

School of International Service

Undergraduate Programs

B.A. in International Studies

Admission to the Program

Candidates for admission to the school must present evidence of excellent personal and academic qualifications. To be considered for freshman admission, an applicant should have earned at least a B average in secondary school. Cultural factors are considered in evaluating transcript and examination results. Other factors taken into account are leadership qualities, character, and personal interest. Students from other regionally-accredited collegiate institutions, and students in other programs at American University who have completed the freshman year, should maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) to be considered for transfer to the school.

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course in an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 64 credit hours plus 3–16 credit hours in foreign language course work, with grades of C or better
- Up to 18 of these credit hours may also count toward fulfillment of General Education requirements.

Students may, where appropriate and with SIS approval, select special topics courses to fulfill requirements. Students may apply up to 3 credit hours toward the major from an approved internship or cooperative education field experience. Study abroad course credits may be used toward the major with the approval of SIS.

Foundation Courses (28 credit hours)

- SIS-101 Leadership Gateway (1)
- ECON-100 Macroeconomics 4:1 (3)
- ECON-200 Microeconomics 4:2 (3)
- One course in U.S. politics from the following:
 - GOVT-110 Politics in the United States 4:1 (3–4)
 - GOVT-120 Introduction to American Politics (3–4)
 - GOVT-210 Political Power and American Public Policy 4:2 (3)
 - GOVT-215 Civil Rights and Liberties 4:2 (3)

- SIS-105 World Politics 3:1 (3)
- SIS-140 Cross-Cultural Communication 3:1 (3)
- Two courses focusing on Western traditions (6 credit hours) from the following:
 - ANTH-235 Early America: The Buried Past 2:2 (3)
 - ARTH-205 Art of the Renaissance 2:2 (3)
 - COMM-270 How the News Media Shape History 2:2 (3)
 - GOVT-105 Individual Freedom vs. Authority 2:1 (3)
 - GOVT-303 Ancient Political Thought (3)
 - GOVT-305 Modern Political Thought (3)
 - HIST-100 Historians and the Living Past 2:1 (3)
 - HIST-110 Renaissance and Revolutions: Europe, 1400–1815 2:1 (3)
 - HIST-115 Work and Community 2:1 (3)
 - HIST-202 The Ancient World: Greece (3)
 - HIST-203 The Ancient World: Rome (3)
 - HIST-204 Medieval Europe (3)
 - HIST-205 American Encounters: 1492–1865 2:2 (3)
 - HIST-215 Social Forces that Shaped America 2:2 (3)
 - HIST-235 The West in Crisis: 1900–1945 2:2 (3)
 - HIST-245 Modern Jewish Civilization (3)
 - JLS-110 Western Legal Traditions 2:1 (3)
 - JLS-225 American Legal Culture 2:2 (3)
 - JWST-205 Ancient and Medieval Jewish Civilization 2:2 (3)
 - JWST-210 Voices of Modern Jewish Literature 2:2 (3)
 - LIT-125 Great Books That Shaped the Western World 2:1 (3)
 - LIT-235 African American Literature 2:2 (3)
 - LIT-240 Asian American Literature 2:2 (3)
 - LIT-265 Literature and Society in Victorian England 2:2 (3)
 - LFS-230 The Modernist Explosion: Culture and Ideology in Europe 2:2 (3)
 - PHIL-105 Western Philosophy 2:1 (3)
 - PHIL-220 Moral Philosophy 2:2 (3)
 - PHIL-221 Philosophy, Politics, and Society (3)
 - PHIL-235 Theories of Democracy and Human Rights 2:2 (3)
 - PHIL-300 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3)
 - PHIL-301 Modern Philosophy from Bacon to Hegel (3)
 - PHIL-302 Nineteenth Century Philosophy (3)
 - PHIL-303 Twentieth Century Philosophy (3)
 - PHYS-230 Changing Views of the Universe 2:2 (3)
 - RELG-105 The Religious Heritage of the West 2:1 (3)
 - RELG-220 Religious Thought 2:2 (3)
 - SOCY-215 The Rise of Critical Social Thought 2:2 (3)
 - WGST-150 Women’s Voices through Time 2:1 (3)

- Two courses in non-Western area studies (6 credit hours), with one course from each of two different areas. See also the list of approved courses in the SIS Undergraduate Advising Office.

