



INTERNATIONAL AREA STUDIES

International area studies is a language-based interdisciplinary major designed to prepare students for careers in the international arena. It combines a comprehensive liberal arts background with a specialization in the politics, history, culture and values of a major world area, as determined by the language or languages studied. Students majoring in the program study one or more languages as part of their area specialization and they may qualify for the University's advanced-level Certification of Proficiency in their target language or languages. French, German, Italian and Spanish are the western languages available; non-Western languages include Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. There are four thematic concentrations students may choose.

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International Business and Economics - This concentration is for students interested in careers linked to the global economy, where area expertise, intercultural competency, and writing and language skills are highly valued.

Justice and Human Rights - The Justice and Human Rights concentration connects students with important new concerns that have become a major focus of international activity in the last twenty years, such as the growth of international nongovernmental organizations, peacekeeping missions, and international courts.

Global Science, Technology, and Society - This concentration provides a social science and humanities framework for a focus in science, technology, and society. Language courses and an emphasis on intercultural understanding give this international area studies concentration a unique global approach.

Literature, Culture, and Arts - The Literature, Culture, and Arts concentration provides a framework for students who wish to develop a major around their language studies, putting greater emphasis on the literature, culture, and arts associated with the language and its regions.

Students wanting specific information about the major are encouraged to stop by the department office in 2024 MacAlister Hall, call the department at 215-895-1863, or visit their website at www.drexel.edu/ias/default.asp.

Please refer to the SCDC website (www.drexel.edu/scdc) for our most recent co-op salary information.

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Attorney Assistant
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Government Affairs Assistant
Literary Coordinator
Intelligence Analyst Trainee
Research Assistant

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & INTERNET RESOURCES

American Translators Association
www.atanet.org

Idealist
www.idealist.org

Global Charity Jobs
www.globalcharityjobs.com/s-index

International Jobs Center
www.internationaljobs.org

OverseasJobs.com
www.overseasjobs.com

United Nations Jobs
unjobs.org

CAREER RESOURCES

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www.drexel.edu/scdc/careerservices/pre-professional-advising/index.html

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www.drexel.edu/scdc/coop/COOP101/materials/writingyourresume.html

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