



Many different paths

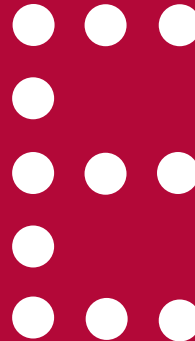
The International Studies Major seeks to bring intellectual rigor and academic focus to Earlham's commitment to engage the world, emphasizing the idea that action must be fueled by knowledge. The Program combines experiential learning with a multidisciplinary approach to the study of international politics, economics, history, development and underdevelopment.

Some International Studies students are drawn to study a particular country or culture and use the major to combine courses from several disciplines. Others may have a desire to do practical work in, for example, international trade yet want a wider context than they could find in any single department. This naturally interdisciplinary Major serves students who choose many different paths in their studies, depending on the courses they select and the faculty who guide them.



Earlham Facts

- Founded in 1847 by the Society of Friends, Earlham is rooted in the ideals of Quakerism.
- 1,200 undergraduate students representing 44 states and 71 countries
- Male 44%, Female 56%
- 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- More than 64 percent of every graduating class participates in an off-campus study program.
- Earlham graduates are well prepared for further study; nearly half of Earlham alumni graduating in the last 10 years enrolled in graduate or professional school.



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Richly diverse

International Studies is a richly diverse program. In fact, a recent Introduction to Diplomacy class represented 18 different countries among its students. This year's graduating class, in addition to students from the U.S., includes students from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

Students prepared for further study

Recent International Studies graduates have obtained Watson and Fulbright scholarships to study abroad. Graduates have attended such highly regarded schools as the Monterey Institute for International Studies, the London School of Economics and Political Science, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Kennedy School, Columbia School of International Public Affairs and top ranked law schools both in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world.

International Studies: A look at the program

International Studies majors design their own program built upon a foundation of core courses in economics, politics and history. The program strikes a healthy balance between training students in the theoretical foundations of the different disciplines and applying new knowledge in the context of an ever-changing world. Students choose from courses in international relations, international trade and development and human rights as well as a study of a particular nation or culture.

The International Studies student is required to take courses that emphasize training in analytical and research methods as well as language and cultural competency. Graduates from the major are well prepared to be global citizens.

For more information about Earlham College's International Studies Department, visit www.earlham.edu/curriculumguide/internationalstudies.



Opportunities outside the classroom

Students participate in internships and program study around the world. Depending on the focus for that year, thematic emphasis could include topics such as human rights, economic development, politics of inequality and democratization.

The Model United Nations for high school students takes place each year and is staffed by 36 Earlham students from several countries. Topics include refugees, sex trafficking and deployment of nuclear defense systems.

Recent senior thesis research topics include:

- The Responsibility to Protect: Sovereignty and Just War Theory
- The Role of a Viable Palestinian Constitution in the Development of a Palestinian State
- La Créolité vis-à-vis La Négritude: A Comparative Analysis of the Constitutive Impact of Colonization on Post-Colonial National Identity in the Francophone World
- Changing International Norms of Humanitarian Intervention: Curtailing the Sale of Small Arms and Light Weapons



International Studies graduates — Where are they now?

International Studies graduates have served as officers and program assistants in the Asia Foundation, Japan Society and UN-specialized agencies. Still others have worked in the Peace Corps and as human rights monitors. Other career paths involve work in both the public and private sectors using skills in translation, interpretation, leadership, research and writing.

"From my perspective, the strength of the International Studies Program is the students. The diversity of topics and ideas that I have shared with my fellow majors has been priceless. All of the seniors in the Program have participated in at least one semester off-campus study and have incredible personal experiences to share. Through studying and developing thoughts and ideas I am more aware of political and economic situations from different parts of the world."

— Himayu Shiotani '09
Kanazawa, Japan



"My Earlham education prepared me for success in graduate school and most importantly instilled in me a deep commitment to helping others, informed by the enduring values of integrity and respect for others. I also credit Earlham with giving me the basic skills for success — the ability to think critically and communicate effectively while providing me experience living abroad in Mexico and working at home in Washington. These elements were extremely influential in my career choices and my ability to advance in the field of international development."

— Neil Levine '83
Director, Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation
U.S. Agency for International Development