### International Studies-Bachelor of Arts

**Minors:** International Business, World Languages and Cultures, Political Science, Journalism, Media and Communication

#### Class Options

**Freshman**
- Get started on your INST major and take INST 2000 Intro to Int'l Studies. Work on your BGP and Arts & Sciences requirements. Consider International Service-Learning in your 1st or 2nd spring semester to prepare to study abroad.

**Sophomore**
- Keep building your INST major; which disciplines (core courses) match best with your interests? Start thinking about the 3 courses that you’d like to use for your interdisciplinary Focus Area.

**Junior**
- Meet with your Faculty Mentor to discuss options for your interdisciplinary Focus Area.

**Senior**
- Take INST 3000 on Research & Methods, only offered in the fall & INST 4000, Interdisciplinary Senior Seminar, only offered in the spring.

#### Good Advice

**Schedule a meeting with your College Academic Advisor.** Also get to know your Faculty Mentor. Complete AcademicWorks online to apply for scholarships.

**Check out the online LibGuide for International Studies.** Meet with a librarian to learn strategies for using the e-Library.

**Consult BGSU’s “What am I going to do with this major? International Studies?” online.** Seek a leadership role in ISN (INST student association).

**Submit your research paper for INST 4000 for publication in our online undergrad journal: International ResearchScape Journal (IRJ) Arrange a Graduation Check with your Faculty Mentor.**

#### Relevant Experience

**Get involved with community outreach through “International Studies Network” (ISN): La Conexión of Wood County, working with the Latino/Latina population and US Together, helping refugees from Syria settle in Toledo.**

**Attend the workshops or meetings at CURS (Center for Undergrad Research & Scholarship).**

**While abroad, collect materials for your presentation in the (undergraduate) “Embracing Global Engagement” Conference. Arrange your Junior audit with your Faculty Mentor.**

**Become a tutor for Jerome Library’s “Learning Commons.”** Take a leadership role in an international club; mentor an international student.

#### Useful Connections

**Join the student association, “International Studies Network” (ISN) to meet other INST students. Sign up for CCCC (“Cross-Cultural Conversation Connection”) to get to know international students studying at BGSU.**

**Set up an appointment with BGSU’s Career Center to look into internships and practical preparation for job applications & tips on professionalism.**

**Check the INST website under the “Community” tab to locate “Affiliated Faculty” who mentor BGSU students for research and/or practical experience.**

**Set up an appointment at the Career Center to prepare mock job interviews.**

#### Global View

**Begin building your second-language skills if you’ve had 4 years of high-school language study, consider 2020.** Starting from scratch? Consider a summer study-abroad experience.

**Check out the Learning Communities: Global Village; La Maison française; La ComunidadBegin planning your semester or academic year abroad. Drop by the Office of Education Abroad.**

**Study abroad for a semester or academic year abroad. Identify a research topic [question] to participate in BGSU’s annual “Embracing Global Engagement” conference.**

**Consider mentoring a freshman INST major to talk about how to prepare for study abroad.**

#### Career Prep

**Attend the annual “International Career Night” in February.** Begin to develop a resume and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program through the BGSU Career Center.

**Prepare your education-abroad experience & identify a Community Partner for an Internship or “Community-Based Learning” experience.**

**Look into a Spring Breakaway to increase your global profile.** In the past students have gone to places such as Cuba and Morocco.

**Consider on-campus student employment, such as BGSU’s “Language Service Group” if proficient in a second language; identify on- or off-campus internships.**

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**Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio**

**International Studies, 103 Shatzel Hall, 419-372-7814, www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/international-studies.html**
India is an incredible country full of so much diversity. Surely not for the faint of heart, as we have been visiting a variety of healthcare centers with some of the worst health indicators in the country.

The program emphasizes experiential learning; it is a very hands-on approach, which I really appreciate. I am surrounded by some of the best teachers I could have asked for, and I feel very safe.

– Emily Matthews (Pictured far left)

Study Abroad Experience // New Delhi, India

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

**ALUMNI SUCCESS**

Martina Hanulova may be a native of Slovakia, but she considers herself a citizen of the world. Hanulova came to the United States as an exchange student at Rossford High School. She returned to northwest Ohio to study French and International Studies at BGSU. During that time she found her interests focusing on world peace.

Her international travels include a three-month stint as an English teacher at a private school in Burkina Faso, Africa where she helped raise $10,000 from Rotary clubs in Toledo and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, toward building a school in a poor village there.

Hanulova was one of the recipients of a Stuart R. Givens Memorial Fellowship, a $6,000 award, which allowed her to travel to Ghana where she worked at a Liberian refugee settlement.

As a BGSU graduate in 2008, Hanulova moved to Washington, D.C., where she completed a master’s degree in International Development at American University. In 2009, she traveled to Sierra Leone to work for the United Nations Development Programme and helped manage a project called Open Government Initiative that aimed to strengthen good governance. Hanulova graduated from American University in May 2010.

**FACULTY SUCCESS**

Former director of the International Studies Program Dr. Federico Chalupa (Ret.) received the coveted BGSU 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, recognized in part for his strong leadership of the International Studies program since 2010.

**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS**

Global Connections is a non-profit organization in Bowling Green, comprised of volunteers of BGSU and the local community to serve the international community. Global Connections exists to provide cultural events for the international community to participate in. Visit globalconnectionsbg.org

**WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?**

Students have the opportunity to study abroad for the fall semester, spring semester or full academic year through Bowling Green State University. BGSU sponsors numerous semester or academic year programs in many countries world-wide. Information on these and many other programs is available from the Education Abroad Office, 319 Administration Building, 419-372-2247.