

International Studies Major

Four Year Sample Plan for students beginning at Covenant during the 2025-2026 academic year

This plan includes the courses needed to earn the bachelor of arts degree with a major in International Studies. Each student's plan may need to be customized to fit that student's interests and abilities; this should be done with the guidance of the director of the International Studies major.

The exemption from or completion of six (6) hours of intermediate level foreign language (such as FRE 201 and FRE 202, or SPA 201 and SPA 202) is required prior to pursuing the INS major's foreign language requirements. Students who are fluent/native in a language other than English may be eligible for additional exemptions, to be determined in consultation with the World Languages Department. The Cultural Perspectives, Humanities, and Social Science Distribution requirements are typically fulfilled by courses in the major.

Advanced placement (AP) credit for Comparative Politics does not exempt students from POL 200. The advanced placement hours awarded will be credited as electives towards the graduation requirement of 126 hours.

Students pursuing a major in International Studies undertake an academic study abroad, usually in the spring semester of the junior year or in the summer between the junior and senior years.

Freshman - Fall Semester	Hours	Freshman - Spring Semester	Hours
BIB 101 Old Testament Introduction	3	BIB 102 New Testament Introduction	3
COR 100 The Christian Mind	2	ENG 111 English Composition	3
POL 105 Political Research Methods	3	POL 210 International Relations	3
POL 200 Comparative Politics	3	MAT 141 College Algebra	4
COR 154 Embracing Human Flourishing	2	Elementary Level Foreign Language #2	3
Elementary Level Foreign Language #1	3		
Total semester hours	16	Total semester hours	16
Sophomore - Fall Semester	Hours	Sophomore - Spring Semester	Hours
BIB 201 Christian Doctrine I	3	BIB 202 Christian Doctrine II	3
COR 225 Cultural Heritage of the West I	3	COR 226 Cultural Heritage of the West II	3
STA 254 Statistics for the Social Sciences	4	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics	4	Intermediate Level Foreign Language #2	3
Intermediate Level Foreign Language #1	3	Core Lab Science distribution course	4
Total semester hours	17	Total semester hours	16
Junior - Fall Semester	Hours	Junior - Spring Semester - Study Abroad	Hours
HIS 325 Contemporary World History	3	Upper Level Foreign Language Civ/Culture	3
COR 340 Christ and Culture Seminar	1	Upper Level Foreign Literature	3
Elective #1 from Comparative list	3	Upper Level Foreign Language Conversation	3
Elective #1 from International list	3	Electives	6
Upper Level Research Methods and Theory	3		
Core Global Awareness Course	3		
Total semester hours	16	Total semester hours	15
Senior - Fall Semester	Hours	Senior - Spring Semester	Hours
INS 491 Senior Seminar	3	INS 492 Capstone	3
Core Fine Arts distribution course	3	Elective #2 from International list	3
Elective #2 from Comparative list	3	HIS Elective from the Comp. or Int. lists	3
Electives	6	Electives	6
Total semester hours	15	Total semester hours	15

Total credit hours: 126

This guide is intended to be used as a helpful tool. In the future, some courses may be offered in a different semester than listed here. So, this plan should not be understood as a guarantee or contract of the exact scheduling of courses. Each student should use this plan with the understanding that customization may be needed to fit his or her specific situation.