



Program Description

The Associate in Arts degree program in International Studies provides students with a range of studies that emphasize the interconnections among global political, economic, social, and cultural events and processes. As globalization literally makes the world a smaller place, International Studies helps prepare students to take advantage of those changes, both in terms of their personal growth and career opportunities. The degree is designed to prepare students for transfer and continued academic success within a liberal arts setting, especially one dedicated to the study of international and global events. This program also features a solid grounding in liberal arts education.

The curriculum is designed to include a broad range of courses with international themes in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to core courses in the liberal arts common to many programs, International Studies requires students to take classes in foreign languages, international relations, world history and international literature. Through these courses, students will develop critical learning skills, a foundation of knowledge about the international system and the ability to clearly write, analyze and communicate about concepts in the discipline.

This degree has been approved by SUNY and NYS Education Department for online distance learning delivery. This does not mean that SUNY Orange offers every course in the program online; however, many are offered in this format. Please check the current credit course schedule for online DL virtual course listings offered each semester.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- demonstrate foundational knowledge of and an appreciation for the cultural, social, and natural worlds
- recognize the diversity of human experience, values, and perspectives
- demonstrate an understanding of the forms of artistic expression and their creative processes
- apply critical thinking and systematic reasoning skills
- demonstrate information management, quantitative skills, and an understanding of the role of empirical measurement
- use effective oral and written communication skills
- transfer to, and succeed at, an upper-level institution
- understand the processes that contribute to globalization and increased interdependence among people, governments and states

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission.

Transfer Options

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer. These transfer institutions include:

- four-year SUNY campuses
- a variety of public and private four-year colleges with whom articulation agreements are under development

Your Career Coach

Career opportunities exist in the following fields:

- language interpreter
- high school teacher
- international business
- international law
- government or diplomatic work
- export-import work

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International Studies Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: HIS 121, HIS 122
- Key courses: POL 220, POL 221
- Electives: HIS 220, HIS 222, HIS 223, HIS 224, HIS 233, HIS 234

Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

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First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1 (G10A [w] & G11A)	P	3
COM 101	Foundations of Communication (G10A [o] & G11A)		3
MAT ____	SUNY Mathematics (G1A)		3-4
Either			
GEO 102	Human Geography (G3A & G6A)		
Or			
ANT 101	Cultural and Social Anthropology (G3A & G6A)		3
POL 220	Comparative Governments (G3A)		3
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
	Total Semester Credits		16-17

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Register for second semester classes

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2 (G7A & G12A)	P	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology (G3A)		3
_____	SUNY Natural Sciences (G2A)		3-4
POL 221	International Relations (G3A)		3
HIS 121	World History 1 (G5A)		3
PES ____	Physical Education		1
	Total Semester Credits		16-17

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete HIS 121 (World History 1)
- Complete POL 221 (International Relations)

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
Either			
ENG 203	World Literature: Ancient World Through the Renaissance (G7A)	P	
Or			
ENG 204	World Literature: Enlightenment to the Modern Age (G7A)	P	3
HIS 122	World History 2 (G5A)		3
_____	SUNY Arts (G8A)		3
_____	SUNY World Languages* (G9A)		3
ECO 201	Macro-Economics (G3A)		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete HIS 122 (World History 2)
- Begin language requirement (competency at or above 102 level)
- Perform a degree audit

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 225	International Literature (G7A)	P	3
_____	General Elective		3
_____	Liberal Arts Science or Math**		3-4
_____	Restricted Elective***		3
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	Total Semester Credits		15-16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Complete restricted electives (choose 2 from the list)
- Complete language requirement (competency at or above 102 level)
- Apply for graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 62-64

Notes:

*Elementary 2 or higher

**Math elective, if chosen, must be MAT 113 or higher

***Choose two of the following courses: ECO 203, HIS 220 (G5A), HIS 222 (G5A), HIS 223 (G5A), HIS 224 (G5A), HIS 233 (G5A), HIS 234 (G5A), _____ Non-Western Art, _____ Foreign Language Intermediate 1 (or higher), HIS 232 (G5A & G6A), BUS 207