

International Studies

Degree Awarded: Associate in Arts

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester	Credits
ENG 101 Freshman English 1	3
COM 101 Foundations of Communication	3
MAT ____ SUNY Math (MAT 102 or higher)	3/4
GEO 102 Human Geography or Cultural Anthropology	3
POL 220 Comparative Governments	3
PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness	1
Second Semester	
ENG 102 Freshman English 2	3
PSY 101 General Psychology 1	3
____ SUNY Natural Science	3/4
POL 221 International Relations	3
HIS 121 World History to 1500	3
PES ____ Physical Education	1
Third Semester	
ENG 203/4 World Literature	3
HIS 122 World History Since 1500	3
____ SUNY Art	3
____ Foreign Language (Elementary 2 or above)	3
ECO 201 Macro-Economics	3
Fourth Semester	
ENG 225 International Literature	3
____ General Elective	3
____ Liberal Arts Science or Math (MAT 113 or higher)	3/4
____ Restricted Elective*	3
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Total Credits: 62-64

* Choose two of the following courses:

COM 211 Intercultural Communications

ECO 203 Economic Development

HIS 123 Latin American Heritage

HIS 124 Africa: Past and Present

HIS 133 Modern Europe

HIS 220 Modern China and Japan

HIS 222 The Middle East

____ Non-Western Art

____ Foreign Language Intermediate 1 or higher

BUS 207 Intro to International Business

Program Description

The Associate in Arts degree program in International Studies provides students with a range of studies that emphasize the interconnections among global political, economic, social, and cultural events and processes. As globalization literally makes the world a smaller place, International Studies helps prepare students to take advantage of those changes, both in terms of their personal growth and career opportunities. The degree is designed to prepare students for transfer and continued academic success within a liberal arts setting, especially one dedicated to the study of international and global events. This program also features a solid grounding in liberal arts education.

The curriculum is designed to include a broad range of courses with international themes in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to core courses in the liberal arts common to many programs, International Studies requires students to take classes in foreign languages, international relations, world history and international literature. Through these courses, students will develop critical learning skills, a foundation of knowledge about the international system and the ability to clearly write, analyze and communicate about concepts in the discipline.

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (GEDs). If students are not high school graduates, they may be eligible for admission to the College's 24 Credit Hour Program. If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission. (See pages 7 through 13 for more details on the admission process for all applicants.)

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social and natural worlds, and processes contributing to globalization and interdependence.
- understand both the commonalities and diversity of human experiences, values and opinions among and between cultures.
- understand the forms of international artistic expressions and their inherent creative processes.
- think critically, applying systematic reasoning, information management and quantitative skills.
- communicate effectively in English and develop a basis for continued progress in acquiring skills in a language other than English.
- be prepared for transfer to, and success at, upper-level institutions offering programs of study in International Relations.



Career Opportunities

- language interpreter
- high school teacher
- international business
- international law
- government or diplomatic work
- export-import work

Transfer Opportunities

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer.

These transfer institutions include:

- four-year SUNY units
- a variety of public and private four-year colleges with whom articulation agreements are under development

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