



Minor in International Studies

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The International Studies minor supports the liberal arts mission of Texas Wesleyan University by seeking to raise global awareness and cross cultural understanding. Because of the flexibility of the requirements for this minor, students have the benefit of structuring this minor in the way which best suits their unique needs. Because of this, a student's major advisor should be their first stop when choosing which courses to complete to fulfill the requirements for this minor. Students seeking more information about this minor should go to the International Programs office.

The mission of Texas Wesleyan University is "...to develop students to their full potential as individuals and as members of the world community". In order to fulfill this mission, students' awareness of things that make people the same and different needs to be enhanced. Students are encouraged to expand their thinking to include different points of view, thus benefiting them intellectually. The primary goal of this minor is to increase egalitarianism, a belief in the equality of all people, by raising student awareness of the ideas, beliefs, and perspectives of other peoples in an increasingly global world. However ethnocentric thinking needs to be addressed as well. Because interacting solely with members of ones own group is no longer possible in an ever shrinking world, this program seeks to reduce ethnocentric thinking. However, the second goal of this minor is more practical, to increase the marketability of degrees by adding important global knowledge which employers find valuable.

Since the minor in International Studies is intended to be interdisciplinary, it does not belong to any of the existing colleges at Texas Wesleyan University, instead it is administered as part of University Programs. Since a student's major advisor knows him or her best, they should be the students' first line when questions regarding course selection arise. However, the International Student advisor and the Faculty Liaison for International Studies are also available resources. Additionally, the Committee for International Education serves in an advisory role for the minor.

Description of International Studies (IST) Courses

2300. Introduction to International Studies

This is an interdisciplinary course which will merge elements of psychology and anthropology in order to teach students to think with an international perspective. This course will focus on understanding behavior across a variety of cultures. The course is designed to encourage a global consciousness in student thinking as well as help to increase egalitarian thinking and reduce ethnocentrism.

4393. Internship in International Studies

Prerequisite Course: IST 2300 and Junior Standing

Students must complete 80 clock hours of documented experience supervised by any qualified faculty at Texas Wesleyan University to receive credit. Students are required to complete a report which will detail observations made in the process of the internship and discuss what has been learned in the process.

- Students must formally develop a proposal/plan for their internship which must be typed-up and submitted for acceptance by their advisor, a faculty supervisor, and the supervisor at the placement site.
- Though faculty are available as a resource, students are primarily responsible for finding a placement and developing a proposal/plan for their internship.
- Students will complete a report of activities. Details of this report must be agreed in advance as part of the proposal/plan.
- All signatories to the proposal must agree that the placement site does in fact qualify as "international", thereby satisfying the spirit of the internship, which is to give students experience with the people and activities from cultures other than the one's they are already familiar with.
- In the event that there is a conflict between the student and their advisor or supervisor about whether the placement is "international" or regarding the requirements for the report, the Committee for International education will serve as mediator.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS.....(18 total, 9 credits required and 9 credits elective)

CORE REQUIREMENTS:

Students must complete the following requirements (9 credits)

IST 2300 Introduction to International Studies (3 credits)

International Experience Component (take one of the following, 3 credits)

Study Abroad Experience an approved study abroad experience taken for at least 3 credits

IST 4393 Internship in International Studies

Geography Component (take one of the following, 3 credits)

GEG 2305 Human Geography

GEG 3304 World Geography

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Students must choose 9 credits from the classes below

All courses below this point are electives

EDU 3310	Studies in Multicultural Education
IBA 3345	International Business
MCO 4318	International and Intercultural Communication
PLS 4310	International Business and Trade Law
POL/PLS 4321	International Law
PSY 3375	Cultural and International Issues in Psychology
REL 1321	Introductory Studies in World Religions
REL 1322	Ways of Being Religious
SOC 1302	Cultural Anthropology
SPN 3315	Hispanic History and Culture
SPN 4369	Hispanic American Literature

with no more than six hours from either of the following groupings

ENG 2301	Survey of World Literature I
ENG 2302	Survey of World Literature II
ENG 4317	Heritage of British Writers
ENG 4318	Heritage of Scottish Writers

HIS 3331	History of England
HIS 3332	History of the British Empire
HIS 3335	Europe: Renaissance through Napoleon
HIS 3336	Europe: Congress of Vienna to the Present
HIS 4320	Latin America
HIS 4343	History of Mexico
HIS/POL 4351	International Relations
HIS/POL 4355	History and Politics of the Middle East
HIS/REL 4355	Religious History of Scotland
HIS/REL 4367	Religious History of Ireland
POL 3331	European Governments

*There are cases where a course can be used to fulfill requirements for both your major and minor. For example, the course PSY 3375 is required for the Psychology Major but would also count as a 3 credit elective for the International Studies Minor