An interdepartmental program

International Studies

Objectives

The undergraduate International Studies Program (ISP) is designed to familiarize students with the basic characteristics of the international system and to permit them to explore particular aspects of that system in greater depth. ISP encompasses interactions among national governments, international institutions, and international private actors, as well as the effects of those interactions on the economy, populace, and society within nations. ISP therefore deals with the interactions (or “feedback effects”) between the domestic and international environments, as well as the interdependence between states.

How to Become a Minor

Please note that admission to this program has been suspended. Refer to International and Global Studies Program elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Committee

Steven Burg, Director
[Politics]

Requirements for the Minor

Participants in the minor will be expected to meet the following requirements:

A. Satisfactory completion of the International System grouping: POL 15a (Introduction to International Relations), LGLS 125b (International Law, Organizations, and Conflict Resolution) or POL 172b (Introduction to International Political Economy), and either POL 160b (World Politics since 1945), or HIST 137a (Evolution of the International System, 1815 to the Present).

B. Satisfactory completion of three additional courses within a second thematic grouping of courses, except for the International Economics grouping which requires completion of four courses. (Note: The list of groupings and courses given below is not comprehensive. Students may offer other relevant courses with permission of the program director.)

C. Three of the courses submitted to fulfill the requirements of the minor must be from outside the student’s major.

D. No course offered in the fulfillment of ISP minor may be taken pass/fail.

E. Students must complete a substantial research paper, usually in connection with one of the elective courses completed as part of the program on a topic approved by the program chair. The paper must be read and approved by one member of the program faculty in addition to the course instructor. (The course instructor remains solely responsible for grading of the paper with respect to the course.) The research paper is to be undertaken only after completion of at least four program courses, usually in the junior or senior year. A senior honors thesis completed in a department may, if appropriate, be used to fulfill this requirement.

Courses of Instruction

International System

HIST 137a
Evolution of the International System, 1815 to the Present

LGLS 125b
International Law, Organizations, and Conflict Resolution

POL 15a
Introduction to International Relations

POL 160b
World Politics since 1945

Africa

AAAS 80a
Economy and Society in Africa

AAAS 85a
Survey of Southern African History

AAAS 163b
Africa in World Politics

AAAS 164a
Changing Institutions of Contemporary Africa

ANTH 133a
Tradition and the Contemporary Experience in Sub-Saharan Africa

Asia

ECON 27b
The Economy of Japan

HIST 80b
East Asia in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

HIST 52b
Europe from 1789 to the Present

POL 133a
Japanese Political Economy

POL 134b
Japan and the World

POL 147a
The Government and Politics of China

POL 148b
Contemporary Chinese Politics

POL 150a
Politics of Southeast Asia

POL 178a
International Politics of the Pacific

Europe

HIST 52b
Europe from 1789 to the Present
HIST 134b
Nineteenth-Century Europe: Nationalism, Imperialism, Socialism (1850-1919)

