 4540 - International Marketing	3							
INST 4555 - Political Ecology	3							
INST 4560 - Global Cities H	3							
INST 4570 - Cultural Geography	3							
ECON 4700 - Economic Development	3							
ECON 4720 - International Trade	3							
ECON 4740 - International Economics and Policy	3							
AGEC 4880 - International Agricultural Trade, Markets and Policy	3							

Security Studies

Security Studies focuses on theory, practices, and processes in the governance of perceived insecurities, risks, and threats in social-cultural, political, and economic contexts, including around themes of human security, international relations, war and peace, intelligence, geopolitics, and geostrategy.

Course Name	Credits	Casper	CWC	EWC	LCCC	NWCCD	Northwest	Western
POLS 3220 - Government and Politics of Russia and FSU	3							
INST 3400 - Politics and Society of Turkey	3							
INST 4013 - Political Geography	3							
INST 4100 - Global Public Health	3							
INST 4175 - Gender, Women, and Health	3							
INST 4215 - European Union	3							
POLS 4230 - Governments and Politics of Asia	3							
INST 4255 - Politics of Developing Nations	3							
INST 4260 - Democratization and Regime Change	3							
INST 4270 - Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3							
INST 4275 - US Foreign Policy of the Middle East	3							
INST 4280 - Comparative Criminal Justice	3							
INST 4290 - Inter-American Relations	3							
INST 4330 - American Foreign Relations	3							
INST 4340 - International Organizations	3							
INST 4360 - International Peace and Conflict	3							
INST 4375 - Transitional Justice	3							
INST 4380 - International History of Human Rights	3							
INST 4385 - Environment and Resource Conflict	3							
INST 4445 - Drug War Geopolitics in the Americas	3							
INST 4455 - Energy Security	3							
INST 4475 - Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America	3							
INST 4545 - Conflict Resolution and Management	3							
INST 4582 - 20th Century US Foreign Relations	3							
POLS 4600 - Political Violence	3							
INST 4705 - Terrorism	3							

Regional Study Requirement

INST majors complete their “regional study” requirement as part of learning about the distinctiveness of different world regions as well as about the interconnections and interdependencies between them. Through “regional study” courses, students come to understand the global economic, political, and social-cultural processes that constitute and cut across world regions. INST majors must take one of the “gateway” options and at least two upper-division offerings, as listed below. Students can supplement the courses listed below with internationally focused courses approved by the student’s advisor and the INST Program Director.

Gateway Options

International Studies majors must take 3 credits from the list of course offerings below:

Course Name	Credits	Casper	CWC	EWC	LCCC	NWCCD	Northwest	Western
INST 1060 - World Regional Geography H	3	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
INST 2200 - Politics of Europe C2	3	Note 2						
INST 2230 - Introduction to Asian Studies C2	3							
INST 2240 - Introduction to African Studies C2	3							
INST 2250 - Introduction to Latin American Studies C2	3							
INST 2280 - Introduction to European Studies C2	3							

Upper Division Options

International Studies majors must complete 6 credits of coursework from the below list of offerings:

Course Name	Credits	Casper	CWC	EWC	LCCC	NWCCD	Northwest	Western
INST 3100 - Chinese Society	3							
FREN 3110 - Contemporary French Civilization	3							
AAST 3130 - Global Impact of African Cultures	3							
CHIN 3160 - See Movies, Touch China	3							
POLS 3220 - Government and Politics of Russia and FSU	3							
PHIL 3320 - Eastern Thought H	3							
PHIL 3933 - African Philosophy H	3							
INST 3400 - Politics and Society of Turkey	3							
HIST 4170 - Europe in the Nineteenth Century	3							
SPAN 4190 - 20th and 21st Century Spanish-American Texts	3							
INST 4200 - China and Globalization	3							
INST 4215 - European Union	3							
POLS 4230 - Governments and Politics of Asia	3							
INST 4250 - East Asia Society and Economy	3							
GERM 4255 - 19th Century German Novellas	3							
RELI 4270 - Buddhist Ethics H	3							
INST 4270 - Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3							
INST 4275 - US Foreign Policy of the Middle East	3							
INST 4290 - Inter-American Relations	3							
INST 4315 - History, Politics and Memory of the Holocaust in Europe	3							
INST 4330 - American Foreign Relations	3							
INST 4445 - Drug War Geopolitics in the Americas	3							
INST 4475 - Politics of Natural Resources in Latin America	3							
INST 4500 - Landscapes of the Americas	3							

Electives

Majors are required to complete 6 additional hours of INST-prefixed upper-division coursework. This element of the major provides students with flexibility. Majors can complete this element of the major with INST “topics” courses that are not anticipated or are otherwise unlisted among the courses eligible for completing their concentration in “Development Studies” or “Security Studies,” or for completing their “regional study” requirement; they can complete more credits towards their concentration than the nine they otherwise need; or they can complete more courses for the regional study requirement than they otherwise need. Students can also supplement the courses available for completion of this aspect of the major (that is, upper-division courses listed under the other requirements of the major) with internationally focused coursework across campus, or study abroad courses, with approval from the student’s advisor and the INST Program Director. Some of the courses that might supplement the listed courses as part of a major’s “electives” are announced in the Advising Newsletter for the major, which is distributed by the Advising Center during the registration window for each semester.

Foreign Language

All majors must complete 15 credits of the introductory sequence of foreign language courses in one language, consistent with the curriculum in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages (that is, the 1010-1020-2030-2040 sequence in one language). The same sequence (1010-1020-2030-2040) is also available in Arabic, a language program housed in the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies. Students who already are proficient in a foreign language can instead demonstrate fourth semester proficiency, as evident in a test of proficiency.

International Study Abroad and Internship Opportunities

All International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to consider taking part in a semester long study abroad program or a shorter-term faculty-led international fieldwork or study abroad course taught by UW faculty (typically offered during the Summer and Winter breaks) as a way to earn course credit towards their International Studies degree. In addition, International Studies majors are also encouraged to consider participating in paid or unpaid international internship opportunities as a way of earning additional academic credit towards their International Studies degree. For more information on international study abroad exchanges, faculty-led fieldwork courses and internship opportunities, please visit the UW Abroad Office at: uwyo.edu/geo/eda/index.

Notes:

Note 1 INST 1060 = GEOG 1000

Note 2 INST 2200 = POLS 2200

COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS: WyoTAGs reflect published equivalencies. UW academic departments occasionally arrange for course substitutions when indirect equivalencies exist. Please contact your UW Academic Advisor for details.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This document is in effect as of the 2026-2027 catalog year; it reflects the published UW curriculum as of that date. Any changes to the UW curriculum or the WYCC course equivalents will require this document to be updated. To request an updated document, faculty should contact transfer@uwyo.edu via email.