

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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International Studies at NMU

The departments of Art and Design, Communication and Performance Studies, Economics, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology and Social Work and the College of Business cooperatively sponsor the international studies major. This broad major provides students with a basic understanding of modern world history, international relations, world cultures and world religions. Part of this learning, as well as intensive language instruction, takes place abroad.

As students advance in the international studies major, they deepen their understanding of particular parts of the world and specialized issues of international importance. The study-abroad and language requirements of the major ensure that NMU students experience internationalism rather than just learn about it in classrooms.

The capstone course for the international studies major, IP 490 International Studies Seminar, offers students the opportunity to make comparisons and contrasts that integrate their study-abroad experience into their academic program.

The international studies major and minor, as well as the Latin American studies minor are housed in the Modern Languages and Literatures Department. Academic direction is provided by the International Studies Academy Advisory Committee, which has members from many departments and is currently chaired by Dr. Timothy Compton, head of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, e-mail tcompton@nmu.edu.

Academic Advising

Academic advising for international studies majors and minors and Latin American studies minors is done by the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, 145 Whitman Hall, phone: 906-227-2940, fax: 227-2533.

Student Organization

- All Nations Club

Study Abroad

Full-time NMU students with a grade point average of 2.50 or higher can enrich their academic experience by studying in a country other than the United States. Such studies may apply toward the student's academic program at Northern, provided that prior approval has been granted by the student's academic adviser and the Registrar's Office. All students who are contemplating study abroad, whether or not the program is under NMU sponsorship, must apply through the International Affairs Office. Personnel at the office will work with each student to assist with the application process, coordinate course registration and budget for financial aid. The office also provides pre-departure and re-entry orientation.

NMU-sponsored and affiliated programs: NMU students can apply for study-abroad programs under official university sponsorship through one of the various consortiums or exchange agreements:

- College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS)
- Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)
- Exchange Agreement with several European schools (EU-US)
- Japan Center for Michigan Universities in Hikone, Japan (JCMU)
- Kajaani Polytechnic, Finland-Exchange Agreement
- Midwest Consortium for Study Abroad (MCSA) with sites in Vienna, Austria; Macerata, Italy; and Segovia, Spain

Through these programs, NMU offers study-abroad opportunities in more than thirty foreign countries. The university participates in two exchange agreements with nine European institutions. Language immersion opportunities exist in Japan, France, Canada (Quebec), Mexico, Costa Rica and Spain.

Most programs offer instruction in English as well as instruction in the host country's language.

Non-NMU affiliated programs: Students may apply for non-NMU study-abroad programs after consulting with their major department and with approval from the International Affairs Office. These include programs sponsored by other colleges, universities, or third-party private sponsors.

Some restrictions on credit transfer apply. Students must carefully review program specifics with their academic adviser and the International Affairs Office. Special conditions for applying financial aid must be arranged through the International Affairs and Financial Aid Offices.

Directed studies: Students who choose to undertake independent travel, work or study abroad may receive academic credit for such experience by arranging a directed study with an NMU professor prior to departure.

Directed studies typically involve field experiences that are evaluated through written reports submitted via e-mail and upon the student's return to campus. The student is responsible for finding an NMU faculty member willing to supervise such a directed study. Normal NMU tuition and fees must be paid for these credits. Students are required to register with the International Affairs Office prior to engaging in an international directed study.

Department/Program Policies

International studies majors must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English at the 202 level or higher. This can be accomplished by completing a 202 (or 300, 305, or 400) course in a language or by verification through the Modern Languages and Literatures Department (i.e. determined by examination or through some other means of confirming proficiency).

International studies majors must have a study-abroad experience, normally in a non-English speaking country, for at least 12 weeks, including a minimum of nine weeks of study through an approved college-level institution. This must be approved in writing by an international studies academic adviser. Up to 12 credits may be applied to the area and advanced disciplinary studies requirement of the major with prior approval of the academic adviser. International students or resident aliens who wish to major in international studies may petition the international studies academic adviser for exemption from the requirement for study abroad.

A course in economics is required for international studies majors. (An EC course from foundations of social sciences is recommended.)

A program approval for international studies majors and minors must be prepared and approved by an academic adviser from the Modern Languages and Literatures Department and a copy forwarded to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office will not perform a degree audit until it receives this form.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM

Liberal Studies: Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the "Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements" section of this bulletin (38-44).

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the Roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

International Studies Major

This major gives students a broad view of the world with an emphasis on developing regions. The core ensures that students have broad exposure to major world religions, international politics and government, recent global history, and relationships between geography, culture, arts and society. This major is a good point of departure for pursuing an international-related master's degree and/or many careers, including international business, diplomacy and fields related to human development.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
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Required Courses in Major	44
Core	24
GC 164 Human Geography [IV]	4
AN 100 Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology [IV] or BC 415 Intercultural Communication	4
HS 104 The Third World [IV]	4
PL 270 World Religions [IV]	4
PS 206 International Relations or PS 203 Comparative Government	4
IP 490 International Studies Seminar	4
Area and Advanced Disciplinary Studies	20
<i>Choose from the following, with no more than 12 credits from one department and a minimum of 8 credits at the 300-400 level. Courses from the minor field of study cannot be used.</i>	
AD 265 Art and Architecture of Japan (4 cr.) [VI]	
AD 300 Japan and the West (4 cr.) [VI]	
AN 210 People, Culture and Nature (4 cr.) [IV]	
AN 320 Native Peoples of North America (4 cr.) [IV]	
BC 325 Communication and Performance in Africa (4 cr.) [VI]	
BC 420 Global Communication (4 cr.)	
CJ 426 Comparative Criminal Justice (4 cr.)	
EC 425 International Economics (4 cr.)	
EN 311 World Literature (4 cr.) [II]	
EN 411Z Topics in World Literature (3-4 cr.) [II]	
FR 310 Introduction to French Civilization and Culture (4 cr.) [II]	
GC 220 Economic Geography (4 cr.)	
GC 300 Regional Studies (4 cr.) [IV]	
GC 400 Political Geography (4 cr.)	
GR 310 Introduction to German Civilization and Culture (4 cr.) [II]	
HS 234 Indigenous People of Latin America (4 cr.) [II]	

