

2017-2018

PROGRAM
HANDBOOK

International
Studies Option
Liberal Arts: Social Science
& Humanities



Department of Education & Language Acquisition
LaGuardia Community College
City University of New York

Liberal Arts AA Degree International Studies Option

Program Description

The Liberal Arts: Social Science and Humanities option in International Studies leads to an Associate in Arts (AA) degree.

As an interdisciplinary program that draws on the best resources of LaGuardia, we prepare students to become better-informed world citizens, helping them develop the competencies needed to survive and succeed in the new global world. Students in the International Studies program learn about cross-cultural understanding, explore global perspectives on various world issues and cultures, become more familiar with distinct regions and cultures of the world, and take at least two cycles of a foreign language. The option in International Studies promotes global awareness, intercultural understanding, and international engagement.

Why International Studies?

Our world has become globalized, with organizations, corporations, and individuals from around the world interacting on a daily basis. International Studies majors learn the importance of understanding and experiencing diverse cultures and the skills to work together on solutions to global challenges.

Many pressing societal issues require a multicultural solution, and most businesses, likewise, operate at an international level. International Studies is a way to expand both careers and horizons. The program aims to increase students' appreciation of the diverse cultures that make up our world and improve their understanding of the global phenomena that confront and shape the new generations. The degree serves as a stepping stone to an array of careers in various fields:

- Government jobs (development, energy, foreign service and intelligence)
- International organizations within and outside of the United Nations (peace negotiation, human rights, children's rights)
- Non-governmental organizations (humanitarian aid, human rights, public health, education and environmental issues)
- International banking and finance
- International business
- Interpretation
- Education and research
- Media

Visit the [International Studies Association](#) (ISA) website to learn more about the exciting opportunities in the field of international studies.

International Studies Curriculum: AA Degree

Our liberal arts curriculum provides a strong foundation in global and international studies. The curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to baccalaureate programs with an international or global focus in such subjects as foreign language or literature, area studies, global studies and international studies. The courses required in the International Studies curriculum are designed to be transferable to other colleges and universities.

AA Degree Requirements for International Studies Option

Modern Language Study

Students who started in the academic year 2017-2018 are required to take 2 semesters of modern language, but 4 semesters are highly recommended. If you are interested in a course that isn't being offered in a certain semester, there is the possibility of an Independent Study; however, language learning is best in group situations. We offer courses in the following languages:

- Arabic
- Bengali (up to second semester)
- Chinese
- French
- Greek (up to third semester)
- Italian
- Hebrew (up to second semester)
- Japanese
- Korean
- Spanish
- Polish (up to third semester)
- Portuguese (up to second semester)
- Russian (up to third semester)
- Spanish
- American Sign Language
- Uzbek (up to second semester)
- Tibetan (up to second semester)

Multilingual and multicultural competence developed through foreign language learning is vital for better understanding and cooperation with other countries. Note that language learning requires assiduous effort, self-discipline, as well as systematic and serious time commitment. Please visit B-207 to take our in-house placement test to determine your proficiency in the languages you speak in addition to English. You are also encouraged to discuss your modern language study plans with the Program Director, Dr. Maria Savva in B-234.

Note: You are not limited to one modern language as we strive to help students develop multilingual abilities. Also, to maximize future career opportunities, you should aim to demonstrate proficiency beyond the 101-102 sequence in at least one modern foreign language.

Urban Study

One urban studies course is required by the college to complete graduation requirements.

Note: To complete the degree requirements for International Studies Option, students are advised to select courses from the recommended course selections listed on the next pages. For the optimal course sequence, consult the 3-year degree accumulation path or speak to the International Studies Program Director.

2017-2018 Academic Curriculum (60 credits)

PATHWAYS COMMON CORE

30 credits

Required Core: 12 credits

English

6 credits

ENG101 English Composition I (or ENA101 or ENC101, depending on placement scores)
ENG102 Writing through Literature

Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning

3 credits

Select one of the following:

MAT107 Mathematics and the Modern World

MAT115 College Algebra and Trigonometry (or MAT 117, depending on placement scores)

MAT120 Elementary Statistics (or MAT 119, depending on placement scores)

Life and Physical Sciences

3 credits

Select one of the following:

SCB101 Topics in Biological Sciences

SCB206 Introduction to Neuroscience

SCC101 Topics in Chemistry

SCP101 Topics in Physics

SCP105 Life in the Universe

SCP140 Topics in Astronomy

Flexible Core: 18 credits

Select one course from each of the five flexible core categories AND one additional course from any flexible core category. Note: Students can select only two courses from any one discipline.

