

LIBERAL ARTS: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR, A.A.

Location(s): AL, AN, LO, MA, NOL, WO
NOVA Code: 648-04

Purpose

This curriculum is designed to prepare students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in international studies. This major will broaden the student's education and awareness to include emphasis on comparative cultures, international regimes, and the dynamics of complex interdependence.

Transfer Information

Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of the transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester		
Select one of the following: ¹		3-4
101 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl101)		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec)		4
Select one of the following: ²		3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
Credits		14-15
2nd Semester		
Select one of the following: ²		3-4
102 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl102)		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hist_elec)		3
Select one of the following CST Electives:		3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	
CST 126	Interpersonal Communication	
CST 229	Intercultural Communication	
Select one of the following: ^{2,3}		3
MTH 245	Statistics I (or Higher)	
Transfer Elective		
Credits		15-16
3rd Semester		
Select one of the following: ¹		3-4
201 - World Language or AS (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl201)		

General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
Select one of the following:		3-4
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec)		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Global Understanding (p. 1)		3
PLS 241	Introduction to International Relations	3
Credits		15-17
4th Semester		
Select one of the following: ¹		3-4
202 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl202)		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ENG 2XX - Literature Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_literature) ⁴		3
Global Understanding (p. 1)		3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec)		3
HUM 298	Seminar And Project	1
Credits		16-17
Total Credits		60-65

Electives should be chosen with the advice of an academic advisor to meet the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

- ¹ Placement testing determines initial foreign language level. Students who place directly into intermediate level foreign language or ASL may take any General Education course(s) to meet the required number of credits. Waivers or credit by exam for prior experience is available for some languages. See the 'World Language Credit and Waiver' section of the [Credit for Prior Learning Manual]. Students must earn 60 unique and applicable credits to be awarded the Liberal Arts degree.
- ² Students who plan to take MTH 245 Statistics I should take MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning or MTH 161 PreCalculus I first. Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning and MTH 245 Statistics I, or for both MTH 261 Applied Calculus I and MTH 263 Calculus I, or for both MTH 262 Applied Calculus II and MTH 264 Calculus II.
- ³ Select any course listed under General Education Electives (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/>) or any Global Understanding (p. 1) course. This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.
- ⁴ ENG 225 or higher literature (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/eng/>) course satisfies this requirement.

Global Understanding

Select one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
ART 103	History of Far Eastern Art I	3
ART 200	History of Non-Western Art	3
GEO 220	World Regional Geography	3
HIS 203	History of African Civilizations	3
HIS 231	Introduction to Latin American History	3
HIS 241	History of Russia I	3
HIS 251	History of Middle East Civ I	3

HIS 254	History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	3
REL 237	Religions of the East	3
REL 238	Religions of the West	3