Concentration in Development (IAS)

The Major in International and Area Studies — Concentration in Development

All societies change over time, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse, and sometimes the definition of what is better or worse is a matter of intense debate. Why do some societies develop while others languish? What accounts for disparities in wealth, political freedoms, and access to basic resources like food and health care? How do transnational factors like climate change, urbanization and globalization affect these disparities?

Concentration objectives: The IAS concentration in development offers an interdisciplinary approach to understanding societal changes over time in areas as diverse as environment, ethics, gender, health, political economy, population, urban development, social justice and other areas of development.

This concentration requires 36 units of course work:

- 6 units of introductory course work (100-200 level) from two different academic disciplines
- 3 units Research Methods course work (any level)
- 9 units of advanced course work from the Core Courses list (300-400 level)
- 15 units of advanced course work from a minimum of three different academic disciplines (at least two must be at the 400 level)
- 3 units additional course work (any level)

Additional requirements and regulations:

- Completion of all IAS course work with a grade of C+ or higher.
- Students must satisfy the standard IAS foreign language requirement: the successful completion of four semesters of one language appropriate to their concentration.
- One semester of language must be completed before declaring the major.
- We strongly encourage students to study abroad. For those students who do not study abroad, an additional 3-unit course at the 300 or 400 level is required.
- We strongly prefer students to select a study abroad location consistent with their chosen language of study (e.g., students who wish to study in Latin America must satisfy their language requirement with either Spanish or Portuguese).
- Throughout the course of completing the major, students must show depth in at least one world area by taking a minimum two courses focused on the same area, and breadth by taking a third course focused on a different area. We consider world areas to be Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and South Asia.

- Majors must choose their upper-level course work from a minimum of three academic disciplines (for example: anthropology, economics, history and political science).
- No more than 3 credits may be from directed readings, research or independent study excluding the honors thesis.
- The advanced credits must be unique to the IAS major.
- All prime IAS majors must complete a capstone experience.

N.B.: A single course may satisfy more than one of the distribution requirements (disciplinary or world area). Some of these requirements may be completed while abroad.

Introductory courses (choose two from this list, 6 units):

- Anthro 132  
  Freshman Seminar: Past Tense, Future Imperfect: The Rise and Fall of Societies and Global Civilization

- Anthro 160B  
  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

- Anthro 3283  
  Introduction to Global Health

- Anthro 3874  
  International Public Health

- Biol 2950  
  Introduction to Environmental Biology

- Econ 1011  
  Introduction to Microeconomics

- Econ 1021  
  Introduction to Macroeconomics

- EnSt 110  
  Environmental Issues

- EPSc 111  
  Introduction to Global Climate Change in the 21st Century

- EPSc 116A  
  Resources of the Earth

- EPSc 201  
  Earth and the Environment

- EPSc 219  
  Energy and the Environment

- EPSc 221A  
  Human Use of the Earth

- History 1640  
  Health and Disease in World History

- History 2093  
  Sophomore Seminar: Mobilizing Shame: Violence, the Media, and International Intervention

- History 2157  
  Freshman Seminar: The Meaning of Pakistan: History, Culture, Art

- History 2171  

- IAS 127  
  Migration in the Global World: Stories

- IAS 129  
  Perspectives on Migration: History, Memory and the Making of Modern Europe

- IAS 135  
  Freshman Seminar — Chinatown: Migration, Identity and Space

- IAS 140  
  East Asia in the World
IAS 155 Freshman Seminar: Mapping the World: Introduction to Human Geography 3
IAS 160 World Politics and the Global Economy 3
IAS 260 Migrations in Past and Present: Introduction to Migration Studies 3
IAS 270 Sophomore Seminar: Globalization and Its Discontents 3
IPH 207C Modern Political Thought: Text and Tradition 3
Math 2200 Elementary Probability and Statistics 3
MEC 290 Microeconomics 3
MEC 292 Global Economy 3
Phil 131F Present Moral Problems 3
Phil 233F Biomedical Ethics 3
Phil 235F Introduction to Environmental Ethics 3
Physics 171A Physics and Society 3
Pol Sci 102B Introduction to Comparative Politics 3
Pol Sci 2010 Introduction to Environmental Policy 3
QBA 120 Managerial Statistics I 3
QBA 121 Managerial Statistics II 3
WGSS 100B Introduction to Women and Gender Studies 3
WGSS 206 Sexuality and the State: Introduction to Sexuality Studies 3

Core courses (choose three from this list, 9 units):

Anthro 3206 Global Gender Issues 3
Anthro 3283 Introduction to Global Health 3
Anthro 3874 International Public Health 3
Anthro 4022 Transnational Reproductive Health Issues: Meanings, Technologies, Practices 3
IAS 3040 International Law and Politics 3
IAS 328B Gateway to Development 3
IAS 373 International Political Economy 3
IAS 376 International Economics 3
IAS 4246 State Failure, State Success and Development 3
IAS 4622 Labor and Labor Movements in Global History 3
IAS 4792 Globalization and National Politics 3
Pol Sci 332B Environmental and Energy Issues 3
Pol Sci 4070 Global Justice 3

Research methods (choose one from this list, 3 units):

Anthro 3284 Public Health Research and Practice 3
Anthro 373 Introduction to GIS for Anthropologists 3
Anthro 4116 Anthropology and Experiment 3
Anthro 4123 Argumentation Through Ethnography 3
Anthro 4253 Researching Fertility, Mortality and Migration 3
Anthro 4455 Ethnographic Fieldwork 3

Advanced courses: Choose five or six courses from current relevant internationally focused course offerings in the following departments. * All courses must be approved by the student’s IAS adviser in order to count for the major. Visit the concentration website (http://ias.wustl.edu/development) and master course list for full options.

- African and African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Statistics
- Arabic
- Art History
- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Business School (Management)
- Center for Religion and Politics
- Chinese
- Design and Visual Arts
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- International and Area Studies
- Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
- Philosophy

Anthro 4803 Advanced GIS Modeling and Landscape Analysis 3
Econ 413 Introduction to Econometrics 3
EnSt 380 Applications in GIS 3
History 301T Historical Methods — Transregional History 3
IAS 3248 Intercultural Communication 3
IAS 4005 Directed Research in IAS 3
Math 2200 Elementary Probability and Statistics 3
Math 3200 Elementary to Intermediate Statistics and Data Analysis 3
Math 475 Statistical Computation 3
Phil 321G Philosophy of Science 3
Pol Sci 3011 Computational Modeling in the Social Sciences 3
Pol Sci 362 Politics and the Theory of Games 3
Pol Sci 495 Research Design and Methods 3
Psych 300 Introduction to Psychological Statistics 3
URST 4411 In the Field: Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods 3
QBA 120 Managerial Statistics I 3
QBA 121 Managerial Statistics II 3
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Religious Studies
• Social Administration (Social Work)
• Spanish
• University College — International Affairs; International Studies; Nonprofit Management; Sustainability
• Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

*Students may petition to add a course by following the instructions on the IAS Courses web page (http://ias.wustl.edu/courses).

Additional Information

Language Requirement for the Major in Development/International and Area Studies: All IAS majors must satisfy a foreign language requirement that entails the successful completion of four semesters of a language appropriate to their concentration while at Washington University. For some students, this may mean the first four semesters of a language; for others who place into advanced language classes, and with approval from IAS language faculty, this may include literature, culture, oral communication and linguistic courses in the target language, once they complete the basic language sequence. Advanced courses in literature, social sciences and culture used to satisfy this requirement may be counted as advanced credit for IAS majors as long as they are cross-listed with IAS or approved for IAS study abroad credit and are not applied toward a language major or minor. A maximum of two of these classes may be completed while abroad on a Washington University approved program in the target language (may be within the same semester abroad). Native speakers of a foreign language must satisfy the four-semester requirement in another language appropriate to their concentration. Heritage speakers must seek appropriate placement by the coordinator of the language program and complete the four-semester requirement.

Study Abroad: Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in one of Washington University’s Overseas Programs during junior year or the summer. Some credit for courses taken abroad may be applied to the major. For those who do not study abroad, an additional 3-credit course at the 300 or 400 level is required.

Senior Honors: Students must confidently expect to graduate with an overall GPA of 3.65 or higher in order to qualify for Senior Honors. Students should enroll in IAS 485 Preparation for IAS Honors Thesis in the fall of senior year, and in IAS 486 IAS Senior Honors Thesis in the spring of senior year (under the corresponding section number of the faculty member overseeing their thesis) in order to be properly tracked by the IAS capstone coordinator.

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