

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Social Work

Kristin Edquist,
Director and Asst. Professor

007A Hargreaves Hall

509.359.7460

BA

Faculty: varies

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The International Affairs (IA) Program, housed in the Government Department, is designed for students interested in international politics and global languages and cultures. It offers a carefully integrated and relatively flexible interdisciplinary set of courses in the social sciences leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs. The goal of this major is to provide students with a solid foundation in the liberal arts for employment and/or advanced study in an international field.

The program of study provides a choice of three concentrations: Global Security Processes, Global Socio-Economic Processes or Global Public Policy. These concentrations give students the opportunity to acquire a theoretically and historically grounded understanding of one significant process in which people and countries are currently engaged. IA students learn to consider issues broadly, to see interconnections among geographic regions, and to engage in critical and creative thinking about them. The IA major prepares students for employment, lifelong learning and life enrichment, and fits Eastern Washington University's larger purpose of providing quality liberal arts education with meaningful career preparation.

The major requires students to minor in a foreign language or, if the student is a native speaker of a foreign (non-English) language, to minor in a field of his/her choice. All IA majors are strongly encouraged to pursue study abroad as part of their undergraduate education. The IA major culminates in a Senior Capstone seminar, in which students demonstrate their ability to master analytical approaches to the complex process of globalization and to apply those approaches to a specific issue or process related to globalization. This course thus brings to bear their acquired knowledge of world events and their critical thinking skills on an issue, process or region of significance to the particular student.

Students majoring in International Affairs will gain competency in current global relations scholarship, proficiency in a foreign language and skills in research, writing and oral communication. Students will be prepared to go on to graduate study in a wide array of disciplines such as international studies, development, education, political science or law. They will also be well equipped for career opportunities in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

The International Affairs program, in conjunction with EWU's Model United Nations and EWU's chapter of the political science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, sponsors lectures, forums and debates on campus which encourage students to consider the integrated character of global and regional political, economic and social issues. IA students regularly participate in these clubs.

Required courses in the following programs of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – STUDENTS WILL:

- apply social science research methods to at least one non-U.S. case study;
- demonstrate analytical and conceptual skills, reading skills, critical thinking and problem solving skills and be able to effectively apply those skill sets to political issues;
- identify and represent accurately the key ideas, people, historical events, social processes and governmental systems associated with various geographic regions around the world;
- apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to political issues and should utilize normative and empirical analysis tools in the study of national and international political realities;
- demonstrate awareness of racial, ethnic, gender and religious dynamics in historic and contemporary political questions;
- demonstrate mastery of and apply accurately key analytic concepts of the social sciences, to cases, states and regions around the world.

Note: two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language is required as a general EWU graduation requirement.

Note: the IA major requires a minor in a foreign language or for non-native English speakers, a minor in another field.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR

Core Courses (36 credits)

- GOVT 203 Introduction to Comparative Politics (5)
- GOVT 204 Introduction to International Politics (5)
- GOVT 320 International Systems (5)
- GOVT 321 International Organization (5)
- GOVT 322 International Political Economy (5)
- GOVT 493 Portfolio Assessment (2)
- INST 200 Global Issues (4)
- INST 490 Senior Capstone: Globalization (5)

Plus one course selected from (5 credits)

- CSBS 310 Foundations of Social and Behavioral Sciences Theory (5)
- CSBS 320 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (5)
- CSBS 330 Integrated Social Science Methods (5)
- CSBS 331 Documents-Based Research Methods (5)

CONCENTRATIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

**GLOBAL SECURITY PROCESSES CONCENTRATION
(54-56 CREDITS)**

- Core Credits (41 credits)**
Concentration from courses listed below (13-15 credits) (5 credits maximum from GOVT courses listed below)
- ANTH 342 Tribes, Bands and Chiefdoms (5)
 - ANTH/GEOG/HIST 336 Geographies of Conflict in the Middle East (5)
 - GEOG 459 Political Geography (3)
 - GOVT 323 U.S. Foreign Policy (5)
 - GOVT 326 European Politics (5)
 - GOVT 328 Politics of the People's Republic of China (5)
 - GOVT 329 Politics of South Asia (5)
 - GOVT 402 Topics in International Relations and Comparative Politics (5)
 - HIST 306 Modern Europe (5)
 - HIST 350 War and Society (5)
 - HIST 382 20th Century Germany From World Wars to Cold War. Culture, Political Conflict and National Identity (5)
 - HIST 454 Diplomatic History of Europe, 1914 to the Present (5)
 - HIST 481 History of American Foreign Relations from 1898 (5)

