



The Passion

In today's global society, cross-cultural understanding plays an increasingly vital role in business, government, and academic scholarship. Gonzaga University's International Studies major develops students' awareness of the political, religious, economic, and cultural diversity among nations. Students also explore the interdependence of nations and the rights and obligations which arise from that interdependence by examining significant transnational issues.

The Program

Gonzaga University offers a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (44 credits) based on two academic tracks: Area Studies or International Relations. Students pursuing Area Studies must specialize in the languages and cultures of Asia, Europe, or Latin America. In contrast to this regional focus, International Relations emphasizes developing a global perspective and an appreciation of the issues and challenges that face all nations.

Area Studies Programs

The following is a brief description of the Area Studies programs Gonzaga offers:

Asian Studies develops a broad appreciation of East Asian civilization while requiring students to specialize in at least one Asian language and national culture. Emphasis is placed on Japan and China, though students may also take courses which introduce them to the history and culture of other parts of Asia. Course options include Japan Past and Present, Politics of the Pacific Rim, Comparative Middle Eastern Politics, Asian Religions, Japanese Culture, and Islamic Civilization.

European Studies cultivates an appreciation of European civilization in general while requiring specialization in at least one language and European national culture. Emphasis is placed on France, Germany, Spain, and Italy. Course options include Nineteenth Century Germany, the New Europe, Comparative European Politics, and the Age of the French Revolution.

Latin American Studies fosters a broad appreciation of Latin American civilizations while requiring specialization in Spanish and at least one Latin American national culture. Course options include Colonial Latin America, Revolutions in Latin

America, Latin American Politics, and Latin American Society.

International Relations

The International Relations track allows students to pursue course work and research on a variety of global issues. These students study any of the modern foreign languages offered at Gonzaga University. International Relations majors also take courses which focus on international interactions and the ways in which countries are similar to or different from one another.

International Studies Core

All International Studies majors complete the International Studies core curriculum, including:

- The first two years of a single foreign language (students should start completing language classes as early as the first semester of their freshman year).
- A third year of a foreign language, or its equivalent, in courses studied abroad.
- Survey of International Studies (3 credits).
- Perspectives on Global Issues (3 credits).
- A senior project (students research a topic related to their area of emphasis and then write a senior thesis and give a research presentation on the thesis topic).

Recent Senior Project Titles Include:

- Communism and Reform: China's Transition and The Fall of The USSR
- Vergangenheitsbewältigung: German National Pride in the Shadow of the Nazis
- Female Migration From Mexico to the United States: Reasons for Migration and Employment in the US

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- Glasgow's Old Firm in the New Millennium: Football Club Identities in the Modern Age
- Protection for Internal Displaced People (IOPs)

International Studies majors are encouraged to spend at least one semester in a study abroad program. Students pursuing area studies should participate in programs which promote foreign language proficiency and cultural immersion in their region of specialization. Although study abroad programs are generally designed for junior year participation, students should consult the Study Abroad Office as early as their freshman year to begin planning appropriate course work.

After completing the International Studies core, students work closely with faculty advisors to develop programs that match individual interests and career goals. An interdisciplinary program, the International Studies major includes courses in political science, history, economics, religious studies, philosophy, and sociology.

The Potential

Many students choose a major in International Studies as the beginning of a more intensive course of academic or professional education.

Gonzaga's Recent International Studies Graduates Have Attended the Following Schools:

- Monterey Institute of International Studies
- Schiller International University (Paris, France), International Business and International Relations
- University of Denver, International Development

Gonzaga's Recent International Studies Graduates Are Working in the Following Fields:

- Business
- Foreign Service
- Peace Corps
- State Government

The People

The International Studies major incorporates faculty from throughout the University. Students are encouraged to solicit information and advice about coursework, careers, and graduate studies from professors in the departments which participate in the program.

History Department Associate Professor Ted Nitz (Ph.D., Washington State University) serves as Gonzaga University's International Studies Director. He specializes in German history, the modern Middle East, and Islamic civilization and history. Students pursuing International Studies majors should consult the director in conjunction with any additional faculty advisors they may choose.

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