Overview of the Major

The International Studies major provides students with an understanding of global issues and the impact of international dynamics at the local, national, and regional levels. The major combines a rigorous liberal education with professional preparation: students majoring in International Studies have the opportunity to develop particular specializations and to prepare for a variety of careers in business, public service, and the non-profit sector.

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About the degree

International Studies is an interdisciplinary major designed to engage students in an in-depth examination of international politics, economics, history, society, and culture. Students will pursue one of six specializations:

- International Business and Economics
- Global and Comparative Perspectives
- Middle East and African Studies
- Asian Studies
- European and Russian Studies
- Latin American and Iberian Studies

No matter which specialization is chosen, students will gain an understanding of major global issues and analyze their own society in a broader global context. They will also learn how to apply interdisciplinary approaches to global problems and issues and acquire transferable skills in communication, collection and analysis of data, and research.

In addition, students will gain at least intermediate proficiency in a foreign language and earn a CUGS (Certificate of Undergraduate Study) or minor in a foreign language.

Flexible curriculum

With at least 42 credits of non-program and free electives, International Studies majors are encouraged to combine International Studies with a minor or concentration and/or double major in one of the academic disciplines. Students may double major in International Studies and almost any major in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and the College of Communication & Creative Arts (within 120 credits).

Students in the College of Business may earn a double major in International Studies with approximately 130 credits.

Students are also strongly encouraged to study abroad, especially in a non-English speaking country.

Internationally recognized faculty

The International Studies major draws on the expertise of Rowan faculty who have earned national and international recognition in their fields. Students will have the opportunity to take core courses in International Studies and study with outstanding faculty from a broad range of disciplines.

Careers in international studies

International Studies majors will acquire the intellectual, technical, and social competencies to be competitive as applicants for employment and graduate or professional study in the U.S. or abroad in a broad range of fields, such as international trade, management and management consulting, service industries, intelligence and security, public relations, international law, and international education. They will be well-positioned to obtain jobs within both governmental units and non-governmental organizations and foundations devoted to international relations, humanitarian relief, international development, international public health, and related areas.

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