World Cultures and Global Issues (two courses should be selected from this area in language)

US Experience its Diversity (reserve for urban study)

Creative Expression

Individual and Society

Scientific World

Additional Flexible Core

To complete the degree requirements from the Flexible Core, students are advised to select courses from the recommended course selections listed in this program handbook.

PROGRAM CORE

30 credits

Liberal Arts: 6 credits

LIF101 First Year Seminar
LIB200 Humanism, Science and Technology

English: 3 credits

ENG103 Preparing and Writing the Research Paper

ENG/ELA/Humanities: 3 credits

Select one of the following courses:

ENG295 World Lit Written in English	ELK250 Modern Korean Lit in Transl
ELF250 Modern French Lit in Transl	ELR250 20th Cent Russian Lit in Transl
ELS250 Contemp LatAm Fic in Transl	ELA260 Arab Cin: Cult Insights thr Film
ELA250 Modern Arabic Lit in Transl	HUM107 Music of Latin America
ELC250 Chinese Lit in English Transl	HUM109 World Music
ELH250 Contemp Hebrew Lit in Transl	HUA167 Introduction to African Art
ELI250 Italian Lit in Transl	HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia
ELJ250 Japanese Lit in Transl	

Education and Language Acquisition: 9 credits

EIS215 Language Issues in a Global World
Modern Language (two courses)
(language and literature courses are available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, and Spanish; course level is determined by the placement score; refer to this Program Handbook for details)

Social Science: 9 credits

Select two of 100-level courses:

SSA106 Anthropology of Latin America	SSE105 International Economics
SSA120 People & Cult of the Caribbean	SSE125 World Geography
SSH113 Modern Chinese History	SSH103 West Civ Ancient to Renaiss
SSH114 Modern Japanese History	SSH104 West Civ Renaiss to Modern
SSH153 Hist of the US & World Affairs	SSH105 World History Ancient to 1500
SSH110 East Asia Civ and Societies	SSH106 World History 1500 to Present
SSA100 Introduction to Anthropology	SSS100 Introduction to Sociology
SSA101 Cultural Anthropology	

Select one of 200-level courses:

SSH232 Survey of LatAm & Carib Hist	SSP250 Political Ideas and Ideologies
SSP220 Politics of LatAm & the Caribb	SSI210 Women in Society
SSP200 Global Politics	

Recommended 3-year Degree Accumulation Checklist (2017-2018)

Year I. Completing a total of at least 15 credits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIF 101 	Program Core First Year Seminar	3
If needed: developmental courses in <u>Math</u> , Reading & Writing; ESL courses		
<i>Depending on placement scores</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Cultures & Global Issues • World Cultures & Global Issues 	Flexible Core	3
2 Modern Language courses are recommended		
<i>Note: 4 semesters of a ML are recommended in the option (2 are required)-test in B206</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG 101 • ENG 102 • Math Course 	Required Core English	3
<i>MAT 120 recommended</i>		
Required Core English		
Required Core Math & Quantitative Reasoning		
Year II. Completing at least an additional 20 credits, to reach a total of 35		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Language • Modern Language • Science Course • Scientific World 	Program Core	3
<i>ELL 101 OR SSY 101 recommended</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual & Society 	Required Core Life & Physic Science	3
<i>CSE 110, ELL 220, HUP 106, OR SSE 103 recommended</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100-level course in Social Science • 100-level course in Social Science 	Flexible Core	3
Program Core		
Program Core		
Select based on interest or future transfer plans; could be a sequence of two related courses		
Year III. Completing at least an additional 25 credits, to reach a total of 60		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG 103 • ENG/ELA/Humanities 	Program Core	3
Select based on interest or future transfer plans		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Expression 	Program Core	3
<i>ELE 110, HUA 101, HUM 101, OR HUC 106 recommended</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Experience in Its Diversity 	Flexible Core	3
<i>ELN 101 (urban study course) recommended</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIS 215 • 200-level course in Social Science 	Program Core	3
Program Core		
Select based on interest or future transfer plans		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIB 200 	Program Core Capstone Course	3

Course Selection Advising

We recommend that you speak to the Program Director about your course selection, especially in the categories that allow choice.

