

Students majoring and minoring in international studies graduate with an awareness of their place in a rapidly changing world and with the attitudes and the skills to allow them to participate effectively in the global community. International Studies combines courses, projects, and study abroad experiences to develop competency in contemporary global issues.

Providing global exposure. The challenges of a culturally diverse society, the world's growing interdependence, the changes in our national and global economies, and the rapid growth of technology and communications—these are only some of the reasons for taking international studies at St. Ambrose.

Be a part of change. International studies complements and broadens the focus of almost any major offered at St. Ambrose. Through your own individually created plan of study combining courses, projects and overseas experiences, you'll be exposed to issues, themes and problems associated with the international scene. You'll gain a greater awareness of your place in a rapidly changing world, and a greater confidence in how you can be a part of those changes.

Ambrose Advantages

Understanding an interdependent world. The international studies program at St. Ambrose University offers an interdisciplinary blend of courses, providing students with an understanding of the interdependent world. Both international studies majors and minors foster awareness and appreciation of diversity by increasing students' awareness of and contribution to the global community. The courses in this major and minor span a number of disciplines including social sciences, humanities, business, language, and theology.

Create your own area of study. You are able to create your own area of study. In other words, your plan can focus on a region of the world. Faculty members work closely with students to provide direction and coordinate the various components of the major (and the minor), as well as give advice about choosing an area that best fits your interests and career plans. Upon completion of this major, the international studies student will be able to:

- > Evaluate the impact of current global issues and their cultural, economic, and political implications using a knowledge base from multiple disciplines.
- > Communicate the similarities and differences in the human condition across national boundaries and cultural contexts.
- > Demonstrate writing skills necessary for intercultural communication.
- > Integrate the study of at least one secondary language with discipline-based topics.



- > Synthesize and defend conclusions to selected case studies by integrating facts, ideas and persuasive arguments as part of a political science research analysis.

Career Opportunities

An international studies degree offers the flexibility to pursue a wide range of enticing career opportunities such as, **international law, foreign affairs, defense, intelligence, diplomacy, international business, journalism/communication, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, language, education and politics.**

Career Outlook

- > The field of interpretation and translation is among the five fastest growing on the U.S. job market, with jobs projected to nearly double by 30,000 through 2022, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- > The annual median salary for international finance managers was \$109,740 in 2012, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook. International marketing managers earned a median salary of \$119,480 in 2012.
- > International studies students who go on to law school earned a median salary of \$113,530 as a lawyer in 2012, and nearly 75,000 jobs are projected to open in the field through 2022.
- > Adult literacy and high school equivalency teaching positions are expected to increase by 9 percent through 2022. Median pay for such teaching positions was \$48,590 in 2012.
- > Teaching positions ranked fourth (high school), sixth (middle school) and 10th (elementary school)—based on growth potential and job and salary satisfaction—among social service jobs in a 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of jobs

Your Career: Networking, Internships and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career.

With its rich history and people from many cultures, the Quad Cities offers a diverse population and experiences for students. Viva! Quad-Cities, celebrating the Hispanic heritage, is but one of the many cultural events held annually that gives students the chance to enjoy the thriving diversity within the Quad Cities. From Scotland to Sweden, Vietnam to Africa, you'll find a multitude of cultural traditions to explore and learn from. For students majoring in education, St. Ambrose also has strong connections to more than 150 public and private schools in the Quad City area. Deere & Company is headquartered here, as are local operations for other international corporations such as Alcoa, HON and Ralston Purina. Many other companies that span the globe have branches and administration centers in the Quad City region, and provide employment for people with business, technology and language skills.

All this makes the Quad Cities an exceptional place for networking, internships and jobs.

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We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Arts degree and a minor in International Studies. For complete curriculum information and course descriptions, consult the Course Catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.

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