INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (MINOR)

Minor: International Studies
Program Code: M753

The International Studies Minor recognizes the complex interconnections between academic disciplines, peoples in cultural contexts, and opportunities for social and economic advancement for our graduates.

Students from a wide variety of disciplines can supplement their major in business, social sciences, natural sciences or humanities with an international focus through this minor. This will help them to understand the changing nature of their field while making their degree more marketable in a global workforce.

Students choose from a menu of options drawn from disciplines across the campus. The interdisciplinary nature of the international studies minor is essential for preparing our students to enter into the new global marketplace of ideas and goods. Students taking the International Studies Minor are encouraged to enhance their experience at Colorado Mesa by participating in a variety of study abroad opportunities available while attending CMU.

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Minor Requirements

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives **can** be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Program Specific Minor Requirements

(24 semester hours, 8 must be upper-division)

- As part of their program, students will be encouraged to participate in an international experience in consultation with their advisors. This experience could be a semester or summer abroad, an international internship, an intensive immersion language program in another country, or participation in a growing number of study abroad opportunities offered by Colorado Mesa University. The credits received from this experience could be used to fulfill essential learning requirements or program requirements including unrestricted electives, but are not intended to add to the 120-hour graduation requirement. Substitutions would need to be approved by an advisor and department chair prior to the international experience.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
International Studies Core		
FLA_ 211	Second Year (Language) I	3
POLS 270	World Politics [1]	3
or GEOG 103	World Regional Geography-GTSS2	
Business		
Select one of the following:		3
BUGB 401	International Business	
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics-GTSS1	
ECON 342	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 420	International Economics	
FINA 431	International Financial Management	
MARK 231	Principles of Marketing	
History		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 102	Western Civilization II-GTHI1	
HIST 301	History of Modern Britain	
HIST 310	Latin American Civilization	
HIST 331	The 20th Century	
HIST 340	History of the Middle East	
HIST 403	East Asia and the Modern World	
Language and Literature		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 330	Women in World Thought and Literature	
ENGL 478	20th Century British Literature	
FLAS 311	History and Culture of Spain	
FLAV 390	Special Studies in Foreign Languages	
Natural Science and Mathematics		
Select one of the following:		3
BIOL 315	Epidemiology	
BIOL 407	Tropical Field Biology	
BIOL 415	Tropical Ecosystems	

CHEM 300	Environmental Chemistry	
GEOG 131	Introduction to Cartography	
GEOL 103	Weather and Climate-GTSC2	
GEOL 104	Oceanography-GTSC2	
GEOL 107	Natural Hazards and Environmental Geology-GTSC2	
GEOL 359	Survey of Energy-Related Natural Resources	
GIST 332 & 332L	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Introduction to Geographic Information Systems Laboratory	
Social and Behavioral Science		
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 103	World Regional Geography-GTSS2 [1]	
POLS 261	Comparative Politics-GTSS1	
POLS 270	World Politics [1]	
POLS 366	Government and Politics of Asia	
POLS 372	Peace and Conflict Studies	
POLS 373	Global Politics of Women and Gender	
POLS 471	International Organizations and Law	
POLS 482	International Relations Theory	
POLS 488	Environmental Politics and Policy	
SOCO 310	Sociology of Religion	
SOCO 314	Population	
Select one of the following:		3
Additional course from the Business, History, Languages and Literature, Natural Science and Mathematics, or Social and Behavior Sciences lists above		
Complete 3 credits through a pre-approved study abroad program		
Total Semester Credit Hours		**24**

[1] If POLS 270 or GEOG 103 are taken to fulfil the Core requirement for the minor, they cannot also be used to fulfil the Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.

Advising and Graduation

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the "Intent to Graduate" form.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.