Africa

- LIT-150 Third World Literature 3:1 (3)
- RELG-210 Non-Western Religious Traditions 3:2 (3)
- SIS-250 Civilizations of Africa 3:2 (3)
- SIS-265 Contemporary Africa (3)

The Americas

- HIST-241 Colonial Latin America (3)
- HIST-242 Latin America since Independence (3)
- LFS-210 Latin America: History, Art, Literature 3:2 (3)
- SIS-276 Contemporary Latin America (3)

Asia

- HIST-250 Civilization and Modernization: Asia 3:2 (3)
- RELG-185 Forms of the Sacred: Religions of the East 3:1 (3)
- RELG-210 Non-Western Religious Traditions 3:2 (3)
- SIS-161 Civilizations of Asia (3)
- SIS-255 China, Japan and United States 3:2 (3)

Middle East

- HIST-343 History of Israel (3)
- RELG-370 Islam (3)
- SIS-245 The World of Islam 3:2 (3)
- SIS-264 Contemporary Middle East (3)
- SOCY-225 Contemporary Arab World 3:2 (3)

Russia and Central Eurasia

- HIST-225 Russia and the Origins of Contemporary Eurasia 3:2 (3)
- HIST-230 Early Russian History, 988–1700 (3)
- HIST-231 Imperial Russia, 1700–1917 (3)
- HIST-232 Twentieth Century Russia (3)
- SIS-258 Contemporary Russia (3)

Core Field Courses (9 credit hours)

- Three courses from the following fields. See the list of approved core field courses in the SIS Undergraduate Advising Office.

Global Environmental Politics

International Development

International Economic Policy

International Peace and Conflict Resolution

United States Foreign Policy

Research Methods (6–7 credit hours)

- SIS-206 Introduction to International Relations Research (3)
- One course from the following:
 - CSC-100 Computers and Information (3)
 - STAT-202 Basic Statistics (4)
 - other course approved by SIS Undergraduate Advising Office

Foreign Language (3–16 credit hours)

- 3–16 credit hours in one modern foreign language, depending on initial placement. Consult the SIS Undergraduate Office for more information.

Area Specialization (9 credit hours)

- Three courses in one of the following regional areas: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Russia and Central Eurasia

A minimum of two courses (6 credit hours) must be taken in SIS and a minimum of two courses must be taken at the 300 level or above.

Africa

- ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
- LIT-150 Third World Literature 3:1 (3)
- RELG-210 Non-Western Religious Traditions 3:2 (3)
- SIS-250 Civilizations of Africa 3:2 (3)
- SIS-265 Contemporary Africa (3)
- SIS-573 International Relations of Africa I (3)
- SIS-574 International Relations of Africa II (3)

The Americas

- ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
- HIST-241 Colonial Latin America (3)
- HIST-242 Latin America since Independence (3)
- HIST-340 Latin American Studies (3)
- LFS-210 Latin America: History, Art, Literature 3:2 (3)
- SIS-276 Contemporary Latin America (3)
- SIS-577 International Relations of the Americas (3)
- SPAN-357 Introduction to Latin American Literature (3)

Asia

- ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
- HIST-250 Civilization and Modernization: Asia 3:2 (3)
- HIST-347 Asian Studies (3) (topics)
- RELG-185 Forms of the Sacred: Religions of the East 3:1 (3)
- RELG-210 Non-Western Religious Traditions 3:2 (3)
- RELG-373 Hinduism (3)
- SIS-161 Civilizations of Asia (3)
- SIS-255 China, Japan and United States 3:2 (3)
- SIS-559 Selected Topics in Cross-National Studies (3)
- SIS-561 Modern China (3)
- SIS-567 International Relations of East Asia I (3)

Europe

- FREN-324 *Civilisation Française I* (3)
- FREN-325 *Civilisation Française II* (3)
- FREN-326 French Topics (3)
- GERM-336 German Topics (3)
- GERM-438 German Civilization I (3)
- GERM-439 German Civilization II (3)
- GOVT-334 Modern British Politics (3) (study abroad)
- HIST-110 Renaissance and Revolution:
 - Europe, 1400–1815 2:1 (3)
- HIST-204 Medieval Europe (3)
- HIST-221 History of Britain I (3)

