

# International Studies

Guilford seeks to promote and expand global awareness within the Guilford community and to prepare students to live as citizens and leaders in an increasingly interconnected world. International education at Guilford is based upon the traditional Quaker values of tolerance and respect for diversity. Guilford supports a peaceful world where people who are different learn to work together toward a common human goal of harmonious coexistence. Guilford expects its students to learn to appreciate the many faces of human culture, to understand the many ways in which humankind organizes itself, and to speak in more than just their native language.

## Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *Princeton Review*, *The Unofficial Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges*, as well as being one of the only 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College strives to balance a liberal arts education with a solid preparation toward either advanced studies or a career.

## What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University & High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

## The academic program in International Studies

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in International Studies.

Minors are offered in African Studies, East Asian Studies, European Studies, and Latin American Studies.

## Required courses for the International Studies major

Students majoring in International Studies take a minimum of eight courses (32 credit hours; see Specific Course Requirements on the International Studies web page) and also have a second major in an academic discipline in order to enhance their opportunities after graduation. Students focus their courses, language study, and abroad experience on one geographic region-- Africa, East Asia, Europe, or Latin America.

- *Global Perspectives*, the international studies core course (INTR 101), is required of all majors. Normally taught annually in the spring semester, this class is for sophomores or juniors in the program.
- *Two international courses* that focus on global issues and/or the approaches used in different academic disciplines to study international topics. These courses may double count with certain Foundations and Explorations courses and with the disciplinary major. See the International Studies web page for course listings.
- *Four regional courses*, including one historical survey and one cultural foundations class, in one of the four geographic regions. At least two academic disciplines and at least two upper-level courses (300- and 400-level) must be included among the four regional courses. See the International Studies web page for course listings.
- *Two 200-level language courses* relevant to the region of study (French and Twi for Africa; Chinese or Japanese for East Asia; Spanish, French, or German for Europe; Spanish for Latin America). Students wishing to test out of this requirement must have the approval of the foreign languages faculty.
- *Study abroad* in the relevant region in an approved academic program, normally for one semester. The International Studies Program Coordinator must approve exceptions prior to a student's participation in the program. Up to four courses taken abroad count for the international studies major; a minimum of four courses must be taken on campus.

## **Where do graduates go?**

- Graduate Program in Japanese at Sophia University in Japan
- Graduate Program in International Trade and Investment Policy at George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs
- Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme
- AmeriCorps

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