

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

at **BOSTON COLLEGE**

The International Studies (IS) Program offers a **flexible and rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate major and minor** in the Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences that **develops keen analytical skills and ethical reasoning amidst complex global dynamics.**

## THE PATH OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR



### 1. EXPLORE THE MAJOR'S CORE COURSES

- Where on Earth? Foundations in Global History
- Where on Earth? Foundations in Political Geography
- Introduction to International Relations
- A designated Comparative Politics course
- Principles of Economics
- An upper-level Economics course
- Ethics, Religion, and International Politics



### 2. FOCUS YOUR INTERESTS

Students choose one of four concentrations:



**Cooperation and Conflict**



**Ethics and Social Justice**



**Global Cultures**



**Political Economy and Development Studies**



### 3. LEARN A LANGUAGE

Majors achieve **advanced proficiency in one** modern foreign language or **intermediate proficiency in two** modern foreign languages.



### 4. STUDY ABROAD

Nearly 90% of IS majors study abroad, almost double the BC average. Recent locations include:

- Argentina
- Jordan
- Croatia
- Spain
- Italy
- China
- South Africa ...and many more..



### 5. COMPLETE A SENIOR PROJECT

Seniors choose either to take a **Senior Seminar** or write a **Senior Thesis** to complete their studies.



#### Elective Courses Across Disciplines

Unlike traditional departmental majors, the IS major includes courses across a wide array of disciplines: political science, economics, ethics, theology, sociology, philosophy, history, public health, management, communications, languages, literatures, and more.



#### The Minor

IS minors engage in an interdisciplinary six-course program. Like majors, they choose among four thematic concentrations; but they only need intermediate proficiency in one modern foreign language. The minor is open to all students who submit required forms by early in their junior year.

**CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023. SEE [bc.edu/isp](https://bc.edu/isp) FOR DETAILS.**

# WHERE CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TAKE ME?

RECEIVED  
POST-GRADUATE  
FELLOWSHIPS  
AT 4X THE RATE  
OF OTHER BC  
GRADS

Our graduates pursue a **wide range of careers**: diplomacy, international business, social service, public policy, finance, consulting, education, humanitarian work, law and more.

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MAJORS HAVE BECOME  
FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS  
SINCE 2000

## SELECTED LOCATIONS OF RECENT FIRST JOBS & GRADUATE PROGRAMS



20%

LIVED ABROAD THEIR  
FIRST YEAR AFTER  
GRADUATING

### Domestic positions include:

American Red Cross  
Center for Strategic & International Studies  
Deloitte  
Jesuit Volunteer Corps  
Morgan Stanley  
Mount Sinai Hospital (NYC)  
Oracle  
Ropes & Gray  
U.S. Dept. of Justice/FBI  
U.S. Dept. of State  
and many more...

### International positions include:

Ernst & Young  
Fulbright Scholarship  
Global Health Corps  
Google  
Humanity in Action Fellowship  
JP Morgan Chase  
Peace Corps  
St. Boniface Haiti Foundation  
White and Case (Global Law)  
United Nations  
and many more...



## IN THE WORDS OF OUR ALUMNI

### Mary Popeo '14

Co-founder of Peace Culture Village  
Hiroshima, Japan



"As a student, I had the opportunity to travel to Japan twice on research grants, **thanks largely to mentorship from professors** in the IS and History departments who supported me through the application process and beyond. My time spent in Hiroshima and Nagasaki led me to pursue nuclear weapons activism, which eventually contributed to my move to Hiroshima and career in peace work."

### Sean Keeley '15

Graduate student, Columbia University  
School of International and Public Affairs  
New York City, USA



"As someone who entered college feeling torn between different academic interests (French, Russian, political science), **IS helped me combine them in an interdisciplinary major**. Also, by virtue of its limited size and the core IS courses we all shared, it provided me with a more intimate community—of friends, faculty, and advisors—than I think most academic majors can offer."

### Justice Kelly '17

International Consultant, AIC Education  
Shanghai, China



"**No IS major was the same**. We all had different interests and different paths. No one person had the same experience, which was brilliant; we could tailor our experiences and classes to what interested us the most, and to what we believed would best impact our educations and our BC experience. This freedom allowed for **true personal and academic growth**."

### Brianna Stonick '21

Fulbright Scholar  
Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast



"**The IS core curriculum expanded my historical and political education beyond the confines of 'the West,'** while the major's flexibility let me focus on what I am most passionate about: political and economic development in Africa. Thanks to the support and mentorship of my professors, I am now living and working in the Ivory Coast on a Fulbright Scholarship."

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