HIST-222 History of Britain II (3)
 HIST-239 Modern Germany since 1848 (3)
 HIST-318 Nazi Germany (3)
 HIST-319 Holocaust (3)
 HIST-320 War and Diplomacy: Napoleon to Bismarck (3)
 HIST-326 European Society in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (3)
 HIST-327 Twentieth Century Europe (3)
 HIST-334 Victorian England (3)
 HIST-336 History of Ireland (3)
 HIST-337 British Studies (3) (topics)
 SIS-331 An Overview of the European Union (3)
 SIS-347 Contemporary Germany and Berlin (3) (study abroad)
 SIS-355 European Foreign and Security Policy (3)
 SIS-380 Brussels Seminar (4) (study abroad)
 SIS-387 Madrid Seminar (4) (study abroad)
 SIS-530 Colloquium on the Common Market (3)
 SIS-551 Economy, Politics and Society in Europe (3)
 SIS-557 Foreign Policy Formulation in West European States (3)

Middle East

HIST-343 History of Israel (3)
 RELG-370 Islam (3)
 SIS-245 The World of Islam 3:2 (3)
 SIS-264 Contemporary Middle East (3)
 SIS-364 Contemporary Islam and International Relations(3)
 SIS-365 Arab-Israeli Relations (3)
 SIS-571 International Relations of the Middle East I (3)
 SIS-572 International Relations of the Middle East II (3)
 SOCY-225 Contemporary Arab World 3:2 (3)

Russia and Central Eurasia

HIST-225 Russia and the Origins of Contemporary Eurasia 3:2 (3)
 HIST-230 Early Russian History, 988–1700 (3)
 HIST-231 Imperial Russia, 1700–1917 (3)
 HIST-232 Twentieth Century Russia (3)
 HIST-345 Russian Studies (3) (topics)
 LFS-200 Russia and the United States 3:2 (3)
 SIS-258 Contemporary Russia (3)
 SIS-558 Authoritarianism and Democracy in Russia (3)

Functional Field of Concentration (9 credit hours)

- Three courses in one of the following functional fields: Comparative and international race relations, global environmental politics, international business relations, international communication, international development, international economic relations, international politics, Islamic studies, peace and conflict resolution, or United States foreign policy
 A minimum of two courses (6 credit hours) must be taken in SIS and a minimum of two courses must be taken at the 300 level or above.

Comparative and International Race Relations

ANTH-210 Roots of Racism and Interracial Harmony 3:2 (3)
 COMM-534 Race, Gender, and the Media (3)
 SIS-140 Cross-Cultural Communication 3:1 (3)
 SIS-220 Confronting Our Differences/Discovering Our Similarities: Conflict Resolution 3:2 (3)
 SOCY-210 Inequality: Class, Race, Ethnicity 4:2 (3)
 SOCY-351 Race and Ethnic Conflict (3)
 SOCY-553 Multiculturalism (3)

Global Environmental Politics

SIS-110 Beyond Sovereignty 3:1 (3)
 SIS-337 International Development (3)
 SIS-388 International Environmental Politics (3)
 other courses approved by SIS

Note: Participation in the International Environment and Development Semester together with SIS-388 fulfills all requirements for this concentration

International Business Relations

Consult the SIS Undergraduate Office for approved courses.

International Communication

SIS-340 Foundations of International Communication (3)
 SIS-341 Intercultural Communication (3)
 SIS-349 Selected Topics in International Communication (3)

International Development

ECON-110 The Global Majority 3:1 (3)
 ECON-318 Economic History (3)
 ECON-361 Economic Development (3)
 EDU-285 Education for International Development 3:2 (3)
 GOVT-235 Dynamics of Political Change 3:2 (3)
 HIST-120 Imperialism and Revolution 3:1 (3)
 LIT-150 Third World Literature 3:1 (3)
 SIS-110 Beyond Sovereignty 3:1 (3)
 SIS-337 International Development (3)
 SIS-536 Special Topics in Development Management (3)
 SIS-537 Special Topics in International Development (3)
 SOCY-110 Views from the Third World 3:1 (3)
 SOCY-365 Economic Development and Social Change (3)

