

International Studies at ECU, At A Glance

Undergraduate Study: Multidisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of the Arts

This 30 s.h. concentration lies within the Multidisciplinary Program. The concentration in International Studies brings together courses from a range of disciplines focusing on social, cultural, economic and political areas of international importance in our increasingly globalized society. Curriculum requirements include 1) core courses (9 s.h.), 2) research methods and/or internationally-focused electives (6 s.h.), 3) an area of concentration, such as a regional focus (e.g., European or African Studies) or a specialized concentration (e.g., global health or global economy) (12 s.h.), and 4) an upper-level seminar (3 s.h.). Majors are encouraged to study available modern language offerings and take advantage of study abroad opportunities.

Undergraduate Study: Minor

This 18 s.h. multidisciplinary minor can be earned with or without participation in overseas opportunities or language training, but both are encouraged. Students complete core courses (9 s.h.), an upper-level seminar (3 s.h.), and internationally-focused electives (6 s.h.). No course credit counted toward a student's major may be used to fulfill the requirements of the program.

Undergraduate Study: Certificate in Global Understanding

The certificate helps students understand and appreciate the peoples, issues and ideas within the global community. The certificate requires 15 s.h. of credit including a 9 s.h. core consisting of a Global Understanding course, 1001 and 1002 courses of the same foreign language, 6 s.h. of electives chosen from the list of internationally-focused courses, and an approved academic study abroad program or internship of at least one summer session. (International students may substitute an equivalent period of study at ECU.) Students have the option of pursuing the certificate with distinction by completing additional co-curricular, language, and/or study abroad requirements.

Graduate Study: Master of Arts

The M. A. in International Studies program prepares students to interact more effectively with persons from other cultures, particularly in professional settings. The program at ECU focuses on the process and dynamics of international intercultural understanding. The program has four major components:

1. The International Studies core: A core of four 3-s.h. courses (12 s.h.);
2. International Field Experience: Second culture study, practical training, internship, research, and/or employment (6 s.h.);
3. A proficiency-based foreign language requirement;
4. A thesis or a non-thesis option (15 s.h.).

For more information, please consult the Director of the M.A. in International Studies program.

Graduate Study: Certificate in International Management

This certificate provides students with the foundational knowledge needed to work effectively with clients and colleagues from other cultures as well as the skills essential to managing international teams. The certificate requires 12 s.h. of credit as outlined in the Graduate Catalog.

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