HIST 142b
Europe since 1945

NEJS 168b
Jews in East-Central Europe, 1914-Present

POL 11b
Introduction to Comparative Government: Europe

POL 129a
East European Politics

POL 153a
The New Europe: European Economic and Political Integration

POL 156b
West European Political Systems

POL 157b
Building a New Europe: Politics, Economics, Societies, and Culture

Latin America

AAAS 167a
African and Caribbean Comparative Political Systems

ECON 26a
Latin America's Economy

HIST 71b
Latin American History, 1870 to the Present

POL 144a
Latin American Politics I

POL 144b
Latin American Politics II

POL 145b
Topics in Latin American Politics

SOC 125b
U.S.-Caribbean Relations

Middle East

AAAS 175a
Comparative Politics of North Africa

NEJS 143b
The World of Shi'i Islam

NEJS 145b
The Making of the Modern Middle East

POL 146b
Revolutions in the Third World

SOC 157a
Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Confrontation

Conflict and Conflict Resolution

LGLS 130a
Conflict Analysis and Intervention

POL 128b
The Politics of Revolution

POL 161b
Causes and Prevention of War

POL 176a
Seminar: International Crisis Management, Interaction, and Peacekeeping

SOC 157a
Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Confrontation

Development

AAAS 126b
Political Economy of the Third World

AAAS 158a
Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

ANTH 55a
Models of Development: Third World

ANTH 163b
Economic Anthropology: Production and Distribution

ANTH 164a
Topics in Economic Anthropology

ECON 175a
Introduction to the Economics of Development

PHSC 4a
Science and Development

POL 175b
Global Civil Society

POL 180b
Sustaining Development

SOC 107a
Global Apartheid and Global Social Movements

SOC 112a
Topics on Women and Development

SOC 171a
Women Leaders and Transformation in Developing Countries

Environmental and Population Issues

AAAS 60a
Economics of Third World Hunger

ANTH 20b
The Development of Human Food Production

BISC 2a
Human Reproduction, Population Explosion, Global Consequences

CHSC 3a
The Planet as an Organism: Gaia Theory and the Human Prospect

POL 179a
Politics and Hunger

SOC 175b
Environmental Sociology

Ethnicity and Human Rights

AAAS 116b
Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations

ANTH 139b
Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

POL 127b
Managing Ethnic Conflict

POL 163a
Human Rights and International Relations

International Economics

ECON 2a (required)
Introduction to Economics

ECON 8b (required)
Analysis of Economic Problems

ECON 33a
Business in the Global Economy

ECON 60b
The Economics of International Trade Disputes

ECON 160a
International Trade Theory

ECON 161a
International Finance

ECON 175a
Introduction to the Economics of Development

International Political Economy

AAAS 126b
Political Economy of the Third World

POL 166b
Issues in International Political Economy

POL 172b
Introduction to International Political Economy

POL 175b
Global Civil Society
An interdepartmental program

Internet Studies

Objectives

The Internet provides powerful tools to change how we work, how we play, how we learn, how we live. Its significance may well rival that of the printing press and of writing itself, with a timetable that is enormously accelerated. By supporting rapid and cheap communications it has fostered a truly global economic system and transformed societies throughout the world. The program in Internet Studies affords opportunities for students and faculty members to study the evolution of this revolutionary technology and its pervasive political, economic, cultural, and artistic ramifications in a multidisciplinary framework. It highlights the socioeconomic forces that shape the Internet and the global response to it and helps students to frame the information revolution in critical perspective. The program’s interdisciplinary approach adds an important liberal arts perspective for students whose focus is primarily technical and supplies the essential technical component for students whose primary interests lie in the realm of social, humanities, and artistic concerns.

How to Become a Minor

The program is open to all Brandeis undergraduates. To enroll in the program, consult with a member of the Internet Studies Program committee and fill out declaration forms from the Office of Academic Affairs. Students who complete the requirements of the program receive Internet studies certificates and notations on their transcripts.

Committee

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Requirements for the Program

Students must complete six courses. Students may “double count” only two courses toward their major and this program.

A. Two core courses: COSI 2a (Introduction to Computers) and COSI 33b (Internet and Society). Computer science majors may substitute COSI 21a for COSI 2a.

B. Three elective courses from the program listing. The list of approved elective courses will change from year to year as the departments, the Internet, and society changes.

C. One senior research course: an independent study, internship, or senior honors thesis in the student’s major (with an emphasis on some aspect of Internet studies as approved by a member of the program’s faculty), or a senior seminar in Internet studies if offered.
Courses of Instruction

[1-99] Primarily for Undergraduate Students

INET 92a and b Internship in Internet Studies
Signature of Professor Hickey required. Usually offered every year.
Staff

INET 97a and b Senior Seminar
Signature of the instructor required. Usually offered every third year.
Staff

INET 98a and b Independent Study
Signature of the instructor required. Usually offered every year.
Staff

Core Courses
- COSI 2a Introduction to Computers
- COSI 33b Internet and Society
- SOC 116b Sociology and the Internet

Elective Courses
The following courses approved for the program. Not all given in any one year. Please consult the Course Schedule each semester.
- AMST 131b News on Screen
- AMST 134b The New Media in America
- ANTH 138a Social Relations in Cyberspace
- ANTH 174b Virtual Communities

Office Courses
- BUS 40a [formerly IEF 148a] Business on the Internet
- COSI 11a Programming in Java and C
- COSI 125a Human Computer Interaction
- ECON 141b Technological and Economic Change
- LGLS 150a Law and Society in Cyberspace
- SOC 116b Sociology and the Internet

An interdepartmental program

Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

Objectives
The Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (IMES) major is an interdisciplinary curriculum sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies in conjunction with the faculty from several other departments. It is designed to provide a strong foundation in Middle Eastern studies with a specialized knowledge of Islam. The major requires students to take elective courses from the departments represented by the faculty committee. Key contributing departments, in addition to Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, include politics, history, economics, sociology, African and Afro-American studies, and anthropology. With a solid training in language, political theory and praxis, history, economics, sociology, and anthropology, the major is especially appropriate for students wishing to pursue graduate work, particularly in the field of Middle Eastern studies, or for those who wish to pursue careers dealing directly or indirectly with the Middle East.

How to Become a Major or Minor
Students who wish to major in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies must take the core course in Islamic civilization (IMES 104a) and at least two full years of a Middle Eastern language. The two years of language may be comprised of either two years of Arabic or, alternatively, one year of Arabic and one year of another Middle Eastern language such as Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew. Students who are fluent in Arabic, Persian, or Turkish may be exempted from the language requirements for a major in IMES upon approval by the chair of IMES. In addition, with the goal of achieving a balanced understanding of the overall field of study, the student must take two courses in the classical period and two courses in the modern as well as three courses to be chosen from the wide intellectual variety of elective courses. One of the three elective courses may be Arabic 40, which also counts as part of the two years of language requirements. Study in the Middle East for a term or a year is encouraged. As a culmination of the student’s education, he or she is encouraged to write a senior thesis with emphasis on some aspects of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.

