

2019-2021

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: Social Science and Humanities International Studies Option AA Degree

Program Description

The International Studies Option prepares a diverse student body to become better-informed world citizens, helping them develop the competencies needed to succeed and excel in a global world. Students in the program learn about cross-cultural understanding, explore global perspectives on various world issues, become more familiar with distinct regions and cultures of the world and take at least two cycles of foreign language. The Option is housed within Liberal Arts: Social Sciences and Humanities and students who successfully complete the program are awarded an Associate in Arts (AA) degree.

Why International Studies?

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

Many pressing societal issues require multicultural solutions and most businesses, likewise, operate at international levels. 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 our modern world. 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 such as foreign language or literature, area studies, global studies, development, journalism and international relations. 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

International Studies students are required to take two semesters of modern language, but four semesters are highly recommended. We offer courses in the following languages:

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Chinese
- French
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Spanish
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- American Sign Language
- Uzbek
- Tibetan

Multilingual and multicultural competence developed through foreign language learning is vital for better understanding and cooperation with other countries. Language learning requires assiduous effort, self-discipline, as well as a 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 (msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu).

Urban Study

One urban studies course is required by the college to complete graduation requirements. To complete the degree requirements for the International Studies Option, students are advised to select courses from the recommended course selections listed on the subsequent pages.

2019-2020 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*

US Experience its Diversity (reserve for urban study)

Creative Expression

Individual and Society

Scientific World

Additional Flexible Core*

*Students have the option of taking additional language courses (beyond the required two) under World Cultures and Global Issues and/or Additional Flexible Core.

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:

EIS216 Intl Schooling in Global Contexts
ENG295 World Lit Written in English
ELF250 Modern French Lit in Transl
ELS250 Contemp LatAm Fic in Transl
ELA250 Modern Arabic Lit in Transl
ELC250 Chinese Lit in English Transl
ELH250 Contemp Hebrew Lit in Transl
ELI250 Italian Lit in Transl
ELJ250 Japanese Lit in Transl

ELK250 Modern Korean Lit in Transl
ELR250 20th Cent Russian Lit in Transl
ELA260 Arab Cin: Cult Insights thr Film
HUM107 Music of Latin America
HUM109 World Music
HUA167 Introduction to African Art
HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia

Education and Language Acquisition: 9 credits

EIS215 Language Issues in a Global World
Modern Language (two courses)

Social Science: 9 credits

Select one of 100-level courses:

SSA106 Anthropology of Latin America
SSA120 People & Cult of the Caribbean
SSH113 Modern Chinese History
SSH114 Modern Japanese History
SSH153 Hist of the US & World Affairs
SSH110 East Asia Civ and Societies
SSA100 Introduction to Anthropology
[SSA101 Cultural Anthropology*](#)

SSE105 International Economics
SSE125 World Geography
SSH103 West Civ Ancient to Renaiss
SSH104 West Civ Renaiss to Modern
SSH105 World History Ancient to 1500
SSH106 World History 1500 to Present
SSS100 Introduction to Sociology

Select two of 200-level courses:

SSH232 Survey of LatAm & Carib Hist
[SSP220 Politics of Lat Am & the Caribb*](#)
[SSP200 Global Politics*](#)

[SSP250 Political Ideas and Ideologies*](#)
[SSI210 Women in Society*](#)

*Students intending to transfer to the City College of New York should select from the courses that are highlighted in blue to fulfill social science requirements (one 100 level and two 200 level). See page 8 of this handbook for more detailed information.

Sample 3-Year Degree Checklist

Optimal course sequences can be achieved in both 2-year and 3-year degree paths, depending on whether or not developmental coursework is needed, as well as the credit load that best suits the needs of each student. Below is a sample 3-year degree program:

Year I. Completing 18 credits			
•	LIF 101: First Year Seminar	Program Core	3
	If needed, students should take any developmental courses in math, reading, writing or ESL in their first year, <i>depending on placement scores</i>		
•	World Cultures & Global Issues	Flexible Core	3
•	World Cultures & Global Issues	Flexible Core	3
•	ENG 101	Required Core	3
•	ENG 102	Required Core	3
•	Math Course	Required Core	3
	<i>MAT 120 is recommended</i>		
Year II. Completing 21 credits, to reach a total of 39			
•	Modern Language	Program Core	3
•	Modern Language	Program Core	3
•	EIS215	Program Core	3
•	Scientific World	Flexible Core	3
•	Individual & Society	Flexible Core	3
•	100-level course in Social Science	Program Core	3
•	200-level course in Social Science	Program Core	3
Year III. Completing 21 credits, to reach a total of 60			
•	ENG 103	Program Core	3
•	ENG/ELA/Humanities	Program Core	3
•	Creative Expression	Flexible Core	3
•	US Experience in Its Diversity	Flexible Core	3
•	Science Course	Required Core	3
•	200-level course in Social Science	Program Core	3
•	LIB 200: Capstone	Program Core	3

Advisement on Course Selection

We recommend that you speak to the program director or an advisor about your course selection, especially in the categories that allow choice. Our curriculum allows for both general and specialized area study within International Studies. In addition to completing the required courses, students interested in pursuing a degree in area studies can personalize course selections in the following way:

For East Asian Studies

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

Modern Language Chinese, AND/OR Japanese, AND/OR Korean (a minimum of two semesters are required, four semesters are recommended)

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

200-level Social Science (select two): SSP200 Global Politics AND/OR SSP250 Political Ideas and Ideology AND/OR SSI210 Women in Society

World Cultures and Global Issues: Students may choose to take on additional language study

US Experience its Diversity: 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: any language (a minimum of two semesters are required, four semesters are recommended)

100-level Social Science (select one): 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 two): SSP200 Global Politics AND/OR Political Ideas and Ideology AND/OR SSP200 Global Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean AND/OR SSI210 Women in Society

World Cultures and Global Issues: Students may choose to take on additional language study

US Experience its Diversity: 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 program director, Dr. Maria Savva (msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu), in B 234.

Articulation Agreement with City College of New York/Transfer Services

LaGuardia Community College has a formalized articulation agreement with the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at the City College of New York <https://www.cuny.cuny.edu/colinpowellschool>. This agreement includes easy transfer to the following tracks in the school's Anthropology, Gender Studies and International Studies Department: (1) Culture and Communication (2) Development (3) International Public Policy and (4) International Relations.

International Studies students at LaGuardia who have earned their Associate in Arts degree and have a GPA of 2.75 or higher can seamlessly transfer to any of these tracks at City College to complete a BA degree. Students transferring to City College can follow the regular program outlined in this handbook but should select from the following 100 and 200 level social science courses:

- ✓ **Social Sciences 100 Level:** Students planning to transfer to CCNY should select SSA101 Cultural Anthropology.
- ✓ **Social Sciences 200 Level:** Students planning to transfer to CCNY should select from the following courses: SSP200 Global Politics/Latin America AND/OR SSP250 Political Ideas & Ideology AND/OR SSI210 Women in Society.
- ✓ Students planning to transfer to CCNY should also ensure that 6 modern language credits are taken *in the same language*.

Any questions about LaGuardia's articulation agreement with the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at the City College of New York should be directed to the Dr. Maria Savva at msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Students who intend to transfer and pursue a Bachelor's Degree elsewhere in International Studies or a related field, should 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

Scholarship and Study Abroad Opportunities

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 are 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](#)

Co-Curriculars

Visit Campus Life for more information about specialized student clubs <https://www.laguardia.edu/campuslife/> and LaGuardia's Model United Nations Program.