

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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## DESCRIPTION

International Studies is an interdisciplinary field that examines the social, cultural, political, economic, environmental, and historical forces that formed and continue to shape our increasingly interconnected world. Through exploring diverse cultural and geographic regions and analyzing how international and transnational relationships have evolved over time, students will develop a multidimensional perspective of the world—and their place within it—informed with the awareness that global events, issues, and relationships are intrinsically tied to cultural values, geography, economics, and history.

A program in International Studies provides an excellent foundation for students considering transfer degrees and careers in fields such as business, government, the law, journalism, international relations, public health, urban planning, and education. The careers of students earning CTE degrees will also be enhanced if they enter the field with a solid foundation in global issues.

International Studies courses require college-level reading and writing skills, and can apply towards the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT) requirements.

The Global Studies Focus Award at PCC prepares students for entry into International Studies programs at the bachelor's degree level. In Oregon these programs can be found at Portland State University, University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and other four-year institutions. Additional information on the Global Studies Focus Award can be found in the Focus Award section of the catalog.

### **INTL 201. Introduction to International Studies. 4 Credits.**

Introduces a multidisciplinary approach to global affairs. Analyzes topics, such as identity, nationalism, power relationships, and environmental social justice issues. Provides perspectives of marginalized groups, nation-states, regions and global forces in solving historic and contemporary economic, political, sociological and cultural problems. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.

This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Cultural Literacy/DIV, Social Sciences/SS