Major

International & Global Studies (BA)

Formally, International & Global Studies is a concentration of the Special Programs in Liberal Studies degree.

The International & Global Studies program empowers undergraduates to expand their knowledge of issues and processes affecting societies beyond U.S. borders and across the globe through the lens of the social sciences and humanities. Distinctly interdisciplinary, the degree emphasizes political science, sociology, history, economics, public health, geography, anthropology, religious studies, and foreign languages. Functional concentrations are available in International and Global Affairs and Development, International and Global Arts and Belief Systems, and International and Global Human Rights; regional concentrations are available in Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Russian Studies.

Degree Outcomes

- Work for a range of for-profit and nonprofit, public and private entities, including the U.S. Department of State, Amnesty International, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Booz Allen Hamilton Management Consulting, and the German Marshall Fund.
- Choose to embark on global business and teaching careers.
- Pursue advanced degrees in international development, international human rights, peace and conflict studies, history, counseling, and criminal justice.

The Student Experience

- A vibrant, involved community of approximately 200 students earning majors or minors, many of whom take advantage of the social interaction and service engagement afforded by membership in the Program’s International and Global Studies Student Association (IGSSA).
- A truly interdisciplinary liberal studies curriculum involving courses shared with more than 30 departments and programs across campus.
- A core curriculum beginning with an introduction to the terms, concepts, and approaches applicable to understanding and responding appropriately to ongoing international and global issues and culminating with a senior research project entailing an in-depth and supervised examination of an issue directly related to the student’s interest and chosen major concentration.

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The Student Experience (continued)

- Opportunities to develop meaningful intercultural competence through training in the related theoretical concepts and participation in a wide range of interculturally focused curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular experiences, including study abroad.
- Minimum of six hours of advanced foreign language training.
- An international or global experience requirement, to be met by studying abroad for a semester or year or by completing an approved short-term study-abroad program equivalent to at least six semester hours of academic credit.
- Regular volunteer and internship opportunities with local nonprofits assisting refugee and immigrant communities across the greater-Greensboro area.

Accolades & Accomplishments

- Students are regular recipients of Fulbright research and teaching awards and U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarships.
- Students often honored with membership in the nationally renowned Phi Beta Kappa honor society for the liberal arts and sciences, nomination for UNCG’s prestigious Student Excellence Award, membership in UNCG’s Phi Beta Delta International Scholars Honor Society, and completion of UNCG’s Global Leadership Program.
- International and Global Studies works regularly with more than 30 academic departments and programs across the UNCG campus and contributes significantly to International Programs Center, Global Leadership Program, and Lloyd International Honors College initiatives.