

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS WORKSHEET

All course work must be internationally focused. Departmental advisors are happy to assist students in course selection that reflects their interests. Non-POLI, internationally-oriented courses, may come from any department (e.g., anthropology, comparative literature, economics, foreign cultures and literatures, geography, history, philosophy, public health, religious studies, sociology, women's studies, etc.), and must be major level courses within that dept (usually 300-500 level). All courses counted toward the major must be approved by advisor. A list of already approved POLI and non-POLI courses may be found here: [International Studies, B.A. < University of South Carolina \(sc.edu\)](http://InternationalStudies.BA.<UniversityofSouthCarolina.sc.edu)

### OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS

1. **General major** - 27 hours, completed according to requirements listed on the front of this sheet.
2. **BA with distinction** – General major, plus 301, 498, and 499. This option is for students who wish to participate in significant research activities in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. Prerequisite: 3.6 minimum GPA in major courses and a minimum overall GPA of 3.3. A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor will be placed on file in the department or college office. Students will produce a piece of original research and make a public presentation of that research in a venue approved by the faculty mentor. Venues include the annual meeting of the SC Political Science Association (or other annual meeting of the appropriate professional organization), a regular or special session of the Political Science Research Workshop, sessions scheduled for the Political Science Awards Day activities, USC Discovery Day, or successful submission of the research to a professional journal. Students who successfully complete these requirements and maintain a GPA of at least 3.6 in major courses and a 3.3 overall will be awarded their degree with “Distinction in International Studies” upon graduation.
3. **Intensive major** – General major plus six additional hours of approved major work and 499. Intensive majors must maintain a B or better in all major courses. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language, demonstrated by earning a rating of “intermediate high” on the ACTFL/ETS examination or a “1+” rating on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) examination. In those languages for which such testing is not available within the languages department, proficiency will be demonstrated by passing with a C or better a minimum of 15 hours in one foreign language.

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3. Leave the subject bar empty.
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### GUIDELINES FOR ADVISEMENT HANDBOOK

This handbook, published by the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, outlines and defines University and College degree requirements. Students should refer to this book for assistance in selecting courses to meet core and distribution requirements. It also provides assistance in minor/cognate selection and answers questions about many University and College of Liberal Arts academic requirements and academic procedures. Students are given one copy of this book when they enter the College. It is also available online at [Undergraduate Students - My Arts and Sciences | University of South Carolina](http://UndergraduateStudents-MyArtsandSciences|UniversityofSouthCarolina) under “Academic Policies.”

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the International Studies major, go to our website: [My Poli - Department of Political Science | University of South Carolina](http://MyPoli-DepartmentofPoliticalScience|UniversityofSouthCarolina) or contact Janis Leaphart, Undergraduate Coordinator, in the POLI Office of Undergraduate Student Services at 777-7722 or email her at [leaphart@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:leaphart@mailbox.sc.edu) .

## Major Requirements: B.A. International Studies

### I. Core and Distribution Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
ENGL 101	_____	_____
ENGL 102	_____	_____
HISTORICAL THINKING (6 hours)		
111 OR 112	_____	_____
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(101, 102, 108, 104, 105, 106, 109; see advising handbook for non-history choices)		
FOREIGN LANGUAGE (through 122)		
_____	_____	_____
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SCIENTIFIC LITERACY (8 hours)		
_____	_____	_____
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ANALYTICAL REASONING & PROBLEM SOLVING (6 hours)		
GEOG 105; MATH 122 or higher; PHIL 114, 115; CSCE 101 or higher; STAT 110 or higher (NOTE: may not count <i>both</i> STAT 110 <i>and</i> 112)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS (12 hours)		
3 hours Aesthetic/Interpretive Understanding (approved Carolina Core selection) + 9 hours (3 additional courses)		
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SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 hours)		
<u>POLI 101</u>	_____	_____
<u>POLI 303</u>	_____	_____
OVERLAY (9 hours – six hours may also be used to fulfill general education but <i>not</i> major or minor requirements)		
a. persuasive communication; b. information literacy; c. values, ethics & social responsibility		
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. <u>POLI 201</u>	_____	_____
ELECTIVES		
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### II. Major Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
<b>Required Supporting Courses</b>		
POLI 101	_____	_____
POLI 201	_____	_____
POLI 303	_____	_____

**General Major (required)**  
 \*\*All courses must be internationally focused. POLI 105, 315, 316, plus five additional internationally focused courses (15 hours). All courses must be major level. Besides 315 and 316, at least two courses (six hours) must be POLI courses. **ALL major course selections must be approved by the student's departmental advisor.**

POLI 105	_____	_____
POLI 315	_____	_____
POLI 316	_____	_____
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**BA with distinction (optional)** – General Major plus POLI 301, 498, and 499.

**Intensive Major (optional)** – General Major plus six hours of approved POLI major course work, POLI 499, and language certification.

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_____	_____	_____
_____	Certification of completion of language requirement	

### III. Cognate or Minor

\_\_\_\_\_ COGNATE or \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR (check one)  
 (12 hours) (18 hours)

Name of minor: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
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**DOUBLE MAJOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A double major eliminates the cognate/minor requirement. Please note, however, that a dual degree does **not** eliminate the cognate/minor requirement.)