“Do it. Study abroad. Make yourself completely uncomfortable and learn as much as you can. Studying a language and living abroad has emboled my confidence to travel, learn, take risks, move across the country and back and then out again. I wouldn’t trade my experience for anything.”
- Kelsey Douville ’16, Field Manager for Forward Montana

“It was an integral part of my UNH experience as going abroad was the best experience I had throughout school. I met my closest, lifelong friend abroad on top of exploring immaculately diverse geographies and people. It pushed me outside my usual stagnant boundaries to adventures I never would’ve thought possible.”
- Gwynth Fifield, 2020 Graduate

“I feel very fortunate to have had the ability at UNH to study international affairs together with music. My Dual Major in International Affairs, in combination with my personal experience, provided me the proper ‘intellectual gear’ and helped me learn to seek, understand and respect the cultural differences that I have encountered in my life journey so far.”
- Sophie Koustas ’96, PR Officer/Event Coordinator, Municipality of Larissa, Greece

“In an increasingly globalized world it is difficult to find any issue that does not span country boundaries. Additionally, I cannot overstate enough how useful it has been to know a second language and to be able to provide that additional skill set to my work.”
- Melanie Condon ’10, Policy Associate, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee

“I enjoyed my academic experience at UNH mostly because of this program. It motivated me to learn German up to a [upper intermediate] level and I got to study abroad twice in Germany.”
- Gordon Guilmette, 2020 Graduate
What is the International Affairs Program?

The IA Program offers a Dual Major or Minor that can be combined with any major offered at UNH.

The most pressing matters of our time — pandemics, economic globalization, migration, climate change, violent conflicts—transcend national boundaries and require global responses. IA students graduate as responsible global citizens with unique analytical skills and knowledge of international concerns, ready to tackle critical global issues.

Program Requirements

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Pursue your global interests!

What can I do with an International Affairs degree?

CIA Agent/Intelligence Officer
Counter Terrorism Specialist
Disaster Relief Coordinator
Foreign Affairs Specialist
Foreign Language Specialist
Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat
Global Health Worker
Global Risk Analyst
Immigration Specialist
International Aid Worker
Development Worker
International Economist
International Education Specialist
International Engineer
International Lawyer
International Marketing Specialist
International Policy Advisor
International Researcher
International Tourism Specialist
International Journalist
Peace Corps Volunteer
Public Affairs Consultant
Trade Policy Specialist
Transnational Business Specialist
United Nations Worker

An International Affairs Dual Major or Minor offers students the opportunity to globalize their academic studies and take electives from over 30 different departments across the university. From Anthropology to Civil Engineer - Economics to Environmental Studies, the IA Program equips students with the skills they need to pursue their chosen profession with unique international understanding. By the time they graduate, IA students are prepared to successfully launch their careers in the ever-globalizing world.

US Foreign Aid in the Israel-Palestine Conflict
— Economics/International Affairs Major, ‘19

Chinese Investment and Development in Developing Countries
— Political Science/International Affairs Major, ‘19

Mental Health of Syrian Child Refugees
— Psychology/International Affairs Major, ‘19

Meet the New Boss, Same as the Old Boss: The Rise of Putin’s Regime
— Russian/International Affairs Major, ‘16

Analysis of the Pharmaceutical Industry in the French Healthcare
— Biomedical Science: Medical and Veterinary Science/International Affairs Major, ‘17

Undergraduate Research Conference: IA Program Capstones

IA Dual Majors each complete an Independent Capstone Research Project on an International topic of interest and present their findings at the UNH Undergraduate Research Conference.