Committee

Yitzhak Nakash, Chair
[Near Eastern and Judaic Studies]

Tzvi Abusch
[Near Eastern and Judaic Studies]

Seyom Brown
[Politics]

Gordon Fellman
[Sociology]

Avigdor Levy
[Near Eastern and Judaic Studies]

Kanan Makiya
[Near Eastern and Judaic Studies]

Leonard Muellner
(Classical Studies)

Wellington Nyangoni
[African and Afro-American Studies]

Franck Salameh
[Near Eastern and Judaic Studies]
Requirements for the Major

A. Either four semesters of Arabic (usually ARBC 10a, 20b, 30a, and 40b) or two semesters of Arabic and two semesters of another Middle Eastern language such as Persian, Turkish, or Hebrew. Students who are fluent in Arabic, Persian, or Turkish may be exempted from the language requirements upon approval by the chair of IMES.

B. Core course: IMES 104a [Islam: Civilization and Institutions].

C. Two courses pertaining to the classical period (e.g., ARBC 103a, 103b [formerly NEJS 103a, 103b], NEJS 144a, 186a [formerly NEJS 129a], 186b [formerly 129a], 188a [formerly NEJS 147a]).

D. Two courses pertaining to the modern period (e.g., 145a [formerly 157a], 185b [formerly 145b], 187a [formerly 148a], NEJS 187b [formerly 143b], 188b [formerly 146b], 189a [formerly 147b], 189b [formerly 161b], 197b, 291a [formerly 209a], 285a [formerly 235a], SOC 157a, WMNS 195b [formerly NEJS 195b]).

E. Three additional courses from the list of electives below.

Courses of Instruction

[1-99] Primarily for Undergraduate Students

IMES 98a Independent Study
*Signature of the instructor required.*
Usually offered every year.
Staff

IMES 98b Independent Study
*Signature of the instructor required.*
Usually offered every year.
Staff

IMES 99d Senior Research
*Signature of the instructor required.*
Usually offered every year.
Staff

[100-199] For Both Undergraduate and Graduate Students

IMES 104a Islam: Civilization and Institutions
[formerly IMES 104a]
Provides a disciplined study of Islamic civilization from its origins to the current state of affairs. Approaches the study from a humanities perspective. Topics covered will include the Qur’an, tradition, law, theology, politics, Islam and other religions, modern developments, women in Islam, and Islam and Middle-Eastern politics. Usually offered every second year. Last offered in the fall of 2002.
Staff

Elective Courses
The following courses are approved for the program. Not all are given in any one year. Please consult the Course Schedule each semester.

- AAAS 60a Economics of Third World Hunger
- AAAS 80a Economy and Society in Africa
- AAAS 123a Third World Ideologies
- AAAS 126b Political Economy of the Third World
- AAAS 163b Africa in World Politics
- AAAS 175a Comparative Politics of North Africa
- ANTH 80a World Religions
- ANTH 118b Peoples and Societies of the Middle East
- ANTH 133a Tradition and the Contemporary Experience in Sub-Saharan Africa
- ANTH 154b Selected Topics in Comparative Religion: Seminal Works in the Study of Religion
- ARBC 103a and b [formerly NEJS 103a and b]
  Advanced Literary Arabic
- ECON 122b Economics of the Middle East
- ECON 175a Introduction to the Economics of Development

Requirements for the Minor

A. Two semesters of a Middle Eastern language.

B. Core course: IMES 104a [Islam: Civilization and Institutions].

C. At least one course pertaining to the classical period from the following electives: ARBC 103a and b [formerly NEJS 103a and b], 144a, 188a [formerly 147a].

D. At least one course pertaining to the modern period from the following electives: NEJS 145a [formerly 157a], 185b [formerly 145b], 186a [formerly 129a], 186b [formerly 129a], 187a [formerly 148a], 187b [formerly 143b], 189a [formerly 147b], 189b [formerly 161b], 197b, SOC 157a, WMSN 195b [formerly NEJS 195b].

E. Two additional courses from the list of electives below.

HIST 110a The Civilization of the Early Middle Ages
HIST 110b The Civilization of the High and Late Middle Ages
HIST 112b The Crusades and the Expansion of Medieval Europe
HIST 134b Nineteenth-Century Europe: Nationalism, Imperialism, Socialism (1850-1919)
HIST 137a Evolution of the International System, 1815 to the Present
HIST 142b Europe Since 1945
HIST 148b Central Asia in Modern Times
HIST 186a World War II

NEJS 108b Comparative Grammar of Semitic Languages
NEJS 113b Near Eastern Law: Source, Sense, and Society
NEJS 114b Biblical Ritual and Cult
NEJS 129a Biblical Narratives in the Qur’an
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