An interdisciplinary program that, over the course of 24 credit hours, brings the world to you through classes in:

- Political Science
- Geography
- Languages
- History
- Economics
- Marketing
- Art

“My minor in international studies helped me broaden my world view, learn things I otherwise would have overlooked and apply them successfully to my major and life. The minor affected me very positively, not only with my studies, but also my job search. While traveling abroad I have been able to hold my own in conversations about global trends and politics with people from all over the world. Some of these conversations have resulted in internship and job opportunities in the United States and overseas.”

Courtney Hopkins
broadcasting major, international studies minor

“The international studies minor at Northwest grants individuals access to a deeper understanding of the world in which we live. It offers global perspectives on a variety of subjects.

The international studies minor confirmed and encouraged my interest in international politics and global issues. It allowed me to tailor my undergraduate academic career to fit my academic interests. Courses in the minor encouraged me to study abroad, which was one of the capstones of my undergraduate career.”

Adam Folken
political science major, international studies minor

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MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

REQUIRED COURSES
Six hours of modern language (minimum of 3 hours must be 200-level or above)
Can choose from:
- Chinese
- Russian
- Spanish
- French
- Sign Language
- Special language offerings as available (must get International Studies advisor approval)
- Language courses taken while studying abroad; for example, students have taken the Twi language while in Ghana and Mandarin Chinese while in Hong Kong (must get international studies advisor approval)

Non-Western History
Choose two courses from the following:
- History 33-370: History of the Near and Middle East
- History 33-375: History of Latin America
- History 33-386: The Pacific Rim
- Political Science 34-305: Global Events and Trends
- International studies advisor-approved courses (students can inquire about courses not listed above)

Regional Geography
Choose two courses from the following:
- Geography 32-340: Geography of North America
- Geography 32-441: Geography of Europe
- Geography 32-442: Geography of Asia
- Geography 32-444: Geography of Africa
- Geography 32-445: Geography of Latin America
- Political Science 34-310: Comparative Government
- International studies advisor-approved courses (students can inquire about courses not listed above)

Electives
Choose two courses from the following:
- Art 13-399: International Studies in Studio
- Geography 32-521: Political Geography
- Political Science 34-421: International Conflict Resolution
- Political Science 34-425: Transnational Politics
- Economics 52-450: International Economics
- Marketing 55-438: International Business
- International studies advisor-approved courses (students can inquire about courses not listed above); for example:
  - Political Science 34-365: Africa in Modern Media
  - Political Science 34-320: Propaganda in the Movies
  - Special course offerings as available
  - Northwest study trips for credit (e.g., Greece; Haiti; Ireland; Italy; Tanzania; Peru; etc.)
  - Study abroad courses

“The international studies minor at Northwest changed the way I look at the world. Learning about other cultures, religions and places helped me to grow in my knowledge of my own history and past. It helped me to step into someone else’s shoes to experience the world in a different way. We have a large international student population at Northwest. What I learned in my classes helped me in my relationships with friends I have from China to Tanzania.”

Elizabeth Connealy
Broadcasting major, international studies minor

“The international studies minor at Northwest is the reason why I have committed myself to a career making the world a better place. Without the minor I would not have been exposed to issues such as poverty, corruption and human rights abuses. I strongly recommend this minor as a supplement to any major at Northwest.”

Joe Mendrala
Spanish major, general business and international studies minors

Total course hours required for the international studies minor: 24 credit hours