

## International Studies Minor – 2015-2016

(18 semester hours)

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<http://www.radford.edu/content/chbs/home/political-science/requirements/international-studies.html>

The Minor in International Studies is an interdisciplinary minor meant to complement any major on campus either by adding an international component to that major or by strengthening an existing international emphasis. The minor provides a broad overview of international issues while also permitting some degree of specialization on a particular issue or region of the world. These objectives are accomplished not only through a flexible selection of courses outside the major, but also through direct engagement that might include study abroad, internships, homestays, the study of foreign language, and the development of a final senior project that allows the student to integrate learning from both major and minor into a project with an international focus. The International Studies Minor is administered and supervised by the Committee on International Studies (CIS), an interdisciplinary faculty committee centered in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. Programs of study and senior projects must be approved by the committee. Requirements for the Minor in International Studies total 18 semester hours, including the following four areas:

### Introductory Course (Choose one of the following):

- HIST 101, World History to 1500 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- HIST 102, World History After 1500 \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- INST 101, Introduction to International Studies \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- SOCY 121, Understanding Cultures \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

### Experience in a Target Culture No Credit

This introductory requirement may be met in any number of ways, including study abroad, internships, homestays, or service learning projects. While the study abroad option is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Students receive no specific credit for the study abroad experience, but courses taken overseas and transferred to Radford University may be used to meet the requirements of a student's Core Curriculum program, those in the student's major, or the International Studies Minor, if appropriate.

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### Core

Hours should be chosen from at least two disciplines outside the student's major and reflect in some fashion the topical or regional focus of the student's minor in International Studies.

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### Senior Project

Ideally, this course is taken during the student's last semester and is a culmination of the international knowledge and experiences gained. The project may be a research paper, a work of art or multi-media presentation, a film, series of articles, etc. A senior project proposal must be submitted to the Committee on International Studies for approval in the semester prior to the student's enrollment. The project is supervised and graded by a designated faculty member, preferably in the student's major department. Students must earn a grade of "A" or "B" in the course to have met the requirements for the minor. Students are encouraged to give a public presentation of their work in some forum.

INST 488, International Studies: Senior Project \_\_\_\_\_ (3)