International and Global Studies Minor

The minor in international and global studies prepares students for careers, service, and citizenship in our global world.

The Minor
The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences offers a minor in International and Global Studies. A program director and an advisory committee oversee the program. Students may customize their studies by choosing 18 hours from among more than 20 disciplines that span four colleges across the university. This is among the most flexible programs on campus.

Coursework areas:
- Comparative
- Asia
- Africa/Middle East
- Latin America
- Europe

The Program
The minor in international and global studies (INGS) requires 18 hours of internationally- and/or globally-themed coursework. The 18 hours must span at least three different disciplines. At least six hours must be taken at Winthrop, and at least six hours must be in courses numbered above 299. Additional requirements include foreign language proficiency at the 102 level and engagement with a foreign culture as demonstrated through one of the following three choices: study abroad or travel course abroad, domestic service learning relevant to INGS, or six hours advanced language study (i.e., beyond the 199 level). The minor is designed to be flexible and to accommodate fluctuating course offerings, here and abroad. Therefore, courses can be approved for minor credit by the INGS advisory committee, and potential and current minors should schedule advising with the director. No more than six hours overlap is allowed between the INGS minor and the international business option of the Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Careers
We live at a time of unprecedented international exchange not only of material goods but of ideas, knowledge and values. Because so many employers are looking to hire persons proficient in an increasingly globalized world, the INGS minor is an asset for résumés in a wide variety of professions.

Participating disciplines:
Internationally- and globally-themed coursework is available in anthropology, art history, business administration, dance (applied technique), economics, education, English, finance, geography, history, languages, management, marketing, mass communication, nutrition, philosophy, physical education, political science, religious studies, sociology and theatre. If work in another discipline can be shown to be internationally relevant, the INGS committee will consider it by petition.