

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		INTL 101	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	INTL 215	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		INTL 375	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities (Block II)	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	INTL 465	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course (Block II)		INTL 490	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (Block III)		WRLD 210	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS History (Block VI)		WRLD 302	3	
General Education	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences (Block IV)		WRLD 495	0	World ePass Portfolio
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS Math (Block V)		Concentration electives	12	Review concentrations of the International Studies degree and discuss course options with your VCU advisor.
General Education	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication		Electives	27	Discuss course options with your VCU advisor. Consider a second major or minor. Students must complete a total of 45 upper-level credits to graduate.
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
VCU equivalents	8	Foreign language 101-102				
VCU equivalents	6	Foreign language 201-202				

VCU equivalents	11-14	Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60			CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BA in International Studies:

- Earn the transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies is designed for students to acquire the historical, theoretical, and methodological knowledge to explore how culture, religion, media, politics, economics, and the environment shape each other and shape human life, and the hands-on experience to participate in the work of building a sustainable and generous society that empowers all persons to live well as responsible global citizens. The program strengthens students' abilities to see the world from diverse perspectives, communicate across cultures, and

work with others to address significant challenges facing human beings locally and globally. The program offers concentrations in European Studies, General Studies, International Social Justice Studies, Latin American Studies, and World Cinema. Each concentration offers a range of courses from which students may choose to fashion a course of study that best supports their educational and career goals. As is true with World Studies' degrees in Anthropology, Foreign Languages, and Religious Studies, International Studies offers opportunities to engage in real world learning through internships, lab-based and field research, and study abroad programs. Through their coursework students connect with students from different cultural backgrounds and develop genuine empathy and a practical commitment to contribute to the social good.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?

- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Many International Studies majors have gone on to work with non-governmental organizations and the government. Some have been accepted into medical and law school. Students have been successful recipients of Fulbright Awards, the Boren Awards, and the Critical Language Scholarship. They have also been chosen as fellows for the Scoville Peace Fellowship.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

International Studies majors can select one of five concentrations: European Studies, General Studies, International Social Justice Studies, Latin American Studies, and World Cinema. There are many opportunities for students to double major and minor in areas of their interests, and students can combine an International Studies degree with professional degrees in business or the arts, or with foreign languages or homeland security. There are opportunities for internships with local organizations in Richmond. Virtual internships are also possible. Students also have opportunities to do an independent study with a faculty mentor.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU “REAL” experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.