Note: Participation in the International Environment and Development Semester fulfills all requirements for this concentration

International Economic Relations

ECON-370 International Economics (3)
 ECON-371 International Economics: Trade (3)
 ECON-372 International Economics: Finance (3)
 SIS-215 Competition in an Interdependent World 3:2 (3)
 SIS-385 International Economic Policy (3)
 SIS-388 International Environmental Politics (3)
 SIS-389 Special Topics in Policy Analysis (3)
 SIS-465 International Trade and Investment Relations (3)

SIS-466 International Monetary and Financial Relations (3)
SIS-504 Multinational Corporations (3)

International Politics

HIST-120 Imperialism and Revolution 3:1 (3)
HIST-320 War and Diplomacy: Napoleon to Bismarck (3)
HIST-321 War and Peace: Bismarck to Hitler (3)
SIS-110 Beyond Sovereignty 3:1 (3)
SIS-215 Competition in an Interdependent World 3:2 (3)
SIS-301 Theories of International Politics (3)
SIS-321 International Law (3)
SIS-322 Introduction to Human Rights (3)
SIS-325 International Organizations (3)
SIS-355 European Foreign and Security Policy (3)
SIS-504 Multinational Corporations (3)
SIS-518 Legacy of World War II Diplomacy (3)

Islamic Studies

RELG-105 The Religious Heritage of the West 2:1 (3)
RELG-185 Forms of the Sacred: Religions of the East 3:1 (3)
RELG-370 Islam (3)
SIS-245 World of Islam 3:2 (3)
SIS-364 Contemporary Islam and International Relations (3)
SIS-596 Selected Topics (3) with permission of the student's advisor

Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies

- SIS-308 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution (3)
or
SIS-328 Approaches to Peacemaking (3)
SIS-110 Beyond Sovereignty 3:1 (3)
SIS-220 Confronting Our Differences/Discovering Our Similarities: Conflict Resolution 3:2 (3)
SIS-321 International Law (3)
SIS-322 Introduction to Human Rights (3)
SIS-325 International Organizations (3)
SIS-396 Selected Topics (3) with permission of the student's advisor

Note: Participation in the Peace and Conflict Resolution Semester fulfills all requirements for this concentration.

United States Foreign Policy

SIS-381 Foreign Policies of the Great Powers (3)
SIS-382 Analysis of United States Foreign Policy (3)
SIS-384 American Defense and Security Policy (3)
SIS-385 International Economic Policy (3)
SIS-389 Special Topics in Policy Analysis (3) (topic approved by advisor)
SIS-396 Selected Topics (3) with permission of the student's advisor
SIS-465 International Trade and Investment Relations (3)
SIS-466 International Monetary and Financial Relations (3)
SIS-581 Schools of Thought in Contemporary United States Foreign Policy (3)
SIS-583 United States in World Affairs (3)
SIS-588 International Security and Arms Control (3)

Note: Participation in the International Politics and Foreign Policy Semester fulfills all requirements for this concentration.

Senior Seminar (3 credit hours)

- SIS-400 Senior Seminar in International Relations (3)

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to

www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/

B.A. in Language and Area Studies

The B.A. in Language and Area Studies is designed for students with a strong interest in a region of the world and in a language of that region. This innovative program achieves a balance between humanities and social sciences courses, combined with an advanced level of foreign language study. The program, jointly designed and administered by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the School of International Service (SIS), builds on the strengths of the CAS Department of Language and Foreign Studies (LFS) and the SIS field of Comparative and Regional Studies.

Admission to the Program

To be considered for freshman admission, an applicant should have earned at least a 3.00 average in secondary school. Students from other regionally accredited collegiate institutions, and students in other programs at American University who have completed the freshman year, should maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) to be considered for transfer to the program.

Majors

French/Europe, German/Europe, Russian/Area Studies, or Spanish/Latin America

University Requirements

- A total of 120 credit hours
- 6 credit hours of college writing
- 3 credit hours of college mathematics or the equivalent by examination

General Education Requirements

- A total of ten courses, consisting of one foundation course and one second-level course from an approved sequence from each of the five curricular areas
- No more than 6 credit hours may be taken in the same discipline

Major Requirements

- 51 credit hours with grades of C or better
- Proficiency in the appropriate foreign language demonstrated by achieving a B (3.00) average or better for all course work in the foreign language taken in the Department of Language and Foreign Studies.

