



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Department of International Studies is one of the few liberal arts undergraduate departments of international studies in the nation. It is a political science department that specializes in comparative politics and international relations. The Department of International Studies prepares its students to understand international politics, foreign policy making, political development, international law, international organization, defense policy and the politics and cultures of various countries and regions of the world. A solid foundation in international relations and comparative politics prepares Rhodes students for careers in international business and law, journalism, teaching, research, government and international organizations. There are approximately 30-35 International Studies majors in each graduating class. Most faculty members of the International Studies Department are bilingual or multilingual.

Curriculum

Major:

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies

Minor is Available

Concentrations:

Functional Specialization

Area Specialization

International Studies students may concentrate their studies in one of two general areas. Area A, Functional Specialization, addresses issues such as Foreign Policy, Comparative and International Political Economy and International Law/Organization that are not specific to any single region of the world. Area B, the Area Specialization, introduces students to the culture, politics and foreign policies of specific regional areas including Europe, Africa, the Middle East, East Asia and Latin America.

The department also offers a number of interdisciplinary majors with other academic departments at Rhodes. These majors include International Studies/Economics, International Studies/Foreign Language, International Studies/History and International Studies/Political Science. International Studies students often investigate minors in Business Administration or in other Rhodes interdisciplinary programs such as American Studies, Latin American Studies, Asian Studies and Russian Studies. Rhodes also offers majors in Urban Studies, Latin American Studies and Russian Studies.

Faculty

John F. Copper, The Stanley J. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies; Ph.D., University of South Carolina. Specialties: *East Asia, international politics, international law.*

Andrew A. Michta, The Mertie Willigar Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies; Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University. Specialties: *Eastern and Central Europe, Russia and Soviet successor states, international politics, post-communism.* (On Leave 2007/08).

Stephen Ceccoli, Chair, Associate Professor; Ph.D., Washington University. Specialties: *political economy, research methods, comparative public policy.*

Shadrack W. Nasong'o, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., Northeastern University, Boston. Specialties: *African politics, international relations, comparative politics.*

Amy Risley, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin. Specialties: *Latin American politics, comparative politics.*

David Romano, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., University of Toronto, Canada. Specialties: *Middle East politics, international relations, comparative politics.*

Geoffrey Cockerham, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., University of Arizona. Specialties: *International law and organizations, international political economy, international relations theory.*

Robert Ingram, Instructor; M.A., University of Memphis. Specialties: *International relations, international politics, international political economy and comparative politics.*



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Outside the Classroom

In addition to regular course offerings, the Department of International Studies also sponsors Rhodes' Model United Nations program for which students receive academic credit. The department offers a number of popular internships including those with international businesses, global organizations, the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and other federal organizations and think tanks. At Rhodes, most student internships are not paid jobs, but course credit is earned. Most internships last one semester and are considered to be the equivalent of one course.

In addition, International Studies majors have the opportunity to spend the summer abroad and receive academic credit under the Summer Internship Abroad Program, a merit-based program funded by the Mertie W. Buckman Student Fellowships. In recent summers, students participated in the Internship Abroad Program in Spain, Hong Kong, Mexico, Belgium and England. The fellowships pay for all travel and living expenses during the internship.

The International Studies Department sponsors the Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society. Each year, Sigma Iota Rho publishes a journal of student papers, *Modus Vivendi*. Students submit, review and edit, and publish the journal. Rhodes students also present papers at several regional academic conferences.

Graduates

68% take full-time jobs.

Recent International Studies graduates have held full-time positions with banks, government agencies, international corporations and with non-governmental, international service organizations. A few students have entered the military.

32% pursue graduate degrees.

In recent years, International Studies majors have gone on to pursue advanced degrees in Asian Studies, International Studies, Middle Eastern Studies,

Political Science, National and International Security and International Business. Many students have also pursued M.B.A. and law degrees. Law/graduate schools that have recently accepted Rhodes' International Studies graduates for admission include Harvard, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, Tulane, Stanford, Washington and Lee, University of Texas, University of Virginia, University of Tennessee, University of Alabama, University of South Carolina, Emory University, Washington University, American University, Johns Hopkins and the University of Chicago.

For More Information

Please contact the Department of International Studies at (901) 843-3573 or Admissions at 1-800-844-5969. Information is available via the Internet at www.rhodes.edu. You can also explore the International Studies Department Web page at rhodes.edu/academics/1560.asp.