International Studies

This interdisciplinary international studies program builds on Stetson University's strength in international and language study and study abroad. Students in the major have the opportunity to design individual programs of study that address global issues or perspectives of special interest to them.

A minor in international studies provides an international dimension to almost any discipline of study. For example, this program in contemporary international studies will complement major programs in pre-law, social science, modern languages and literatures, political science, education and humanities.

Students in the School of Business Administration who desire a foundation for international business will find the minor an ideal complement to a major in business administration, finance, management or marketing. International business majors will benefit from the minor's added focus on international perspectives from the humanities and social sciences.

Academics and Research

Independent research
All students conduct an independent Senior Research project under the guidance of a faculty member.

Facilities and opportunities
Each year Stetson University invites distinguished scholars to campus for an intensive two-day symposium on international affairs. Stetson University students encounter these scholars in lectures, panel discussions and classroom visits. During the last three years, the symposia have focused on the Middle East, the Gorbachev Revolution and world politics, and the transition toward democracy in South Africa.

Preparation for graduate study
International studies can strengthen preparation for admission to graduate programs or professional schools of law or medicine.

Awards and Recognition

Distinguished faculty
The program's interdisciplinary nature draws on faculty from across the university. The program director is:

- William R. Nylen, Ph.D., Columbia University (Comparative Politics), M.A., Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (International Economics and Latin American Politics)

Grant-funded research
Students are encouraged to take part in the Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience program. Each year undergraduate scholars are selected in a university-wide competition for grants to work with a faculty mentor on a summer research project.

Fast Facts

- Number of faculty: 5
- Can you major in this program? Yes
- Can you minor in this program? Yes
- Emphasis within the major: self-selected global issue or perspective

This major complements many other areas of study.