Students may, where appropriate, and with Faculty Advisory Committee approval, select special topics courses to fulfill requirements. Student may also apply up to 3 credit hours toward the major from an approved internship or cooperative education field experience. Study abroad course credits may be used toward the major with the approval of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Course Requirements

Foundation Courses (9 credit hours)

- SIS-105 World Politics 3:1 (3)
- One intercultural communication course from the following:
SIS-140 Cross Cultural Communication 3:1 (3)
SIS-340 Foundations of International Communication (3)
SIS-341 Intercultural Communication (3)

- One comparative politics course from the following:
GOVT-130 Comparative Politics 3:1 (3)
GOVT-231 Third World Politics (3)
GOVT-232 Politics of Industrial Societies (3)

Foreign Language Courses (18 credit hours)

- 18 credit hours of course work in a single foreign language at the 300 level or above.

Area Studies (21 credit hours)

- 15 credit hours, with 12 credit hours at the 300 level or above, in humanities courses, including 3 credit hours from the Department of History (HIST-xxx) and an additional 3 credit hours of course work with a strong historical component, from the following. Other appropriate area studies courses may be substituted with the approval of the major advisor.

French/Europe

- FREN-324 *Civilisation Française I* (3)
- FREN-325 *Civilisation Française II* (3)
- FREN-326 French Topics (3)
- FREN-327 *Le Français Commercial* (3)
- FREN-328 French Translation: Concepts and Practice (3)
- FREN-365 *Les Registres du Français* (3)
- FREN-432 *Le Siècle des Lumières* (3)
- FREN-433 *Le Romantisme* (3)
- FREN-434 *Le Réalisme* (3)
- FREN-435 *Littérature Contemporaine* (3)
- PHIL-311 Modern European Movements (3)

German/Europe

- GERM-336 German Topics (3)
- GERM-338 Introduction to German Translation (3)
- GERM-432 Studies in German Film (3)
- GERM-433 German Lyric Poetry (3)
- GERM-438 German Civilization I (3)
- GERM-439 German Civilization II (3)
- HIST-239 Modern Germany since 1848 (3)
- HIST-318 Nazi Germany (3)
- LFS-230 The Modernist Explosion: Culture and Ideology in Europe (3)
- PHIL-311 Modern European Movements (3)

Russian/Area Studies

- HIST-225 Russia and the Origins of Contemporary Eurasia 3:2 (3)
- HIST-230 Early Russian History, 988–1700 (3)
- HIST-231 Imperial Russia, 1700–1917 (3)
- HIST-232 Twentieth Century Russia (3)
- HIST-345 Russian Studies (3) (topics)
- LIT-367 Russian and Soviet Literature (3)
- LIT-368 Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy (3)
- RUSS-347 Introduction to Russian Literature (3)
- RUSS-441 Russian Media and Political Translation (3)
- RUSS-543 Russian Classics (3)
- RUSS-548 Topics in Russian Studies (3)

Spanish/Latin America

HIST-241 Colonial Latin America (3)
HIST-242 Latin America since Independence (3)
HIST-340 Latin American Studies (3) (topics)
LFS-210 Latin America: History, Art,
Literature 3:2 (3)
SPAN-356 Spanish Topics (3)
SPAN-357 Introduction to Latin American Literature (3)
SPAN-358 Introduction to Spanish Translation (3)
SPAN-359 Advanced Spanish Translation (3)
SPAN-450 Spanish Civilization I: Spain (3)
SPAN-491 Spanish Internship: *Proyecto Amistad* (2–6)
SPAN-554 Classics of Latin American Literature (3)
SPAN-559 Colloquium on Latin America (3)

- 6 credit hours of course work in social science courses, selected from the following. Other appropriate area studies courses may be substituted with the approval of the major advisor.

