

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

B.A. International Studies - Public Diplomacy Emphasis

FALL 2022 Requirements

The curriculum in the international studies major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that an international studies degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
INTRNAR 200 Issues in International Studies	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
World Language course	4
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
World Language course	4
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	15

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For this major, students must complete four semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the fourth level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. World Languages faculty may certify proficiency in other languages for native speakers of a language other than English.

Opportunities: The international studies major requires a total of 22 units in world language coursework. Sixteen units (or equivalent) are required in a single language and students can take an additional six units in that same language or study another language.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Geography 230 Human Geography	3
Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics	3
Communication 202 Principles of Public Relations	3
World Language course	4
Gened CORE 110 CORE World of the Arts	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
Anthropology 218 OR Religious Studies 111 OR 112	3
Political Science 351 International Relations	3
Communication 203 Public Relations Tactics II	3
World Language course	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: A study abroad or travel study experience is required for this program and most majors study abroad for a full semester or year in their area of focus. Planning for this experience typically takes place in the sophomore year with the study abroad experience taking place in the junior year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>).

Opportunities: All students in the International Studies major earn the Global Engagement certificate. To earn the Global Engagement Certificate, students must assemble a reflective portfolio as well as complete four globally focused courses, achieve foreign language proficiency equivalent to four semesters at the college level, study/live abroad for six or more weeks, and attend six extra-curricular internationally focused experiences on campus. Additionally, there are several internationally-focused student organizations that students can join.



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Third Year

Fall Semester - Study Abroad Experience	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Public Diplomacy Communication course	3	Communication 424 Cross Cultural Communication	3
Public Diplomacy International course	3	Public Diplomacy Communication course	3
Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3	Public Diplomacy International course	3
Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3	Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3
		BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement course	3
Total Credits	12	Total Credits	15

Notes: In the Public Diplomacy emphasis, students select 2-3 courses focused on communication and 3-4 internationally-focused social science courses. Specific courses options are outlined in the Course Catalog <http://www-public.courseleaf.com/>. Communication 424 fulfills the university U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity requirement. Electives account for 9-12 credits of the 54-credit International Studies major. With planning, students might group their electives into various “mini-emphases” or pursue foreign language instruction beyond the 16-credit requirement. For example, if you are pursuing a Public Diplomacy, Economics, or Business emphasis, you could take all of your electives on a single region-Latin America, Europe, Africa, or Asia. A student with a foreign language and area studies emphasis could take 12 credits of a second foreign language, 12 credits of international economics courses, or some other grouping. In any one of the emphases, students could pursue a mini-emphasis on environmental issues, with courses offered in Sociology, Economics, and Geography. Given the more than 100 courses on the list of courses approved for the major, there are many possible course groupings that can add depth to your curriculum.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Economics 431 OR 401 OR 359	3	INTRNAR 488 Topics in International Studies	3
Public Diplomacy International course	3	Elective from International Studies Approved Course List	3
Public Diplomacy Communication or International course	3	University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement course	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5	Electives to reach 120 (if needed)	0-3
Total Credits	15-16	Total Credits	12-15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor’s degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar’s Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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