

“Learning for Global Careers”

A major in

International Studies

S.P.S.U.’s major in International Studies prepares students well for the *global marketplace and society* of the future. Indeed, whether people work within or outside the United States, many positions today require excellent communication skills, informed experience with given areas of technology, and cross-cultural competencies. As the world grows ever smaller, these skill sets will become ever more in demand.

Professionals in diverse fields use these abilities to analyze, communicate about, and work comfortably within the infrastructures of global business. By developing a broad knowledge base, Southern Polytechnic graduates serve as critical resources for Georgia’s businesses, as well as a whole host of alternative career centers.

Indeed, in a recent poll, the state’s information technology companies projected a “major push into international markets.” These and other key employers have expressed support for this novel degree program – unique to Southern Polytechnic. To compete effectively on a global scale, corporations will turn to employees with a solid grasp of these various skills sets. And, our *International Studies* graduates will be among the first to respond....

Career opportunities for graduates with a B.S. in International Studies include:

- international business
- the legal profession
- military and civilian intelligence
- local, state and federal government
- research at private foundations
- travel and transportation industries
- or, graduate study leading to an advanced degree

Choose from one of seventeen areas of concentration within the International Studies major.

These concentrations include:

- 1. Biology:**
Modern biology and biotechnology is today undergoing a revolution. Students will learn about fundamental problems and processes taking place in these exciting fields.
- 2. Civil Engineering Technology:**
The fundamentals of civil engineering – structures, fluid mechanics, environmental engineering – will be explored in this fast-changing discipline.
- 3. Computing:**
Gives students a basic understanding of the fundamental principles and terminology involved in computer science and programming.
- 4. Construction:**
Gives students a solid understanding of what makes the construction process work.
- 5. Electrical Engineering Technology:**
Provides students with an understanding of the principles and terminology in the field of electrical engineering technology.
- 6. General Technology Concentration:**
This option gives students a good, broad understanding of technology issues and enables them to work across a wide range of technologies.
- 7. History:**
This concentration encompasses the development of the human experience as it changes over time and across cultures and offers analytical and communications skills applicable in a wide range of professional settings.
- 8. History of Science and Technology:**
This concentration will use historical investigation to give students a deeper understanding of the nature and impact of science and technology.
- 9. Industrial Engineering Technology:**
Basic principles and terminology of this field will be explored through hands-on experience in the classroom.

10. International Business:

This concentration provides students with a broad introduction to vital areas of business, e.g., accounting, finance, marketing, and management. Culminates with a course in international management.

11. Latin American Studies:

Provides students with a basic understanding of Latin America and proficiency in Spanish for work in government, non-governmental organizations, and business.

12. Management:

Provides students with basic skills that are vital in managing international and high technology organizations.

13. Political Science:

This concentration provides students with a basic introduction into the terminology, theoretical frameworks, and developments within the various sub-fields of political science.

14. Social Science:

With this concentration, students will be introduced to the basic terminology, theoretical frameworks, and developments within a variety of social science disciplines.

15. Spanish:

Students with this concentration can achieve an intermediate low proficiency in Spanish and a basic understanding of Hispanic cultures in order to function successfully in them.

16. Technical and Professional Communication:

Develops students' verbal and written communication skills for use in technical and professional fields of endeavor.

17. Technology and the Law:

One of the most common career paths chosen by students of International Studies is a legal career. This concentration will provide International Studies majors with advanced coursework that will better prepare them for the L.S.A.T. exam, law school, and pursuing a career in law.

For additional information, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Tom Rotnem @ 678-915-7523 to set up a convenient time to meet and discuss your future program of study!

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