Nebraska Wesleyan University

International Studies (B.A., B.S.)

Catalog

2025-2026

Departments

1. International Studies

International Studies Major (B.A. or B.S., 37-40 hours plus language requirement)

Core Requirements	14-15 hours
A. Complete all of the following courses: • HIST 1110 World Civilizations • POLSC 1100 Introduction to International Politics • RELIG 1150 World Religions	11 hours
B. Choose one course from the following options: • ANTHR 1150 Cultural Anthropology • ARH 1030FYW Survey of Non-Western Art History • PHYS 1200 Energy and the Global Environment • BIO 1300 Introduction to Environmental Science	3-4 hours

Modern Language Requirement

Students are expected to meet a modern language requirement. The language requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Completion of a Modern Language minor.
2. Completion of a Modern Language major.
3. Completion of one year of language study (or its equivalent) in a language that is not taught at Nebraska Wesleyan University. The International Studies Director must approve the language study.
4. Students whose second language is English may be exempted from the requirement by the International Studies Director.

Important Update

Classes beyond stage 2 in French, German, and Japanese will no longer be offered after the 2027-28 academic year. Students wishing to declare these concentrations in the Modern Language major or minor should speak with the Associate Dean of the College of Public and Global Affairs.

Research Method Requirement	4-6 hours
Choose one of the following options: • HIST 2800 Historical Methods (4 hours) • POLSC 2000 Analyzing Politics and Policy (4 hours) • SOC 3930 Quantitative Research Methods or SOC 3940 Qualitative Research Methods (4 hours) Research methods courses from other disciplines may be substituted for this requirement with the approval of the International Studies Director.	

Emphasis Area	15 hours

All majors must complete an emphasis area of courses in a specific world region or topical area. The International Studies Director will work with students to create an emphasis area that reflects their strengths. Examples of recent emphasis areas include Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Industrialized Nations, Foreign Policy, or Development Studies but students may create their own emphasis with the approval of the International Studies Director.

At least two of the courses in the emphasis area must be taken at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Capstone	4-5 hours
INTST 4940 Capstone	1 hour
INTST 4980 Preparing For Senior Project	0-1 hour
Choose one of the following: INTST 4990 Senior Research Project* or INTST 4970 International Internship *If student completes INTST 4980 Preparing For Senior Project for 0 hours, then must take INTST 4990 Senior Research Project for 3 hours	2-3 hours

Study Abroad
International Studies majors are required to study abroad in a program approved by the Office of Global Engagement and the program director of International Studies. In most instances this will involve at least a semester abroad and 12 or more credit hours, though in consultation with the program director of International Studies, use of summer semester study abroad credits may be approved to fulfill the requirement. Courses taken abroad may count for the International Studies major. The student should consult in advance with the Director of Global Engagement and with the International Studies Director to ensure that course work will be transferable

** Minimum 12 hours of 3000-4000 level work must be completed in major. Make sure to work with advisor to check that all upper-level hours are completed in plan.