French/Europe

ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
ECON-318 Economic History (3)
ECON-351 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
ECON-361 Economic Development (3)
GOVT-232 Politics of Postindustrial Societies (3)
GOVT-432 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Countries (3) (topics)
GOVT-532 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Regions (3) (topics)
SIS-331 Overview of the European Union (3)
SIS-355 European Foreign and Security Policy (3)
SIS-530 Colloquium on the Common Market (3)
SIS-557 Foreign Policy Formulation in West European States (3)

German/Europe

ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
ECON-318 Economic History (3)
ECON-351 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
ECON-361 Economic Development (3)
GOVT-232 Politics of Postindustrial Societies (3)
GOVT-432 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Countries (3) (topics)
GOVT-532 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Regions (3) (topics)
HIST-239 Modern Germany since 1848 (3)
HIST-318 Nazi Germany (3)
SIS-331 Overview of the European Union (3)
SIS-355 European Foreign and Security Policy (3)
SIS-530 Colloquium on the Common Market (3)
SIS-551 Economy, Politics and Society in Europe (3)
SIS-557 Foreign Policy Formulation in West European States (3)

Russian/Area Studies

ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
ECON-318 Economic History (3)

ECON-351 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
ECON-361 Economic Development (3)
ECON-552 Economics of Transition (3)
GOVT-432 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Countries: Former USSR (3)
GOVT-532 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Regions: Eastern Europe (3)
HIST-225 Russia and the Origins of Contemporary Eurasia 3:2 (3)
HIST-230 Early Russian History, 988–1700 (3)
HIST-231 Imperial Russia, 1700–1917 (3)
HIST-232 Twentieth Century Russia (3)
HIST-345 Russian Studies (3) (topics)
LFS-200/LFS-200G Russia and the United States 3:2 (3)
SIS-258 Contemporary Russia (3)
SIS-381 Foreign Policies of the Great Powers (3)
SIS-558 Authoritarianism and Democracy in Russia (3)

Spanish/Latin America

ANTH-339 Culture Area Analysis (3) (topics)
ECON-351 Comparative Economic Systems (3)
ECON-361 Economic Development (3)
ECON-318 Economic History (3)
GOVT-432 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Countries (3) (topics)
GOVT-532 Political Institutions and Processes in Selected Regions (3) (topics)
HIST-241 Colonial Latin America (3)
HIST-242 Latin America since Independence (3)
HIST-340 Latin American Studies (3) (topics)
SIS-276 Contemporary Latin America (3)
SIS-337 International Development (3)
SIS-577 International Relations of the Americas (3)
SOCY-531 Regional Studies in Social Change: Latin America (3)

Senior Capstone (3 credit hours)

- Students enroll either in an SIS comparative seminar or in an approved topics or seminar course in Language and Foreign Studies

University Honors Program

All University Honors students must complete at least 12 credit hours of advanced-level (300-level and above) Honors courses including a 3 to 6 credit hour Honors Senior Capstone Project. Students may graduate with University Honors in the major if they complete at least 12 advanced-level Honors courses including the Senior Capstone Project in the department. Each department has three levels of University Honors requirements: Level I Options (100-200-level Honors classes); Level II Options (300-level and above Honors classes); and Level III Options (Honors Senior Capstone). The department Honors coordinator advises students in the University Honors Program regarding departmental options. For more information, go to www.american.edu/academic.depts/honors/.

Minor in Language and Area Studies

- 24 credit hours with grades of C or better and at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- 12 credit hours in the Department of Language and Foreign Studies at the 200 level or above, including two courses at the 300 level.
- 12 credit hours selected from an approved list of courses in area studies:

Courses include those from anthropology (ANTH-xxx), economics (ECON-xxx), history (HIST-xxx), international studies (SIS-xxx), literature (LIT-xxx), or sociology (SOCY-xxx); one 3-credit course must be at the 300 level or above from SIS; one 3-credit course must be from history.

Areas offered:

French/Europe, German/Europe, Russian/Area Studies, Spanish/Latin America: see list of approved courses for major in Language and Area Studies, above.

Italian/Europe, Japanese/Asia: consult LAS degree program advisor for approval of courses for this minor.

Minor in International Studies

- 21 credit hours with grades of C or better and at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor

Course Requirements

- SIS-105 World Politics 3:1 (3)
- 18 credit hours approved by the advisor with at least 15 credit hours from SIS and 12 of these at the 300 level or above. No more than two courses may be taken from a study abroad program.

