



Villagers in northern Mozambique wait to meet with visitors from the U.S. Photo courtesy of Deborah Avant, School of Social Sciences.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

THE DEGREE

Why do some countries acquire nuclear weapons while others do not? How has the use of private forces in Iraq affected democracy in the U.S.? How do illegal immigrants acquire citizenship through illegal paperwork? Why are NGOs sometimes a force for good in global politics and other times not? UCI's international studies (IS) scholars investigate global issues to contribute to solutions that positively impact citizens around the world.

RESEARCH

More than 100 UCI faculty members from the social sciences, humanities, social ecology, business and beyond have research interests in international and global affairs. This base of expertise places UCI among the leading educational institutions in the world. The major draws upon all these faculty members to offer a rich curriculum and range of activities focused on global issues.

CAREERS

IS majors acquire cutting-edge analytical skills and knowledge that enable them to understand and contribute to the rapidly evolving global community. They go on to careers in international affairs, diplomacy, law, public policy, business, NGOs and academic research and teaching.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT UCI

The honors program in international studies provides qualified students an opportunity to pursue specialized research in an area of their choosing.

UCI's Gamma Gamma Chapter of the International Studies National Honors Society was established in 2006 primarily as a means by which to honor those students who have excelled academically and to foster an understanding of world affairs.

The International Studies Public Forum is a bi-weekly lecture series to present new ideas or research. It is also offered as a two unit undergraduate class.

The minor in conflict resolution offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in conflict resolution that also includes training to become a certified mediator in the State of California.

Certificates in mediation and the Olive Tree Initiative provide opportunities to learn about conflict resolution with hands-on mediation experience in Orange County, and conflict resolution in the context of the Israeli Palestinian conflict, complete with a visit the region.

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SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
Lower Division Writing (two courses)
International Studies 11, 13, 14 and History 21B or C (four courses)²
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VI³
General Education VII (one course)
International Studies 183A

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)
Social Science 10A–B–C or Math 2A–B–7
Economics 20A–B; Social Science 5D; or Sociology 2 (four courses)
General Education II or IV
Language other than English 2A–B–C

Junior (16 units per quarter)
Upper Division Writing
Regional focus courses (four courses)
Functional focus courses (two courses)
International Experience (minimum of 1 qtr)⁴
Apply to Honor Program in International Studies at end of junior year⁵

Senior (16 units per quarter)
Functional focus courses (two courses)
Electives
International Studies H180, 190–199 if in Honors Program (three courses)

¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

²These courses can satisfy General Education VIII.

³Language may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation. Note: The major in international studies requires completion of a foreign language through the 2C level.

⁴International studies majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad through the Education Abroad Program or International Opportunities Program for a quarter, summer or year.

⁵The Honors Program is open to all juniors and senior international studies majors with an overall GPA of 3.0 and an international studies major GPA of 3.5 who have completed International Studies 11, 13, 14 and two upper division courses.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT UC IRVINE

The international studies program provides a residential theme house in Arroyo Vista for all interested students – the International Peace and Conflict Studies (IPACS) House. Students have the opportunity to live with people who share interests in the study of cooperation and conflict in global affairs.

Student organizations throughout the UC Irvine campus community provide those with an interest in international and global affairs many opportunities to debate global issues and share international research and ideas. They include:

- Global Connect
- Model United Nations
- Middle Eastern Studies Student Initiative
- International Studies Honors Society

Most international studies majors study abroad during their tenure at UCI. For more information about the study abroad option, please visit the Center for International Education website, www.cie.uci.edu.

Learn more about these and other opportunities online at <http://internationalstudies.ss.uci.edu/>.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including course planning, change of major requests, financial aid appeals, course substitutions, and information concerning honors, graduate and professional school, and careers and internships. Visit the Undergraduate Student Affairs Office online at http://undergraduatestudies.ss.uci.edu/ugs_usa or call (949) 824–6803 today to set up an appointment.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

A great starting point for information about academic-related endeavors is the School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) where students may obtain information about internships, graduate school, and prospective careers in a number of social sciences-related fields. Visit the Academic Resource Center online at www.socsci.uci.edu/ssarc or call (949) 824–8322 today to set up an appointment.

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