International Studies **MAJOR MAP**

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

*B.A. or B.S. – **SECONDARY MAJOR ONLY***

Curriculum Guide

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
NAVIGATE COURSEWORK	Get started with your General Education classes in your primary major. Meet with IS Advisor to see if some of these will also work for International Studies. Begin taking a language to fulfill IS Language requirement	Apply for entry into the International Studies Major. What you will need: Min 2.5 GPA; Soph standing (27 credits min); 1st year foreign language (or equivalent); Primary major declared; at least 3 credits in major completed.	Complete 300- and 400-level coursework in your major. Take additional coursework for your IS major. Complete any remaining Gen Ed requirements or IS core courses.	Select relevant coursework to complete primary major requirements. Sign up for Capstone: INTL 488 Capstone Proposal in Fall; INTL 489 Capstone in Spring. Take additional courses or consider an internship.
DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH EXPERIENCE	Explore careers associated with your major. Identify key skills needed for your field. Explore student organizations and development programs. See online list of NDSU student organizations for ideas.	Consider an on- or off-campus job to expand experience. Learn professional etiquette and how to write a proper resume, cover letter, and thank you note. Explore international careers in your primary major.	Consider an internship, possibly through your study-abroad experience. Volunteer with a community organization that would put you in contact with people from all over the world.	Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess experiences and skills you are lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, internships.
STUDY ABROAD	Start researching study-abroad experiences. Meet with your primary major advisor to begin discussing the best time to study abroad. Meet with a Peer Mentor in International Programs to learn about study abroad.	Talk to your IS and primary major advisors to finalize your study-abroad program and/or internship choice. Begin application process for study abroad. Look into taking courses that count as IS electives.	Talk with your International Studies Advisor and your advisor in your primary major about possible capstone projects for International Studies.	Complete your capstone experience, tying together your Study Abroad experience, your primary major and International Studies.
UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL	Attend the clubs and organizations fair in the fall; join an organization, such as the NDSU International Students Club, Model U.N. Club, Conversational English Circle, language clubs, etc.	·Attend career fairs and non-profit fairs to connect with potential future employers. Consider taking a leadership role in your club of choice.	Consider presenting at NDSU Research Day. Network at the event. Volunteer with a community organization that would put you in contact with people from all over the world. Attend international events on campus and in the community.	Do some targeted networking in the fall. Follow professional organizations on social media. Visit the Career Center and prepare for career fairs (practice interview and networking events).
GO! BUILD YOUR FUTURE	Struggling with career or program decisions? Go to orientation sessions, visit Academic Advising, visit with the Career Center, and attend Career Fairs during the year.	Create a resume and an online professional profile. Develop 10-15 second elevator pitch on who you are, conduct internship/job search, and develop a list of references.	Begin to streamline your career focus area. Research education and experience requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take a graduate school test.	Solidify post-graduation plan and apply for jobs, graduate school, or additional training. Get help from the Career Center with job searching, resumes, letters, interviews, grad school applications, etc.

COMPLETE REQUIRED STUDY/WORK ABROAD EXPERIENCE

Where could I go after graduation?

Government and Military
Foreign Service Officer, Military Intelligence Officer, Non-Governmental Aid Organizations (NGOs), National Security Agency (NSA), USAID, UN, IMF

Business
International Sales Rep, Customer Service Representative, Manager, Import/Export Manager

Health care
Doctors Without Borders, Traveling Nurse, Pharmacist, Dentist, Medical Interpreter, Patient Advocate

Justice system
Judge, Lawyer, Court Interpreter, Court Stenographer

Hospitality and Tourism
Tour Guide, Hotel or Resort Manager, Travel Agent.

Emergency services
911 Dispatcher, Police Officer, Firefighter

Other
International News Broadcaster, English-as-a-Second-Language Teacher overseas

*Some careers may require additional training

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