INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN WORLD CINEMA

The international studies program offers a varied interdisciplinary humanities curriculum, global in scope and designed to increase students’ knowledge about the cultures and traditions, languages, literature and media, history, values, concerns, and aspirations of peoples in different countries and regions of the world. The goal of the program is ultimately also to both broaden students’ comparative intercultural perspectives and develop their cross-cultural communication abilities. Within each chosen concentration, the interdisciplinary range of offerings allows for flexibility in configuring each individual’s course of study, which can be organized in a manner that best suits a student’s particular needs.

Student learning outcomes
Upon completing this program, students will know how to do the following:

International studies core learning outcomes
• Critically analyze culturally specific as well as global issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives
• Demonstrate knowledge of universals and differences in worldviews and ethical systems (values) across a range of cultures
• Demonstrate cross-cultural communication skills and cultural sensitivity to interact effectively in international and/or multicultural settings, and engage with cultural difference in an informed and compassionate fashion
• Demonstrate intermediate college-level proficiency in a second language in each of the four modalities: speaking, listening, reading and writing

World cinema concentration-specific outcome
• Demonstrate knowledge in visual analysis and critique of international films

Experiential learning and study abroad
Each student completing a degree program within the School of World Studies is required to complete a World ePass as part of their experiential learning requirement; students are also encouraged to participate in a study abroad program. For more information on the ePass portfolio and study abroad opportunities, students may visit the overview page for the School of World Studies (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/college-humanities-sciences/school-worldstudies/).

Special requirements
To earn a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, students must complete 120 course credits, at least 36 of which must be in the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.25. Students must take at least 21 credits of upper-level (300- or 400-level) courses within the major, with a minimum of nine credits at the upper level earned at VCU (not through transfer credit). The focus of a degree in international studies is interdisciplinary and should reflect a well-rounded mix of courses completed in a variety of disciplines (e.g. ANTH, HIST, POLI, SOCY, WRLD and foreign language).

International studies majors are encouraged to complete the course requirements for a minor that will broaden their international studies perspectives. Minor options are varied and may be chosen from a broad range of subject areas. Students also may want to consider a second major. Advisers will work with students to explore the benefits of a double major and a minor.

Students must fulfill an experiential learning requirement through an approved internship, service-learning course or study-abroad program. Within the core requirements, students must complete six credits of foreign language study through the advanced level (300 level or higher). Native speakers of a language not taught at VCU can demonstrate fluency through evaluation to meet the requirement and then substitute six credits of additional course work chosen from the concentration electives to complete the degree. For students studying a foreign language not taught at VCU, or for which no upper-level courses are offered on campus, the School of World Studies advisers will assist the student in identifying appropriate language study options at other U.S. institutions or abroad. International studies majors also must fulfill the college general education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

To major in international studies, students must take course work that fulfills the requirements for the concentration chosen.

Degree requirements for International Studies, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a concentration in world cinema

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WRLD 495 World ePass Portfolio 0
Experiential fine arts 1
Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement) 0-6
Foreign language through the 202 or 205 level 0-6

Open electives
Select any course. 38-52

Total Hours 120

Students are encouraged to fulfill the upper-level foreign language requirement by choosing film-related course work from FREN 307, GRMN 307, ITAL 320 and SPAN 307. Those who meet the prerequisites for taking a 400-level course in foreign language may also consider taking a course from FREN 422, GRMN 422, RUSS 422 and SPAN 422.

Courses offered by the School of the Arts

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

Concentration electives

Select 12 credits from the following:

ANTH 331 Public Culture: Anthropology Through Film
ARTH 270 History of the Motion Picture I
ARTH 271 History of the Motion Picture II
ENGL 385 Fiction into Film
INTL 493 International Studies Internship (select only one)
FRLG 493 World Languages Internship
WRLD 493 World Cultures Internship
RELS 422 Religion and Film
WRLD 330 Global Film Studies
WRLD 422 World Cinema Cultures (course may be repeated with different themes)
WRLD 430 Film and the City

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Freshman year

Fall semester
UNIV 101 Introduction to the University 1
UNIV 111 Focused Inquiry I (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) 3
Play course video for Focused Inquiry I
WRLD 210 International Social Justice Studies 3
Experiential fine arts 1-3
Foreign language 101 (ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN) 3

Term Hours: 14-17

Spring semester
HUMS 202 Choices in a Consumer Society 1
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) 3

Term Hours: 16

Sophomore year

Fall semester
INTL 215 International Studies in the Professional World 3
UNIV 200 Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) 3
WRLD 230 Introduction to World Cinema (satisfies general education BOK for humanities/fine arts and AOI for creativity, innovation and aesthetic inquiry) 3
Foreign language 201 (ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN) 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
Concentration course (ARTH 270 or ARTH 271 History of the Motion Picture recommended) 3
Foreign language 202 (ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN) 3
General education course 3
General education course 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Junior year

Fall semester
INTL 375 Interdisciplinary Methods for International Studies Research 3
Concentration course 3
Foreign language 300-level or higher (ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN) 3
General education course 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
On-campus or study abroad semester.
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**Term Hours:** 15

**Summer semester**

Optional study abroad (recommended); credits completed during study abroad will decrease open electives needed in subsequent semesters:

In consultation with an academic adviser, 0-6 credits in INTL, foreign language relevant to concentration or degree electives

**Term Hours:** 0-6

**Senior year**

**Fall semester**

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**Term Hours:** 15

**Total Hours:** 120-132

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.