If your interests in international studies are general, we recommended that you consult the 3-year Degree Accumulation Path for course sequencing and selection. However, our curriculum also allows for specialized area study within international studies. For example, in the catalogue year 2017-2018, a student interested in pursuing a degree in area studies, in addition to the **seven required courses [LIF 101, ENG 101, ENG 102, Math Course, Life & Phys Sciences Course, EIS 215, LIB 200]**, could build his/her selection of courses in the following way:

For East Asian Studies

ENG/ELA/Humanities (select one): ELC250 Chinese Lit in English Transl OR ELJ250 Japanese Lit in Transl OR ELK250 Modern Korean Lit in Transl OR HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia

Modern Language (we recommend four semesters):

Chinese, AND/OR Japanese, AND/OR Korean

100-level Social Science (select two): SSH113 Modern Chinese History AND/OR SSH114 Modern Japanese History AND/OR SSH110 East Asia Civ and Societies

200-level Social Science (select one): SSP200 Global Politics

World Cultures and Global Issues (reserve for modern language study)

US Experience its Diversity (reserve for urban study): ELN 101 Introduction to Bilingualism

Creative Expression: HUC 106 Public Speaking

Individual and Society: ELJ 201 ELJ 250 ELK 250

Scientific World: ELL 101 Introduction to Language

For Global Affairs

ENG/ELA/Humanities (select one): ENG295 World Lit Written in English OR HUM109 World Music

Modern Language (we recommend four semesters): any language

100-level Social Science (select two): SSH153 Hist of the US & World Affairs AND/OR SSE105 International Economics AND/OR SSH105 World History Ancient to 1500 AND/OR SSH106 World History 1500 to Present AND/OR SSE125 World Geography

200-level Social Science (select one): SSP200 Global Politics

World Cultures and Global Issues (reserve for modern language study)

US Experience its Diversity (reserve for urban study): ELN 101 Introduction to Bilingualism

Creative Expression: HUC 106 Public Speaking

Individual and Society: CSE 110 Literacy and Propaganda OR HUP 106 Social and Political Philosophy

Scientific World: ELL 101 Introduction to Language

More areas of concentration can be identified, depending on student's individual interests and transfer plans. For more advice on how to select courses that best complement your current interest and future professional plans schedule an appointment with the International Studies Program Director in B 234V.

Scholarship, Study Abroad and Transfer Opportunities

Scholarships and Study Abroad

Don't let finances get in the way of your education! Scholarships are an excellent option to help pay for college because they do not require repayment. Many of the scholarships available are based on students' financial need, academic performance, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

- Apply now for a [LaGuardia Community College Foundation Scholarship](#)
- Learn more about [Faculty Council Awards and Scholarships](#)

Consider [CUNY study abroad](#) programs: Choose from 166 programs in 51 countries. Consider non-CUNY study abroad and national study abroad scholarships:

[Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) to study and intern abroad; awards available to U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints (U.S. Citizen only).

[David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships](#) to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East; funding opportunities available for U.S. undergraduate students (U.S. Citizen only).

[The Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\) Program](#) to experience summer overseas language and cultural immersion; fully funded program for American undergraduate and graduate students (U.S. Citizen only).

Consult free databases of scholarships:
[Diversity Abroad Scholarships & Grants](#)

[IIE Passport Study Abroad Funding](#)

Transfer

If you intend to transfer and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies or a related field, speak with a LaGuardia transfer counselor as soon as possible to plan the best pathway.

Visit the [Office of Transfer Services](#)

Room B-215

Phone: 718.482.5185

Email: transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu

Twitter: LaGCCTransfer

Co-Curriculars

Visit Student Life for more information about specialized student clubs and the Model UN Program.