About This Minor...

The International Studies Minor recognizes the complex interconnections between academic disciplines, peoples in cultural contexts, and opportunities for social and economic advancement for our graduates.

Students from a wide variety of disciplines can supplement their major in business, social sciences, natural sciences or humanities with an international focus through this minor. This will help them to understand the changing nature of their field while making their degree more marketable in a global workforce.

Students choose from a menu of options drawn from disciplines across the campus. The interdisciplinary nature of the international studies minor is essential for preparing our students to enter into the new global marketplace of ideas and goods. Students taking the International Studies Minor are encouraged to enhance their experience at Colorado Mesa by participating in a variety of Study Abroad opportunities available while attending CMU.

Advising Process and DegreeWorks

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a minor. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended minor.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar’s Office to evaluate progress towards a minor. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head for the minor. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar’s Office.

Graduation Process

A minor cannot be awarded by itself. It must be combined with a baccalaureate degree outside the major field of study. Students should follow the graduation process outlined for the baccalaureate degree and list their majors and minors on the “Intent to Graduate” form.

If a student’s petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar’s Office regarding next steps.
INSTITUTIONAL MINOR REQUIREMENTS
The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU minors. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- A minor consists of 15-24 semester hours. There may be prerequisites required for the minor which will increase the total number of credit hours for a student who has not already taken those prerequisites.
- Courses taken to satisfy Essential Learning, major requirements, or electives can be counted toward the minor if applicable.
- At least 33 percent of the credit hours required for the minor must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- At least 25 percent of the classes must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher for the courses used for the minor.
- A minor is not a degree by itself and must be earned at the same time as a baccalaureate degree.
- A minor must be outside the major field of study.
- A student may earn up to five minors with any baccalaureate degree at CMU.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements sheet you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC MINOR REQUIREMENTS

- 24 semester hours for the Minor in International Studies.
- As part of their program, students will be encouraged to participate in an international experience in consultation with their advisors. This experience could be a semester or summer abroad, an international internship, an intensive immersion language program in another country, or participation in a growing number of study abroad opportunities offered by Colorado Mesa University. The credits received from this experience could be used to fulfill essential learning requirements or program requirements including unrestricted electives, but are not intended to add to the 120-hour graduation requirement. Substitutions would need to be approved by an advisor and department chair prior to the international experience.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MINOR (24 semester hours)

- First Semester of a Second-Year Language: FLA_211 - Second Year (Language) I (3)
- INTS 101 - Introduction to International Studies (3)
- Complete one Business course from the following list:
  BUGB 401 - International Business (3)
  ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
  ECON 342 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (3)
  ECON 420 - International Economics (3)
  FINA 431 - International Financial Management (3)
  MARK 231 - Principles of Marketing (3)
- Complete one History course from the following list:
  HIST 102 - Western Civilizations (3)
  HIST 301 - History of Modern Britain (3)
  HIST 306 - History of South and Southeast Asia (3)
  HIST 310 - Latin American Civilization (3)
  HIST 331 - The Twentieth Century (3)
  HIST 340 - History of the Middle East (3)
  HIST 403 - East Asia and the Modern World (3)
- Complete one Language and Literature course from the following list:
  ENGL 231 - Non-Western World Literature I (3)
  ENGL 232 - Non-Western World Literature II (3)
  ENGL 330 - Women in World Thought and Literature (3)
  ENGL 478 - 20th Century British Literature (3)
  FLAS 311 - History and Culture of Spain (3)
  FLAV 390 - Special Studies in Foreign Language (3)
- Complete one Natural Science and Mathematics course from the following list:
  BIOL 315 - Epidemiology (3)
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- Complete one **Social and Behavioral Science** course from the following list:
  - GEOG 103 - World Regional Geography (3)
  - POLS 261 - Comparative Politics (3)
  - POLS 270 - World Politics (3)
  - POLS 366 - Government and Politics of Asia (3)
  - POLS 372 - Peace and Conflict Studies (3)
  - POLS 373 - Global Politics of Women and Gender (3)
  - POLS 471 - Politics of Global Governance (3)
  - POLS 472 - International Political Economy (3)
  - POLS 482 - International Relations Theory (3)
  - SOCO 310 - Sociology of Religion (3)
  - SOCO 314 - Population (3)

- Complete one additional course from the Business, History, Languages and Literature, Natural Science and Mathematics, or Social and Behavior Sciences lists above (3) OR complete 3 credits through a pre-approved study abroad program (3).