

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

at **BOSTON COLLEGE**

The International Studies (IS) Program offers a **flexible and rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate major and minor** in the Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences that **develops keen analytical skills and ethical reasoning amidst complex global dynamics.**

THE PATH OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR



1. EXPLORE THE MAJOR'S CORE COURSES

- Where on Earth? Foundations in Global History, Culture and Society
- Introduction to International Relations
- A designated Comparative Politics course
- Principles of Economics
- A designated upper-level Economics course
- Ethics, Religion, and International Politics



2. FOCUS YOUR INTERESTS

Students choose one of four concentrations:



Cooperation and Conflict



Ethics and Social Justice



Global Cultures



Political Economy and Development Studies



3. LEARN A LANGUAGE

Majors achieve **advanced proficiency in one** modern foreign language or **intermediate proficiency in two** modern foreign languages.



4. STUDY ABROAD

86% of IS majors study abroad, almost double the BC average. Recent locations include:

- Argentina
- Jordan
- India
- Spain
- Italy
- China
- South Africa and many more.



5. COMPLETE A CAPSTONE

Seniors choose either to take a **Senior Seminar** or write a **Senior Thesis** to complete their studies.



Elective Courses Across Disciplines

Unlike traditional departmental majors, the IS major includes courses across a wide array of disciplines: political science, economics, ethics, theology, sociology, philosophy, history, public health, management, communications, languages, literatures, and more.



The Minor

IS minors engage in an interdisciplinary six-course program. Like majors, they choose among four thematic concentrations; but they only need intermediate proficiency in one modern foreign language. The minor is open to all students who submit required forms by early in their junior year.

CLASS OF 2023 APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2020. SEE bc.edu/isp FOR DETAILS.

WHERE CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TAKE ME?

RECEIVED
POST-GRADUATE
FELLOWSHIPS
AT 4X THE RATE
OF OTHER BC
GRADS

Our graduates pursue a **wide range of careers**: diplomacy, international business, social service, public policy, finance, consulting, education, humanitarian work, law and more.

39
HAVE BECOME
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS
IN THE PAST
20 YEARS

LOCATIONS OF RECENT FIRST JOBS & GRADUATE PROGRAMS



24%
LIVED ABROAD THEIR
FIRST YEAR AFTER
GRADUATING

Domestic positions include:

- AIPAC Fellows Program
- American Red Cross
- Deloitte
- Department of Defense
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- MA House of Representatives
- Nike Communications
- Standard & Poor's
- and many more...

International positions include:

- Ernst & Young
- Fulbright Scholarship
- Global Health Corps
- Humanity in Action Fellowship
- JP Morgan Chase
- Peace Corps
- St. Boniface Haiti Foundation
- White and Case (Global Law)
- United Nations
- and many more...



IN THE WORDS OF CURRENT STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Mary Popeo '14

Co-founder of Peace Culture Village
Hiroshima, Japan



"As a student, I had the opportunity to travel to Japan twice on research grants, **thanks largely to mentorship from professors** in the IS and History departments who supported me through the application process and beyond. My time spent in Hiroshima and Nagasaki led me to pursue nuclear weapons activism, which eventually contributed to my move to Hiroshima and career in peace work."

Sean Keeley '15

Assistant Editor, The American Interest
Washington, DC, USA



"As someone who entered college feeling torn between different academic interests (French, Russian, political science), **IS helped me combine them in an interdisciplinary major**. Also, by virtue of its limited size and the core IS courses we all shared, it provided me with a more intimate community—of friends, faculty, and advisors—than I think most academic majors can offer."

Justice Kelly '17

International Consultant, AIC Education
Shanghai, China



"**No IS major was the same**. We all had different interests and different paths. No one person had the same experience, which was brilliant; we could tailor our experiences and classes to what interested us the most, and to what we believed would best impact our educations and our BC experience. This freedom allowed for **true personal and academic growth**."

Kate Bade '20

IS Major, US Embassy Intern
Dublin, Ireland



"Being an IS major has reaffirmed that I want my future career to include a global focus. It also boosted my interest in being a Foreign Service Officer, and led me to apply for and get an internship abroad at a US Embassy. This internship, as well as the opportunity to truly live abroad outside of the structure of a study abroad program, has **taught me so much about myself and what I want out of my future career**."

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