



## International Studies (B.A.)

Department Website: <http://www.american.edu/sis/>

### 1. Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate critical and analytical writing, presentation and thinking skills including the ability to apply relevant and contemporary theories to the analysis of international relations.
2. Interpret issues from more than one cultural perspective, fostering an environment and learning community among students of active cultural exchange and engagement both in and out of the classroom.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of values, ethics, and social justice in international relations.
4. Display an in-depth knowledge of issues and theories related to one's specific area of study
5. Demonstrate a multi-dimensional understanding of a specific geographical area or country.
6. Demonstrate an intermediate proficiency in a foreign language.
7. Demonstrate a breadth of understanding of multiple disciplines and fields related to international relations (liberal arts focus).

## 2. Assessment Plan

Measures	Target	Learning Outcomes	Cycle and Reviewers
SIS-206 Introduction to Int'l Relations Research faculty evaluate sample writing assignments based on rubric. Indirect measure from faculty observations at Undergraduate Research Conference.	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range	Outcome 1	Evaluations in spring 2009, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Field Directors. Results of indirect measures on Student Teaching Evaluations will be reported annually.
SIS-140 faculty evaluate sample projects (papers, exams) based on rubric.	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range	Outcome 2	Evaluations in spring 2011, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Field Directors.
Senior seminar or senior course professors evaluate sample final projects (papers, projects, reports, etc) based on rubric.	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range	Outcomes 3, 4, 5.	
Language and Area Studies professors evaluate language proficiency based on core test results.	75% meet excellent/very good range; 25% meet satisfactory range	Outcome 6	Evaluations conducted in 2011, and continue on annual basis. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean, Field Directors, and LAS department chair.

<p>SIS-105 World Politics professors evaluate sample final exam responses based on rubric.</p>	<p>75% meet excellent range; 25% meet satisfactory range</p>	<p>Outcome 7</p>	<p>Evaluations in spring 2010, and on two-year cycle. Results will be reported to the Dean, Associate Dean and Field Directors. Results of indirect measures on Student Teaching Evaluations will be reported annually, beginning in 2010.</p>
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