

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Two concentrations are offered in the College of Arts and Sciences in the Contemporary Global Studies major: History and Political Science/International Relations. Our objective is to prepare students for professional careers in government, business or academia. We do this by providing a high-quality educational environment, interesting challenges, and opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge graduates will need to be successful. The major also offers students ways to internationalize their learning experience, gain an international perspective, be better prepared for careers, and become better global citizens. Students majoring in contemporary global studies will be interested in preparing for a career in which they will be able to use their knowledge, their interest in foreign languages, their understanding of other cultures, their exposure to other parts of the world through travel, and/or their experience living or working in other countries.

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HIGHLIGHTS

History is a systematic study of the past which we use in order to understand how people and societies behave in the present. One foundational course for the CGS major is the world history course which at Lewis is called “Culture and Civilization” in which we study the story of humanity by means of great persons and events, ideas and institutions, aspirations, achievements and failures. CGS majors need to understand the major world civilizations, cultures and economies. History is one of the windows through which we examine the contemporary world so that we can understand the values and aspirations of the global community.

Political Science/International Relations is the study of how nations, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations interact around the world. Students will gain a theoretical foundation of International Relations as well as an understanding of various countries’ political systems, ideologies and policies. While studying International Relations, students learn about the role of governments in the global political economy and about the political and economic relationships among countries.

The students undertaking the International Relations concentration will be interested in challenges and will have the opportunity to build upon existing skills and knowledge. They will learn new skills to identify, analyze, and use information necessary to evaluate various political, social and economic issues, thus preparing them for future decision-making. Students taking International Relations will also use information necessary to evaluate various political, social and economic issues in this process.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students will expand their career opportunities by adding an international dimension and developing a more intensive set of international skills and experiences. The graduate will be prepared to go to law school, work for a state or national government, a nonprofit organization interested in, or involved in, a particular part of the world, or a small, medium-sized, or Fortune 500 company engaged in international business. As the global economy expands, more companies will be seeking employees with excellent analytical and communication skills and a broad international perspective.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Students preparing for professional careers in business, government and education, for example, can learn more about the effects of history and culture on the behavior and structure of political, financial and economic institutions around the world. The effects of political and international trade relationships and the impact of globalization on human rights, the environment, international trade, nationalism, and investment are explored.

Other features of the program include:

- International Experience Component
- International Internships
- Study Abroad Opportunities in Ireland, London, Mexico, and elsewhere
- International Experience Short Courses
- Language / Communication Skills Component
- History / Area Studies
- Political Science / International Relations

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Total Credit Hours: 128
Major Credit Hours: 48

(Students seeking a business-focused curriculum should consult the International Business program in the College of Business.)

I. General Education (52)

General Education course requirements are listed in the General Information section of this catalog. The following are recommended:

Literature

06-334 Non-Western Literature (3)

Theology

19-298 Christianity and World Religions (3)

Social Sciences

18-200 American National Government (3)
OR

18-210 State and Local Government (3)

Economics

04-195 The American Economy (3)
OR

04-200 Basic Macroeconomics (3)

II. Core Courses (21)

61-210 Introduction to Contemporary Global Studies (3)

09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

18-250 Research Methods (3)

(Political Science / International Relations students take 18-250.)

OR

70-190 Microcomputer Software (3)

(History students take 70-190.)

18-361 History of Political Thought I (3)

OR

18-362 History of Political Thought II (3)

26-100 General Psychology (3)

26-285 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)

04-346 Business-Government Relations
in the Global Economy (3)

III. Two Major Concentrations are offered: Political Science / International Relations and History. The student must take eighteen hours in one concentration. (18)

Option 1. Political Science / International Relations Concentration

A. *Required course:*

18-200 American National Government (3)

B. *Choose one of the following courses:*

18-361 History of Political Thought I (3)

18-362 History of Political Thought II (3)

18-368 Non-Western Political Thought (3)

C. *Choose four courses from the following:*

18-336 American Foreign Policy (3)

18-321 Comparative Government (3)

18-331 International Relations (3)

18-337 International Topics (3)

18-362 History of Political Thought II (3)

18-364 Political Ideologies (3)

Option 2. History Concentration

A. *Three required courses:*

09-323 The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1941 (3)

09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)

09-337 Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race in American History (3)

B. *Choose three additional courses from the following regional clusters:*

Latin America

09-211 Latin American and Caribbean History: Ancient Times to the Present (3)

