

International Studies, Certificate

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Power and statecraft, national security and globalization. Gain a deeper understanding of the connections between these important concepts and topics discussed in the media every day.

Description

Students completing the international studies certificate develop a sophisticated understanding of some of the major issues and trends facing the world today. Courses examine relations among nations, including America's role in the world; key international concerns such as human rights; and the internal politics of specific nations or regions.

The certificate is not a substitute for degree requirements in any subject, including political science. Rather, the required courses add an international and comparative dimension to the student's chosen major.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in international studies is comprised of 15 credit hours in political science and global studies. At least 12 credit hours must be in upper-division coursework and at least six of those credit hours must be from courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for all courses used toward the certificate.

Foundations for International Studies (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 360: World Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

The U.S. in the World (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 361: American Foreign Policy (3)

POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SOBE OR SB) (3)

Contemporary Issues in International Studies (choose two courses) -- 6 credit hours

POS 300: Contemporary Global Controversies (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights (3)

POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 467: International Security (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 486: International Political Economy (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

SGS 301: Principles of Global Studies (GCSI OR G) (3)

SGS 303: Global Trends (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

SGS 324: Global Trade in Real Time (3)

SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization (3)

SGS 361: World Society: Imagining the World (3)

SGS 370: Geopolitics (GCSI) (3)

Regional or Topical Exploration (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours

POS 351: Democratization (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 352: European Democracies (3)

POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (3)

POS 356: European Union (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 357: South Asia Politics (SB & G) (3)

POS 358: Southeast Asia (SB & G) (3)

POS 359: African Politics and Society (SB & G) (3)

POS 365: Terrorism and Insurgency (3)

POS 379: The Resource Curse (3)

POS 452: China (SB & G) (3)

POS 453: Latin America (3)

POS 454: Mexico (SB & G) (3)

POS 468: Comparative Asian Foreign Policies (SB & G) (3)

SGS 360: Cultural Aspects of Globalization (3)

Only one of POS 160 Global Politics and POS 360 World Politics courses may apply to the certificate.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate prior to the addition of the certificate to the student record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Graduates who have combined the certificate in international studies with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in diplomacy and international relations, national security or international business.

The international studies certificate program prepares students for careers in government agencies, international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, multinational firms and banks and for graduate studies in international relations and political science.

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