International Studies

Overview

The International Studies program will prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions that offer International Studies or related fields.

Students will:
- engage in course work that will broaden their perspective and skills in the field of international relations
- have access to individual counseling for program planning and career development through a mentoring program with the Program Coordinator
- be afforded the opportunity to develop foreign language proficiency

Associate Degrees for Transfer

A.A.-T. in Global Studies

This degree provides a multidisciplinary understanding of global issues and the impact of globalization on people, states, and economies around the world. It covers trade, culture, politics, economic development, military interventions, conflict, relations between states, and environmental impacts.

The Associate in Arts in Global Studies for Transfer (AA-T) degree provides students with a major that fulfills the general requirements of the California State University for transfer. Students with this degree will receive priority admission with junior status to the California State University system.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) student completion requirements (as stated in SB1440 law):
1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   a. The intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth).
   b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
   ADTs also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

Completing the Associate in Arts in Global Studies will prepare students to apply a global understanding to careers in trade, law, diplomacy, food production, education, human rights, development, relief, and marketing. Students completing this degree will be able to continue their studies in any of the above listed areas and to apply a global perspective to any field of study or work.

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Degree Requirements

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<td>Global Issues</td>
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A minimum of 15 units from the following:
Select five courses from a minimum of four of the following areas:

**CULTURE AND SOCIETY**

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<th>Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)</th>
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**GEOGRAPHY**

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### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- formulate a broad and cohesive understanding of global dynamics, issues, and events and incorporate that knowledge into their daily life and career.
- evaluate their role as a member of a global network of interdependent people and societies.
- analyze various multidisciplinary approaches that explain the causes and consequences of globalization.
- analyze local and regional societal, economic, political, and environmental issues within a global context.

### Associate Degrees

#### A.A. in International Studies

The major consists of a core of 29.5-33 units, which satisfy university transfer requirements. Elective courses allow students to pursue interests in languages, culture, business, philosophy, history, fine arts, literature, and other studies. Students who undertake the ISP major will prepare for transfer to universities that offer International Studies Majors or related fields; engage in course work that will broaden their perspective and skills in the field of international relations; have access to individual counseling for program planning and career development through a mentoring program with the Program Director; and be afforded the opportunity to develop foreign language proficiency.

**Recommended High School Preparation:** Standard college preparatory program.

**Four Year Transfer Information:** UC/CSU systems require standard/basic preparatory course work prior to transfer. The ISP core courses (30 units) are designed to meet articulation and transferability to International Studies, International Relations, and International Business major requirements.

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**A minimum of 8 units from the following:**

- Foreign Language (two semesters)
  - ARABIC 401 Elementary Arabic (5)
  - and ARABIC 402 Elementary Arabic (5)
  - CANT 412 Intermediate Cantonese (4)
  - or CANT 411 Intermediate Cantonese (4)
  - or CANT 402 Elementary Cantonese (4)
Student must choose only 1 language to fulfill the 8 unit requirement.

The International Studies Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- evaluate, examine, and explain the role of the individual and society within the context of global interdependence.
- formulate a critical understanding of social, political, and economic global issues and problems within a global context that is relevant to local experience.
- evaluate, analyze, and critique various social science and humanities perspectives that explain human and environmental history in a global context.
- investigate, analyze, and describe the causes and consequences of economic, political, and cultural globalization through a variety of social science perspectives.
- detect, analyze, and discuss human difference, including difference based on socio-economic, political, cultural, and geographic status.
- investigate, analyze, and discuss the effects of power imbalance in social and political contestation, historically and contemporaneously, with a focus on the experiences of actors who wield relatively less power in specific global contexts.
- demonstrate basic oral and writing skills in a second language.

**Career Information**

The International Studies degree is designed to facilitate students’ successful transfer to B.A. programs and, in so doing, prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs. Careers can be found in Foreign Service, Governmental Relations, Public Affairs, International Trade, Civil Service, Lobbying, Law, Fiscal Analysis, Teaching, Non-Governmental Organizations, Language Specialization, International Advocacy, and International Consultancy.

**International Studies (IS) Courses**

**IS 494 Topics in International Studies**

- **Units**: 0.5 - 4
- **Hours**: 9 - 72 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite**: None.
- **Advisory**: ENGRW 101 with a grade of “C” or better or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with grades of “C” or better.
- **Transferable**: CSU
This course provides a seminar setting in which students can study and discuss regional and global issues in international studies with faculty from a variety of disciplines. Specific regions (e.g., Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, North America, Europe) are addressed topically. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions. This course is formerly known as SOCSC 493.