20-315 Sociology of Latinas / os in the United States (3)

09-384 France and Spain (3)

Asia

09-261 History of India: Ancient Times to the Present (3)

09-351 Modern China (3)

09-352 Modern Japan (3)

Europe / Eastern Europe

09-372 Modern Europe (1815-Present) (3)

09-385 Russia: Ancient Times to the Present (3)

09-386 Eastern Europe: From the Baltic to the Black Sea (3)

IV. **Capstone Course:** This is a writing-intensive / advanced course that satisfies the advanced writing requirement for General Education. Students must select the course related to their concentration from the following: (3)

09-403 Historiography II: Senior Research Seminar (2)

18-410 International Relations Capstone (3)

61-410 International Business Capstone (3)

V. International Experience Courses (6)

A. *Study Abroad Options (3-6)*

21-120 International Experience Seminar (1)

Study Abroad courses approved by the CGS advisor may be applied to the International Experience requirement up to 5 credits. (2-5)

For further information on the Study Abroad Options, consult the General Information section of this catalog.

B. *International Internship Options (3-6) (Internships must be approved by a CGS advisor.)*

09-398 Internship for History Majors (1-3)

18-398 Internship in Political Science (1-3)

C. *International Experience Short Courses (3-6)*

Generally includes a series of seminars at Lewis in preparation for a short course abroad. Course number will depend on concentration.

VI. Language / Communication Skills

Students majoring in Contemporary Global Studies will be required to complete one year of college-level study in a foreign language (or the equivalent.)

Students can fulfill this requirement in any one of the following ways: 1. Successfully completing a two-semester language course in the Lewis University Language Program. 2. Transferring to Lewis University the equivalent training from another recognized post-secondary institution subject to current University transfer policies. 3. Taking a diagnostic test in a particular language which either: a. places them out of the requirement; or b. diagnoses them as needing one or two additional semesters of college-level study. Additional study can be filled by:

- successfully completing the required number of semesters of college level study at Lewis University;
- using the transfer option outlined above; or
- retaking the diagnostic test at a later date and placing out of the requirement.

In order to demonstrate knowledge of first-year foreign language study, students must have at least a rating of Novice-High in listening, speaking, reading, and writing on the ACTFL FSI scale for non-cognate languages (Chinese, Japanese, Russian) or Intermediate Low level for cognate languages. Native speakers of languages other than English will not be subject to this requirement.

VII. Recommended Elective Courses

- 10-350 Intercultural Communication (3)
 20-360 Sociology of Conflict and Cooperation (3)
 26-365 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (3)

CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL STUDIES / MINOR

This minor is available to all students and is particularly relevant for those majoring in History, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Human Resource Management, and Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as for all majors in the College of Business.

Minor Credit Hours: 24

I. Core Courses (21)**A. Foundation Course (3)**

- 09-102 Culture and Civilization II (3)

B. History area (2 required; no more than 3) (6-9)

- 09-211 Latin American and Caribbean History: Ancient Times to the Present (3)
 09-261 History of India: Ancient Times to the Present (3)
 09-323 The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1941 (3)
 09-325 United States Since 1941 (3)
 09-351 Modern China (3)
 09-352 Modern Japan (3)
 09-372 Modern Europe (1815-Present) (3)
 09-385 Russia: Ancient Times to the Present (3)
 09-386 Eastern Europe: From the Baltic to the Black Sea (3)

C. Political Science (2 required; no more than 3) (6-9)

- 18-321 Comparative Government (3)
 18-331 International Relations (3)
 18-336 American Foreign Policy (3)
 18-337 International Topics (3)

D. Psychology (3)

- 26-285 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3)

E. Sociology (3)

- 20-290 Cultural Diversity and Intergroup Relations (3)

II. Choose one of the following electives: (3)

- 06-334 Non-Western Literature (3)
 10-350 Intercultural Communication (3)
 20-315 Sociology of Latinas / os in the United States (3)
 20-360 Sociology of Conflict and Cooperation (3)
 26-365 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (3)

Other courses may be suitable for this minor and may be substituted for an elective after consultation with and permission from the Chair of the Department of History. In addition, the Lewis Study Abroad Program may be incorporated into this minor after consultation with and permission from the academic advisor, the Chair of the Department of History and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. See Study Abroad Opportunities in the General Information section of this Catalog or consult the Director of Study Abroad Programs.