## Mission/Vision Statement

The mission of the International Studies program is to provide students with a comprehensive set of skills that allows them to be successful in a globalized world. International Studies offers a curriculum that is broad enough to encompass a number of student interests, but narrow enough to provide students with a sharp focus. Implicit in the program is an interdisciplinary approach to scholarship that includes study in a number of departments. Students will achieve a high level of competency in international politics, economics, history, culture and languages. The mission of International Studies also includes advocacy for Study Abroad which is an essential component of a truly global education.

The primary vision of the International Studies program is to be at the forefront of the University’s mission to prepare students to take their place as informed citizens in the global community. International Studies has the unique capacity to be the champion of the University’s desire to educate students in a diverse global environment because of the diversity inherent in International Studies itself.

## Students/Customer

The program serves undergraduate students interested in pursuing a major or minor in International Studies.

## Program Objectives (PO)

- Increasing the level of enrollment.
- Continuing to improve the quality of our capstone sequence.
- Maintaining current high teaching standards.
- Increased student participation in international programs.

## Student Learning Objectives (SLO)

International Studies students will:
- Understand the basic principles of the discipline.
- Communicate ideas clearly, both orally and in written form, to a professional audience.
- Design and conduct a major research project of either normative or empirical methods.
- Understand and apply basic statistical techniques.
- Apply abstract theories to concrete problems and political issues.

## Key Assessment Activities

- Student Portfolios
- Capstone Experience
- Public Presentation of Research

## University Strategic Plan Goals (SPG)

1. Achieving excellence & growth in academic programs.
2. Developing a world-class support environment.
3. Valuing our people.

## Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLO)

Through coursework, learning experiences, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, students will develop and demonstrate:

1. Knowledge, skills, and scholarship appropriate to general and major field areas of study.
2. Effective written and oral communication skills and information literacy using an array of media and modalities.
3. Practical, critical, analytical, and quantitative reasoning skills.
4. Actions reflecting ethical reasoning, civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and respect for diversity.
5. Interpersonal skills and knowledge of self as a learner that contribute to effective team work, mentoring, and life-long learning.
### Strategic Alignment

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