

International Studies (IS) Major Proposal 2026-2027

Name: _____ **Prospective Advisor:** _____

Your initial proposal should be turned in before applying to study abroad. Please email a copy of your proposal to the IS Director, Maria Hantzopoulos (mahantzopoulos@vassar.edu), and please also cc the IS administrative assistant, Ms. Sheila Stukes (shstukes@vassar.edu). We will respond to your proposals as soon as we can—in some cases with suggestions for revisions and/or clarification.

This is a *proposal*, NOT an application. If you want to be an IS major, you may be an IS major!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the IS Director Maria Hantzopoulos (email above) or the IS Interns, Jayadevi Cox (jcox@vassar.edu) and Sam Evans (sevens@vassar.edu).

Coursework for International Studies Majors

Please list the courses you plan to take as part of your International Studies Major on this form. Remember to include the course number and course title of each course. Please mark courses that you have already taken with an asterisk.

Disciplinary Concentration I: _____

Disciplinary Concentration II: _____

Requirements	Course Name	Semester Taken
Introductory Course	INTL 106 or GEOG 102	
Social Sciences Requirement: at least one 200-level course from 3 of the following 4 disciplines: Geography, History, Political Science, Economics (can be fulfilled by INTL 255)		
Disciplinary Concentration I: 2 200-level courses 1 300-level course	200:	
	200:	
	300:	
Disciplinary Concentration II: 2 200-level courses, 1 300-level course	200:	
	200:	
	300:	
Senior Seminar	INTL 305	
Senior Thesis	INTL 301 & 302	

Rationale for Major in International Studies:

In the space below, explain your reasons for deciding to major in International Studies.

- Identify the fields within which you intend to concentrate and your reasons for choosing these particular concentrations. What geographic focus will you follow within these concentrations?
- How will the courses you take help you to meet your intellectual objectives?
- If you plan to study abroad, please indicate where you are considering and how that experience will benefit your major.
- Which foreign language do you intend to study and what level of proficiency do you intend to achieve? How will this relate to your IS major?