Power and statecraft, national security and globalization are topics discussed in the media every day. Students who want to learn more about international relations may find the international studies certificate helps to connect these important concepts.

Description

The international studies certificate is designed to prepare students for careers in government agencies, international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, multinational firms and banks, and for graduate studies in international relations or political science. The certificate is not a substitute for degree requirements in any subject, including political science; rather, the required courses add an international and comparative dimension to the student's chosen major.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

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Program Requirements

The certificate in international studies is comprised of 15 credit hours in political science and global studies. At least 12 credit hours must be in upper-division course work and at least 6 of those credit hours must be from courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required for all courses used toward the certificate.

**Required Core Courses -- 6 credit hours**

POS 150: Comparative Government (SB & G) or POS 160: Global Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 361: American Foreign Policy (SB & G) or POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism (SB) (3)

Choose two courses -- 6 credit hours

POS 300: Contemporary Global Controversies (SB & G) (3)
POS 352: European Democracies (3)
POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights (3)
POS 465: International Organization and Law (SB & G) (3)
POS 467: International Security (SB & G) (3)
POS 486: International Political Economy (SB & G) (3)
SGS 301: Principles of Global Studies (3)
SGS 303: Global Trends (SB) (3)

Choose one course -- 3 credit hours

POS 350: Comparative Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 351: Democratization (SB & G) (3)
POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (3)
POS 356: European Union (SB & G) (3)
POS 357: South Asia Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 358: Southeast Asia (SB & G) (3)
POS 359: African Politics and Society (SB & G) (3)
POS 360: World Politics (SB & G) (3)
POS 452: China (SB & G) (3)
POS 453: Latin America (SB & G) (3)
POS 454: Mexico (SB & G) (3)
POS 468: Comparative Asian Foreign Policies (SB & G) (3)
SGS 360: Cultural Aspects of Globalization (3)

Only one of POS 160 Global Politics and POS 360 World Politics may apply to the certificate.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

Students should contact the School of Politics and Global Studies for more information about completing the international studies certificate.
A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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