

Minor in International Studies for International Students

Special Considerations

Because international students come to their studies at Indiana State University with skills, interests and experience that are usually different from those of U.S. citizens, the faculty managing the Minor in International Studies have agreed to allow three deviations from the standard curriculum that recognize these differences while maintaining the overall intent and quality of the program. The three measures of accommodation are described below.

International students who declare the Minor in International Studies can, of course, follow the standard curriculum. But the measures below allow additional flexibility. If international students decide to follow one or more of these options, it is required that they discuss their plans with one of our Academic Advisors and obtain the Advisor's approval.

Measures of Accommodation

1. Study Abroad Experience

Since international students are engaged in study abroad when they enroll at ISU, this requirement is considered as fulfilled by their ISU experience.

2. Foreign Language Requirement

For most international students English is a foreign language, and they already have proficiency in English as a requirement of admission to ISU. This option does not pertain to international students who use English as their native language. The accommodation allows international students to deepen their English proficiency by substituting upper division courses in the Department of English or upper division English courses offered in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics to replace the six credit hours of foreign language study required in the Minor curriculum. Courses selected must be approved by an Academic Advisor for International Studies.

3. Courses Pertaining to the United States

Since the United States is a foreign country to international students, they may use up to two courses (six credit hours) related to the United States toward fulfillment of the nine credit hours required as electives in a focus area. These could pertain to U.S. history, economy, political system or culture. Courses selected must be approved by an Academic Advisor for International Studies.