HS 251 Latin American Civilization (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 252 Arab Islamic History (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 254 Introduction to the History of Africa (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 256 Approaching China (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 258 The Emergence of Modern Japan (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 312 Revolutionary Russia (4 cr.)
 HS 360 Chinese Revolution, 1800-Present (4 cr.)
 HS 362 Mexico (4 cr.) [II]
 HS 363 Canadian History and Culture (4 cr.)
 IP 285 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.)
 IP 286 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.) (Graded S/U)
 IP 485 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.)
 IP 486 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.) (Graded S/U)
 MKT 466 International Marketing (3 cr.)
 MGT 475 International Business (3 cr.)
 PS 299 Model U.N. (2 cr.)
May be taken twice as country of study varies.
 PS 312 War and Peace in the 21st Century (4 cr.) [IV]
 PS 404 Politics of East and Southeast Asia (4 cr.)
 SN 310 Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Culture (4 cr.)
 SN 314 Contemporary Latin American Culture (4 cr.) [II]
 SO 351 Social Change (4 cr.) [IV]

Minor

20

MINOR PROGRAMS

International Studies Minor

International studies minors must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English at the 102 level or higher. This can be accomplished by completing a 102 (or 201, 202, 300, 305 or 400) course in a language, or by verification through the Modern Languages and Literatures Department (i.e. determined by examination or through some other means of confirming proficiency).

Total Credits Required for Minor

24

Core

16

AN 100 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology *or*
 GC 164 Human Geography
 HS 104 The Third World
 PL 270 World Religions
 PS 203 Comparative Government *or*
 PS 206 International Relations

Area and Advanced Disciplinary Studies

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Choose 8 credit hours from the following: At least one course must be at the 300-400 level. Courses from the major field of study or other minors cannot be used.

AD 265 Art and Architecture of Japan (4 cr.)
 AD 300 Japan and the West (4 cr.)
 AN 210 People, Culture and Nature (4 cr.)
 AN 320 Native Peoples of North America (4 cr.)
 BC 325 Communication and Performance in Africa (4 cr.)
 BC 415 Intercultural Communication (4 cr.)
 BC 420 Global Communication (4 cr.)
 EC 425 International Economics (4 cr.)
 EN 311 World Literature (4 cr.)

FR 310 Introduction to French Civilization and Culture (4 cr.)
 GC 220 Economic Geography (4 cr.)
 GC 300 Regional Studies (4 cr.)
 GC 400 Political Geography (4 cr.)
 GR 310 Introduction to German Civilization and Culture (4 cr.)
 HS 251 Latin American Civilization (4 cr.)
 HS 252 Arab Islamic History (4 cr.)
 HS 254 Introduction to the History of Africa (4 cr.)
 HS 256 Approaching China (4 cr.)
 HS 258 The Emergence of Modern Japan (4 cr.)
 HS 312 Revolutionary Russia (4 cr.)
 HS 360 Chinese Revolution, 1800-Present (4 cr.)
 HS 362 Mexico (4 cr.)
 HS 363 Canadian History and Culture (4 cr.)
 IP 285 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.)
 IP 286 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.) (Graded S/U)
 IP 485 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.)
 IP 486 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.) (Graded S/U)
 MKT 466 International Marketing (3 cr.)
 MGT 475 International Business (3 cr.)
 PS 299 Model U.N. (2 cr.)
May be taken twice as country of study varies.
 PS 404 Politics of East and Southeast Asia (4 cr.)
 SN 310 Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Culture (4 cr.)
 SN 314 Contemporary Latin American Culture (4 cr.)
 SO 351 Social Change (4 cr.)

Latin American Studies Minor

This interdisciplinary minor allows students to take classes dealing with Latin America from a variety of departments on campus.

Total Credits Required for Minor

24

Core

8

HS 251 Latin American Civilization *or*
 SN 314 Modern Latin American Culture
 SN 202 Intermediate Spanish II *or*
 POR 210 Intermediate Portuguese*

Electives

16

Electives must come from at least three disciplines/prefixes.

Choose 16 credit hours from the following:

EN 311Z World Literature: Latin America (4 cr.)
 EN 411Z World Literature: Latin America (4 cr.)
 GC 300 Regional Studies: Latin America (4 cr.)
 HS 251 Latin American Civilization** (4 cr.)
 HS 361 History of Americas (4 cr.)
 HS 362 Mexico (4 cr.)
 IP 485 Special Topics: Related to Latin America (1-8 cr.)
 IP 486 Study Abroad: Special Topics (1-12 cr.)
 POR 210 Intermediate Portuguese** (4 cr.)
 SN 312 Introduction to Spanish America (4 cr.)
 SN 314 Contemporary Latin American Culture** (4 cr.)
 SN 429 Twentieth Century Literature of Spanish America (4 cr.)
 SN 495 Special Topics: Related to Latin America (1-4 cr.)

**Native speakers of Spanish must take POR 210, and native speakers of Portuguese must take SN 202. Spanish majors and minors must take the Portuguese component of the core.*

***Any course used in the core cannot be used as an elective.*