



major in
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

uci international studies researchers ask *questions* like:

- ✓ 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.?
- ✓ Why are NGOs sometimes a force for good in global politics and other times not?

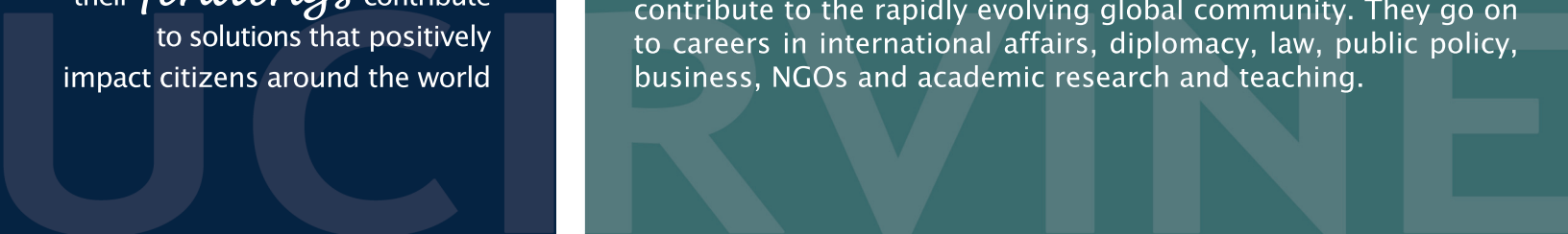
their *findings* contribute to solutions that positively impact citizens around the world

the degree

The major in international studies provides an interdisciplinary perspective on contemporary global issues, societies and cultures. International studies majors acquire twenty-first-century analytical skills and knowledge that will enable them to understand and contribute to shaping the rapidly evolving global community. 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 of these faculty members to offer a rich curriculum and range of activities focused on global issues.

careers

International studies 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.



suggested curriculum

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
Lower Division Writing (two courses)
International Studies 11, 13, 14 and History
21 A, B or C (four courses)²
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
Language other than English through 2B level³
General Education VII (one course)
International Studies 183A

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)
Social Science 10A–B–C or Math 2A–B and
Stats 7
Economics 20B and choose one from:
Anthro 2A, PolSci 51A, RelSt 5A, RelSt 5B,
Social Science 5D, Sociology 2 (two courses)
General Education II or IV (three courses)

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 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.

³This satisfies General Education VI.

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.

opportunities

honors program

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

certificate programs

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.

minor

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.

international peace and conflict studies house

The international studies program provides a residential theme house in Arroyo Vista for all interested students. Students have the opportunity to live with people who share interests in the study of cooperation and conflict in global affairs.

student organizations

Organizations throughout the UC Irvine campus community provide students 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 and Olive Tree Initiative, to name a few.

undergrad student affairs

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 undergradstudies.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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