Of the combined courses in the Thematic Core and the INS Electives, **no more than 6 credits may count double towards a second major.** A student may not count any course used to fulfill the requirements of the INS major toward a minor requirement.

**3) INTERNSHIP CREDIT**

Students are encouraged to find a suitable internship during their undergraduate career. Upon approval by an advisor in the International Studies Undergraduate Program Office, 3 credits may be earned with an internship (INS 519), either toward the major or as elective credits (depending on the relevance of the particular internship to the INS major). The University’s Toppel Career Planning and Placement Center regularly advertises internships.

**4) ACADEMIC STANDING**

Only courses, in which a grade of C- or better is attained, may be counted towards the International Studies major and students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or better in all major requirements (30 credits).
The International Studies major provides a focused educational experience aimed at familiarizing students with key structural features & dynamics of the international system & prepares them to enter the growing international job market. Processes of globalization, in part driven by global capital flows, expanding trade & the unrelenting development of communication & information technologies, have affected virtually everyone in every country, often in ways we are just beginning to understand. These developments often pose serious problems for government & other societal institutions, while also creating a demand for individuals who understand international processes.

Jobs in virtually all sectors have acquired a decidedly international dimension, whether in:

- trade, tourism, finance, public policy, government, or education

INS Graduates have moved on to the corporate world, the public sector, started their own businesses, or have continued studies at the graduate level (i.e. Law, Business, and International Studies).

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

International Studies seeks to provide students with the ability to understand:

- International politics within the context of interstate relations and foreign policy.
- International economics & its sub-discipline international political economy, including such issues as trade and production, money and finance, and development.
- Social science research methods including qualitative, quantitative, comparative case study & formal modeling.

Students are encouraged to explore interdisciplinary options that further their understanding of international studies. Coursework can be taken in other disciplines offered at the university or taken outside the institution, either through exchange programs or other inter-institutional options provided by UM. Students will demonstrate the ability to synthesize various thematic areas of the discipline through required participation in advanced seminars. Seminars will stress analytical participation, oral presentations & the ability to interpret & critique core theoretical readings.

International Studies provides both a major and minor option for students. The flexibility of the program often allows students to double major without the need to extend their university studies. Students are encouraged to speak with the International Studies advisor to explore such possibilities.

The major in International Studies leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.