A degree in Language and International Studies (LIS) is an interdisciplinary major, focusing students’ attention on the international scene, primarily from historical, political, socio-cultural, and economic perspectives. The degree combines studies in two different cultures and languages with studies in such areas as history, political science, art history, philosophy, world religions, and sociology. The program provides preparation for participation in internships and exchange programs abroad and builds a foundation for careers in international relations, international business, marketing, commerce, industry, government, human resources, and for graduate degrees in international law, foreign relations, diplomacy, and world language teaching.

LIS graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of global societies and world issues;
- Communicate with proficiency (ACTFL and CEF proficiency levels vary by language — see catalog course descriptions for specific course proficiency levels) in one global language;
- Demonstrate basic communication skills in a second global language;
- Analyze global cultures via their languages, history, politics, art, religions, and philosophy; and
- Integrate knowledge of diverse frames of reference to develop alternate and critical perspectives.

**Interdisciplinary Major**

(B.A. degree) **Fifty-four hours required.** The major requires a language foundation of 18 hours in Language I, 12 hours in Language II, 15 hours from World History and Politics, and nine hours from International Liberal Arts. (No minor is required.)

I. **Language Requirement:** 30 hours of language study, divided between one primary, spoken language (Spanish*) and one secondary language, which may include ancient languages (French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, or Spanish).

*Students wishing to use French or German to satisfy the Language I requirement of the LIS major may be able to do so with courses abroad.*

**Language 1:** 18 hours of a single modern language, 200-level and above, including at least one course in conversation and composition.
Further language courses should be selected in consultation with the LIS coordinator.


**Language 2:** 12 hours at any level of a second language, including ancient languages. For example:

French: 101, 102, 201, and 230  
German: 101, 102, 201, and 230  
Greek: REL(GRK)101 and 102; then either GRK201 or REL203 and either GRK202 or REL204  
Japanese: 101, 102, 201, and 202  
Latin: 101, 102, 201, and 202  
Spanish: 101, 102 or 115, 201, 230, and 235

**II. World History and Politics:** 15 hours drawn from disciplines vital to an understanding of the world and international relations, to include 6 hours each of international-themed courses in History and Political Science.

History: 6 hours from among the following in consultation with the LIS coordinator: HIS211, 213, 302, 316, 318, 321, 323, 331, 333, 335, 337, 343, 417, 424.

Political Science: POS300 (World Politics), and 6 hours from among the following in consultation with the LIS coordinator: POS280, 281, 282, 302, 307, 311, 321, 333, 341, 342, 346, 400, 402, 407, 430.

**III. International Liberal Arts:** 9 hours, comprising 3 hours each in three different disciplines, from among the following:

Art History: ART210, 212, 310, 370  
Philosophy: PHI325, 335, 345, 355, 365, 435  
Religion: REL253, 255, 353  
Sociology: SOC118, 365, 380, 400, 405 (may need to waive prereqs for 400 and 405)

**Study Abroad Experience:** Language and International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a country where their primary language of study is spoken.