APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

Thank you for your interest in becoming an undergraduate major in the International Studies Program. Pre-major advising and help with application procedures are available from undergraduate advisers in 304 PLC (Prince Lucien Campbell Hall).

As of AY 2014-15, all students who wish to apply to the INTL Major must declare the INTL Pre-Major. Beginning 2015-16, all students interested in the INTL major will need to complete the Pre-Major requirements before they will be accepted to the INTL Major.

The deadline for applications is Monday of the fourth week, fall, winter, and spring terms. A cumulative UO GPA of 3.0 or above is required for the admission to the International Studies Major. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please make sure you include the following in your application packet submitted in the following order:

1. **International Studies Application cover sheet:** Page 1 of the Application Packet

2. **International Studies Pre-Major Requirements:** This sheet is provided within the application packet and must be checked off/signed off on by an Undergraduate Advisor for International Studies.

3. **Three essays,** described on page 2 of this document.

4. **INTL Undergraduate Major Planner & Graduation Requirements** which lists the courses you have already taken and those you plan to take. Please print out the chart and fill it out in pencil. This sheet must be reviewed and approved by an undergraduate adviser in the International Studies Program (304 PLC, 346-3122) prior to application submission.

5. A copy of your UO transcript, showing you have completed at least two terms successfully at the UO (unofficial copy from Duckweb please) and transfer statements with grade reports to ensure that we have a complete up-to-date academic record.

6. **Faculty Advisor Form:** Identify your faculty adviser, and ask them to sign the green approval form. This person can be from any University department (for example, see the University Committee on International Studies list in the UO Catalogue under the International Studies Program) and must be an academic faculty member, not a GTF, adjunct or visiting faculty member. The faculty adviser’s role is to inform, guide and mentor the student in his or her geographical and/or professional focus, and should therefore be someone with whom you share similar international interests. Please remember that it is the role of the ISP undergraduate advisers to guide you on program details; your faculty adviser is to play a mentoring role. You should indicate on your planner and in your third essay who you expect to be your faculty adviser, and identify an alternate choice if needed.

7. **Separate statement of overseas experience:** On a separate piece of paper (not your IS Program Planner) State your plans for attaining overseas experience. Previous recent international experience may be considered toward the completion of this requirement; consult an undergraduate adviser or the INTL Undergraduate Studies faculty adviser early in your program to see if your experience qualifies. The OIEE and the IE3 Global Internship Program are good resources when planning overseas experiences. (330 Oregon Hall)

8. **AEIS & Written English Statement (for International Students, if applicable)** State your plans for completing your AEIS & Written English Requirements, or provide the date you completed this requirement.

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Please do NOT include any additional materials, including letters of recommendation, photographs, or degree audits

The admissions committee meets once each term excluding summer, and the application deadline for each term, **Monday of the fourth week**. You will be notified of the committee’s decision by email to your UO email account, generally within two or three weeks after the application deadline. Your acceptance into the program doesn’t necessarily mean that all proposals in your application packet were accepted or approved for your program of study. Please check with the Undergraduate Advisor for fulfillment of requirements. At the time of notification of your acceptance into the program you will be notified of a mandatory orientation meeting for all new majors.

Thank you for your interest in becoming an undergraduate major in the International Studies Program. If you have any questions, you may contact an undergraduate adviser in 304 PLC or you may call the International Studies Program office at (541) 346-5051.

**Questions for the Essays**

Please submit the following three essays. They should be typed, double spaced and approximately one-page each in length. Essays should be specific, describing interests, experiences, and goals.

1. **How did you become interested in international issues?**  How would you describe the quality of that interest? This can be an autobiographical statement if you wish.

2. **What are your current thoughts about a future vocation or profession?**  This can be called a "career goals" statement. We do not wish to force you into a premature declaration, but want to know about your work interests and how these are related to your academy program.

3. **How will you fulfill the requirements of the major?**  Here, give a description of the ‘integrating principle’ or element that ties your program together. Please address the following:

   a. What is your specific geographic area of study and how will you fulfill the third year language requirement?  (Your foreign language must be directly related to this area.)

   b. What is your professional concentration and who is your preferred faculty advisor?

   c. How do your choices for (a) and (b) combine to meet your academic goals in International Studies?