

4. Foreign Language Requirement

The *minimum* foreign language requirement for the major is either (a) 6 levels of study of a modern foreign language or (b) 4 levels of study or equivalent of one modern foreign language and 2 levels of study or equivalent of another modern foreign language. Languages must be appropriate for a student's area concentration. A list of approved languages by area is available on the INTS website at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ints/major-lang.html>. Of the six required levels of language, at least three must be satisfied at UNC-Chapel Hill or as part of a UNC-approved study abroad program.

5. Study Abroad (recommended but optional)

International and Area Studies majors are strongly urged to gain experiential knowledge of the countries or thematic concerns they are studying through participation in an approved study abroad program. Every effort will be made by the curriculum to fully integrate study abroad courses into the major. For more details, see <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ints/major-abroad.html>.

Opportunities for Majors

International Studies majors are eligible for study abroad scholarships and research awards. Details on these opportunities as well as information about other opportunities can be found at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ints/opportunities.html>.

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Majoring in International Studies

*For students declaring the major
prior to fall 2008*



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The Field

Globalization of the economy, cross-cultural relations, world-wide media, ecological crises, and political transformations make International Studies increasingly important. The Curriculum in International and Area Studies offers an interdisciplinary program of study focusing on these and many other issues. It draws on courses throughout the humanities and social sciences and offers students the chance to concentrate on any area of the world or on issues of global significance. Courses deal with topics as diverse as the relations of the United States with other countries around the world; peoples and cultures of Europe, Latin America, Africa, or Asia; international economics; human rights; and problems of poverty in the Third World.

International and Area Studies majors are prepared for careers in business, diplomacy, international aid and economic development, and other forms of public service. The INTS major is also excellent preparation for graduate school in one of the social sciences; professions such as law, business, or journalism; or in international affairs and area studies. International and Area Studies is one of the largest majors at UNC-Chapel Hill, with about 700 majors as of spring 2008.

Structure of the Major

The degree offered is B.A. in International and Area Studies. The major in International and Area Studies is comprised of a total of 10 courses. In addition, all students must earn credit for a minimum of six levels of language study. All majors are required to take INTS 210 as the gateway core course. Of the remaining 9 elective courses, 3 are core courses and 6 comprise the student's concentration in either area studies or international studies. While INTS 210 and the core courses provide the major with broad overviews of issues in international studies, the courses taken within the student's chosen concentration provide a more focused approach to a particular set of issues or to a geographical or cultural region.

Requirements of the Major

1. **Core (4 courses)**
 - a) Gateway course: International Studies 210
 - b) 3 survey-level courses, each from a different department
2. **Concentration (6 courses)**
 - a) The student who concentrates in **International Studies** will select 4 courses that explore one of the four thematic concentrations and 2 courses that must be substantially grounded in a world area. *Of these 6 courses, 4 must be above the survey level (numbered 200 or higher).* The four themes for the International Studies concentration are:
 - i) International politics
 - ii) Global economics
 - iii) Global health and environment
 - iv) Transnational cultures
 - b) The student who concentrates in **Area Studies** will select 4 courses that focus on a single world area and 2 courses in one of the four thematic concentrations. *Of these 6 courses, 4 must be above the survey level.* For purposes of this requirement, regions of the world are defined as Africa; Asia; Latin America; the Middle East; Western Europe/European Union; and Russia/Eastern Europe.

For list of core, theme, & area studies courses, visit <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ints/newcourses.html>.

3. **Honors (optional)**

The student who elect to write an honors thesis in his/her senior year must complete the two-semester honors seminar consisting of INTS 691H in the fall and INTS 692H in the spring. An overall GPA of at least 3.2 is required for admission to the Honors seminar. (See <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ints/honors.html> for further details including the application process.)