

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AREA OF CONCENTRATION, ARTS AND SCIENCES AA

Total Credits: 60

Catalog Edition: 2024-2025

## Program Description

The international studies area of concentration is designed for students who envision a career in the international arena and plan to transfer into the upper division of another college or university with the intention of continuing their studies in such areas as international relations and area studies.

This area of concentration is for students who, subsequently, wish to work in this field, be it in government, international organizations, trade, finance, business, or related areas. All students in this area of concentration must see an advisor from the Department of History and Political Science and identify as early as possible their transfer institution, as well as the particular field or area of concentration. The international studies area of concentration includes the general education requirements as well as a number of alternate course choices (listed in the footnotes), which prepare the student for particular transfer options in international studies, such as international relations and area studies.

Students may study abroad for a semester or travel in a foreign country during the summer as part of the international studies track. The international studies advisor will aid students in integrating their studies abroad into the degree program.

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows; part-time students should consult an advisor. **This program can be completed either on campus or online.**

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Articulate the political, cultural, ideological, historical, religious, and/or philosophical contexts of current global actors, systems, and controversies.
- Explain the historic and contemporary consequences of geographic and linguistic boundaries for cross-cultural dialog and diplomacy.

- Compare the costs and benefits of varying social, economic, and political structures in the context of globalization.

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/international-studies/international-studies-aa-degree.html>

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/152.pdf>

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# Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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## **Suggested Course Sequence**

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

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## First Semester

ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *3 semester hours* \*

Mathematics Foundation *3 semester hours (MATF)*

HIST 114 - The World in the 20th Century *3 semester hours (HUMD)*

OR

HIST 116 - World History: A Comparative Survey from the Ancient World to A.D. 1500 *3 semester hours (HUMD)*

OR

HIST 117 - World History: A Comparative Survey from A.D. 1500 to the Present *3 semester hours (HUMD)*

POLI 101 - American Government *3 semester hours (BSSD)*

World Language *3 semester hours \*\**

## Third Semester

ANTH 201 - Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology *3 semester hours ‡‡*

ENGL 201 - Introduction to World Literature I *3 semester hours (see alternatives ‡)*

HIST 245 - Latin American History *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

HIST 247 - East Asian Civilization *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

HIST 250 - Modern Asia *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

HIST 252 - The United States and 20th Century World Affairs *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

HIST 266 - African History from 1800 *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

POLI 211 - Comparative Politics and Governments *3 semester hours*

Natural Sciences Distribution *3 semester hours (NSD)*

## Second Semester

English Foundation *3 semester hours (ENGF)*

ECON 105 - Basic Economics *3 semester hours (BSSD)*

OR

PSYC 100 - General Psychology *3 semester hours (BSSD)*

OR

SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology *3 semester hours (BSSD)*

POLI 203 - International Relations *3 semester hours*

Arts Distribution *3 semester hours (ARTD)*

World Language *3 semester hours \*\**

## Fourth Semester

COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

POLI 206 - Political Ideologies *3 semester hours*

OR

POLI 230 - Introduction to International Conflict Resolution *3 semester hours*

OR

POLI 256 - Politics of the Developing World *3 semester hours*

OR

POLI 270 - Politics in Action *3 semester hours*

Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab *4 semester hours (NSLD)*

Electives *5 semester hours*

## Total Credit Hours: 60

\* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed, for ENGL 102/ENGL 103 or elective.

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\*\* Some world languages courses may carry 4 or 5 credits.

‡ ENGL 122, ENGL 202, ENGL 205, ENGL 208, ENGL 213, ENGL 214, ENGL 248, GHUM 101, HIST 255, PHIL 209,  
additional world language course.

‡‡ ANTH 256, ECON 201, GEOG 101, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, GEOG 124, GEOG 130, GEOG 211, PSYC 100, SOCY 105.

AA and AS programs require one global and cultural perspectives (GCP) General Education course.

**This program can be completed either on campus or online.**

## Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

## Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

## Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Political analyst, Researcher, Foreign service officer, Diplomat, Consultant, Curator, NGO director.

## Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

## Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

## Notes: