

# PROGRAM HANDBOOK

2024 - 2025

## THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION



**LIBERAL ARTS**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES**



**EDUCATION & LANGUAGE ACQUISITION DEPARTMENT**

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**LaGUARDIA**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## 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 of the world and take at least two semesters 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 of Arts (AA) degree.

### Why International Studies?

International Studies students learn about the global phenomena that confront and shape our modern world. They explore language, culture and identity issues through interdisciplinary lenses and develop the intercultural and collaborative skills necessary for tackling global challenges. Many pressing societal issues require multicultural solutions and many businesses, likewise, operate at international levels. Our liberal arts curriculum is designed for students planning to transfer to baccalaureate programs with an international or global focus in subjects such as foreign language or literature, area studies, global studies, development, journalism, international relations or human rights. The courses required in the International Studies curriculum are designed to be transferable to other colleges and universities. Students who complete the program express an interest in careers paths at various organizations:



## 2024-2025 Academic Curriculum (60 credits)

### Pathways Common Core

30 credits

#### **Required Core: 12 credits**

##### **English**

6 credits

ENG101 English Composition I (or ENA101 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)

MAT123: Modern Problem Solving

##### **Life and Physical Sciences**

3 credits

###### **Select one of the following:**

SCB101 Topics in Biological Sciences

SCB103 Human Biology in Health & Disease

SCB206 Introduction to Neuroscience

SCC101 Topics in Chemistry

SCC102 Chemistry of Photography

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 choice of utilizing EIS216: International Schooling in Global Contexts or additional language courses (beyond the required two) to fulfill the World Cultures and Global Issues and/or Additional Flexible Core requirement.

## Program Core

30 credits

### Liberal Arts: 6 credits

LIF101 First Year Seminar  
LIB200 Humanism, Science and Technology

### English: 3 credits

ENG103 The Research Paper

### ENG/ELA/Humanities: 3 credits

#### Select one of the following courses:

EIS216 Intl Schooling in Global Contexts	ELK250 Modern Korean Lit in Transl
ENG295 World Lit Written in English	ELR250 20th Cent Russian Lit in Transl
ELF250 Modern French Lit in Translation	ELA260 Arab Cin: Cult Insights thr Film
ELS250 Contemp LatAm Fic in Translation	HUM107 Music of Latin America
ELA250 Modern Arabic Lit in Translation	HUM109 World Music
ELC250 Chinese Lit in English Translation	HUA167 Introduction to African Art
ELH250 Contemp Hebrew Lit in Translation	HUA191 The Art of Eastern Asia
ELI250 Italian Lit in Translation	
ELJ250 Japanese Lit in Translation	

### Education and Language Acquisition: 9 credits

EIS215 Language Issues in a Global World  
Modern Language (two courses): [Arabic, Bengali, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin-Chinese, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, American Sign Language, Uzbek or Tibetan]

### Social Science: 9 credits

#### Select one of 100-level courses:

SSA120 People & Cult of the Caribbean	SSE105 International Economics
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 two of 200-level courses:

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

\*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 4 of this handbook for more detailed information.

## Articulation Agreement with City College of New York/Transfer Services

**Colin Powell School**  
for Civic and Global Leadership



The City College  
of New York

The International Studies Option at 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](#). 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 of 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 the two classes they take in modern language is *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 **Professor Savva** at [msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto: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 [Transfer Services Website](#) or email [transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu)





## Scholarship and Study Abroad Opportunities

Students interested in study abroad opportunities should enroll in **EIS216: International Schooling in Global Contexts** which is a three-credit course that counts towards the Flexible Core requirements (World Cultures and Global Issues and/or Additional Core) OR the ENG/ELA/Humanities requirement. Students who enroll in the course will learn about [CUNY study abroad programs](#) that are available to them and will receive support preparing and writing study abroad scholarship applications to help fund their travels. Study Abroad scholarships for students who are US citizens include:

- [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 (open to students who receive PELL grants)
- [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 (open to students who receive PELL grants).
- [The Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\) Program](#) to experience summer overseas language and cultural immersion; fully funded program for American undergraduate and graduate students (anyone who is a US citizen can apply, income is not a factor for selection).

Additionally, the following websites are useful for both US and non-US citizens:

- [IIE Study Abroad](#)
- [LaGuardia Community College Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Immigrants Rising No US Citizenship Required](#)

## Co-Curriculars

Many of our students enjoy participating in:

- Model United Nations led by Professor Kattékola [lkattékola@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:lkattékola@lagcc.cuny.edu)
- The LaGuardia Humanitarian Initiative <https://www.laguardia.edu/lhi/> led by Professor Chatterji ([tchatterji@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:tchatterji@lagcc.cuny.edu)).
- For more information about specialized student clubs and programs, visit Campus Life <https://www.laguardia.edu/campuslife/>

### **Enrolling in the International Studies Option**

Students who would like to enroll in the International Studies Option can do so by completing [LaGuardia's Change of Major or Concentration Form](#) and submitting it to the registrar. Your advisor or the director of the program, Professor Savva ([msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:msavva@lagcc.cuny.edu)), can advise you and sign off on the form. Students are encouraged to reach out with any questions or to schedule a one-on-one appointment.



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