Core credits: **41 credits**
Concentration credits: **13-15 credits**
Minimum required credits for above concentration: **54 credits**

**GLOBAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROCESSES CONCENTRATION
(56 CREDITS)**

- Core Credits (41 credits)**
**Concentration from courses listed below (15 credits)
(5 credits maximum from GOVT courses listed below)**
- ANTH 348 Peasant Societies (5)
 - ANTH 366 Revolution and Development in the Third World (5)
 - ANTH/GEOG/HIST 320 Middle Eastern History and Culture (5)
 - ANTH/GEOG/HIST 436 Politics of Culture: Israel and Palestine (5)
 - CMST 440 International Communication (5)
 - ECON 200 Introduction to Microeconomics (5)
 - ECON 201 Introduction to Macroeconomics (5)
 - ECON 415 History of Economic Thought (5)
 - ECON 417 Political Economy (5)
 - ECON 421 Labor Economics (5)
 - ECON 470 International Economics (5)
 - ECON 474 International Finance (5)
 - ECON 475 Economic Development (5)
 - GOVT 326 European Politics (5)
 - GOVT 327 Politics of Developing Nations (5)
 - GOVT 328 Politics of the People's Republic of China (5)
 - GOVT 329 Politics of South Asia (5)
 - GOVT 402 Topics in International Relations and Comparative Politics (5)
 - HIST 306 Modern Europe (5)
 - HIST 410 China in the 19th and 20th Centuries (5)
 - HIST 416 Modern Japan (5)
 - SOCI 362 Sociology of Politics (5)
 - SOCI 485 Sociology of Revolution (5)

Core credits: **41 credits**
Concentration credits: **15 credits**
Minimum required credits for above concentration: **56 credits**

GLOBAL PUBLIC POLICY CONCENTRATION (56 CREDITS)

- Core Credits (41 credits)**
Concentration from courses listed below (15 credits)
- ECON 200 Introduction to Microeconomics (5)
 - ECON 421 Labor Economics (5)
 - ECON 450 Public Finance and Public Policy (5)
 - ECON 474 International Finance (5)
 - ECON 475 Economic Development (5)
 - GOVT 333 Public Management (5)

Core credits: **41 credits**
Concentration credits: **15 credits**
Minimum required credits for above concentration: **56 credits**

International Affairs Courses

Terms offered: fall, winter, spring, summer (FWSU). If no terms are indicated check with the department or EagleNET.

See course descriptions listed under the participating programs and departments: Anthropology, Communications Studies, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Modern Languages and Literatures and Sociology.

INST 200 Global Issues (4)
Prerequisites: ENGL 101 is required, ENGL 201 is recommended.
[satisfies university graduation requirement international studies.]

A survey of important large-scale issues and conditions which are active in the contemporary world. Included are global perspectives of ecological issues as well as social/economic issues.

INST 380 Japan Today (4)
Prerequisite: ENGL 201 or instructor permission.
[satisfies international studies university graduation requirement]

A broad survey of contemporary Japan including society, culture, geography, government and economy. No knowledge of Japanese language is required. (Cross-listed JAPN 380)

INST 490 Senior Capstone: Globalization (5)
Prerequisite: GOVT 204 and senior standing or permission of instructor.

[satisfies senior capstone university graduation requirement]
 This course is a senior-level seminar designed to integrate and further refine the analytical, writing and presentation skills acquired as a Government or International Affairs major. Its premise is that any student of politics or international affairs should graduate a bachelor's degree program with a refined sensibility of the concept (and varying realities) of globalization. The course covers case studies and theoretical analyses of the global dynamics of economic, cultural, religious, media and/or political relations, as well as the role of technological change in global processes. Students prepare and present an original, extensive case study and analysis of globalization processes, if possible relating to the student's work as an IA or Government major. (Cross-listed GOVT 490)

INST 498 International Studies Senior Seminar (5)
Prerequisites: advanced class standing and permission of the instructor.

An advanced-level seminar dealing with issues relating to the formation, implementation and evaluation of policy in international undertakings.

JAPANESE
 See MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES.