Concentration in Development (IAS)

The Major in International and Area Studies — Concentration in Development

All societies change, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse, and sometimes the definition of what is better or worse is a matter of intense debate. This concentration focuses on challenges societies face in environment, ethics, gender, health, political economy, population, urban development, and other areas of development and societal change. Students can select courses in fields as diverse as anthropology, architecture, business, economics, engineering, environmental studies, history, philosophy, political science, social work, urban studies, and women and gender studies. We encourage students to build a concentration of interdisciplinary knowledge in an area of specific interest related to development and change in societies. Why do some societies develop while others languish? What accounts for disparities in wealth and opportunity? Why do extreme poverty, malnutrition, and treatable disease persist in some areas despite our knowledge of eradicating such conditions? What explains differences in political, civil and economic liberties? What accounts for differences in gender discrimination and opportunity? What are the economic, political, social and cultural implications of climate change? How do societies manage the transition from rural society to increasing urbanization?

This track requires 36 units of course work:

- 9 units of introductory course work from three academic disciplines
- Research methods course work
- 27 units of advanced course work from a minimum of three academic disciplines (at least two must be at the 400-level)

A single course may satisfy more than one of these distribution requirements. Some of these requirements may be completed while abroad.

Additional requirements and regulations:

- Completion of all IAS course work with a grade of C+ or higher.
- Students must satisfy the 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, Middle East and South Asia.
- 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.

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

- Anthro 132 Freshman Seminar: Past Tense, Future Imperfect: The Rise and Fall of Societies and Global Civilization 3
- Anthro 160B Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3
- Anthro 204B Anthropology and the Modern World 3
- Anthro 3283 Introduction to Global Health 3
- Anthro 3874 International Public Health 3
- Biol 2950 Introduction to Environmental Biology 3
- Econ 1011 Introduction to Microeconomics 3
- Econ 1021 Introduction to Macroeconomics 3
- EPSc 111 Introduction to Global Climate Change in the 21st Century 3
- EPSc 116A Resources of the Earth 3
- EPSc 201 Earth and the Environment 4
- EPSc 219 Energy and the Environment 3
- EPSc 221A Human Use of the Earth 3
- History 164 Theory and Practice of World History: Health and Disease 3
- History 2093 Freshman Seminar: Mobilizing Shame: Violence, the Media and International Intervention 3
- History 2157 Freshman Seminar: The Meaning of Pakistan: History, Culture, Art 3
- IAS 127 Migration in the Global World: Stories 3
- IAS 135 Freshman Seminar - Chinatown: Migration, Identity, and Space 3
- IAS 155 Freshman Seminar: Mapping the World: Introduction to Human Geography 3
- IAS 160 World Politics and the Global Economy 3
- IAS 185 Freshman Seminar: The U.S. in the World: Solidarity and Exceptionalism: Social Movements in the 1960s-70s 3
- IAS 260 Migrations in Past and Present: Introduction to Migration Studies 3
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**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 4451 Research Methods in Anthropology | 3
- Anthro 4455 Ethnographic Fieldwork | 3
- Anthro 4803 Advanced GIS Modeling and Landscape Analysis | 3
- Econ 413 Introduction to Econometrics | 3
- EnSt 380 Applications in GIS | 3
- Math 2200 Elementary Probability and Statistics | 3
- Math 3200 Elementary to Intermediate Statistics and Data Analysis | 3
- Pol Sci 3011 Computational Modeling in the Social Sciences | 3
- Pol Sci 362 Politics and the Theory of Games | 3
- Pol Sci 363 Quantitative Political Methodology | 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

**Advanced courses** (choose six courses from current relevant internationally focused course offerings in the following departments.* All courses must be approved by the IAS adviser in order to count for the major):

- African and African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Statistics
- Art History
- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Design and Visual Arts
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- History
- International and Area Studies
- Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- University College — International Affairs; International Studies; Nonprofit Management; Sustainability
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

*Students may petition to have courses in the following departments or disciplines count toward the major: film and media studies, literature, and music.

**Additional Information**

**Language Requirement for the Major in Development/International and Area Studies:** All IAS majors and minors 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 this may include literature, culture, oral communications 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 and minors 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 (under the corresponding section number of the faculty member overseeing their thesis), and in IAS 486 IAS Senior Honors Thesis in the spring of senior year in order to be properly tracked by the IAS capstone coordinator.