Combined B.A. in International Studies and Master's Degree

Admission to the Program

This program enables highly qualified students to earn both a B.A. in International Studies with a functional concentration in any area of specialization offered by the School of International Service, and an M.A. in International Affairs, International Communication, International Development, or International Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Admission to the combined B.A./M.A. program requires junior or senior standing, a cumulative grade point average of 3.50, a minimum 3.50 grade point average in SIS courses, a formal application, a written faculty recommendation, and an essay on the student's academic interests and abilities in international affairs. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required. Interested students should contact the SIS Graduate Admissions Office.

Course Requirements

- All requirements for the B.A. in International Studies
For graduate degree programs requiring up to 33 credit hours, undergraduate students may apply up to 9 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work to satisfy the requirements for both degrees.
For graduate degree programs requiring up to 42 credit hours, undergraduate students may apply up to 12 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work to satisfy the requirements for both degrees.
- All requirements for the M.A. in International Affairs, the M.A. in International Communication, the M.A. in International Development, or the M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution, including a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in residence in graduate status after the undergraduate degree has been awarded.

Combined Bachelor's Degree and M.A. in Global Environmental Policy

This program enables qualified students to earn both an undergraduate degree (in any field) and an M.A. in Global Environmental Policy. The combined program can be completed with four years of undergraduate study plus 12 months of additional study (fall and spring semesters plus a summer of research or internship). The program offers students an opportunity for strong training and careers in environmental policy.

Admission to the Program

Undergraduates should apply for admission to the combined program by the end of the junior year. At a minimum, students must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00, a year of laboratory science (BIO-110/210 General Biology I/II, CHEM-110/210 General Chemistry I/II, PHYS-105/205 College Physics I/II or PHYS-110/210 University Physics I/II), and a year of calculus (MATH-221/222, MATH-211/212). Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose. Gradu-

ate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required for admission to the combined program. Students should discuss their interest in the program with the environmental studies coordinator before submitting an application.

Requirements

- All requirements for a B.A. or B.S. (in any major) at American University
Undergraduate students may apply up to 9 credit hours of approved graduate-level course work to satisfy the requirements for both degrees. ENVS-580 Environmental Science I and ENVS-581 Environmental Science II are recommended.
- All requirements for the M.A. in Global Environmental Policy, including a minimum of 24 credit hours completed in residence in graduate status after the undergraduate degree has been awarded.

Undergraduate Certificate in European Studies

Certificate Requirements

- 18 credit hours of approved course work with at least 9 credit hours at the 300-level or above with grades of C or better.
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses are not accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements, although these grades will be included in the calculation of the GPA. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period and complete the certificate in four years. International students must enroll in 9 credit hours each semester (except for summer). A maximum of 3 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.
- Foreign language proficiency
- Study abroad or approved internship with a European focus
- Capstone: successful completion of a 3 credit-hour European studies research project conducted under the supervision of a faculty member associated with the European studies certificate program.

Course Requirements

- 18 credit hours of approved European studies-related course work including study abroad or approved internship with a European focus, and a 3 credit hour capstone. Students should take at least one course outside of their main area, discipline, or field.

Undergraduate Certificate in International Affairs

Admission to the Program

Open to students in enrolled in a degree program or at least junior standing or equivalent. Applicants must submit SAT scores and their official transcripts along with a one page statement of purpose. For international students whose first language is not English, a score of at least 550 (213 on the computer version) on the TOEFL is required.

Certificate Requirements

- 24 credit hours of approved course work with at least 12 credit hours at the 300-level or above with grades of C or better.
Grades of C- or D in certificate program courses will not be accepted toward the fulfillment of certificate requirements although these grades will be included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average. Students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average in certificate courses in order to be awarded a certificate. Students in certificate programs must take a minimum of 6 credit hours during each 12-month period after they are admitted. International students must enroll in 12 credit hours each semester (except for summer). All programs must be completed within four years. A maximum of 6 credit hours earned at an accredited college or university may be applied toward the certificate as transfer credit.

Course Requirements

- One of the following:
SIS-105 World Politics 3:1 (3)
SIS-140 Cross-Cultural Communication 3:1 (3)
other approved General Education Course
- 21 credit hours in courses approved by the advisor, including one course which serves as a capstone course.