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Is International Studies for you?

Do you want to better understand our world so that you can contribute to meaningful change? Are you interested in learning more about specific regions of the world and the global dynamics that create risks and opportunities?

From climate change and armed conflict to poverty and global migration, SFU International Studies brings an interdisciplinary lens to understanding the political, economic, and social dimensions of the world's most complex problems.

With leading scholars as professors, and a diversity of research and work opportunities, our program empowers students to connect academic theory, deep regional expertise, and practical forms of engagement. In our courses, you will explore the interconnected topics of peace and security, international development, human rights, international law, governance, and civil society. We work to ensure our graduates are well-informed, well-prepared, and well-connected to meaningfully influence knowledge, policy, and action in Canada and around the world.

What you will learn

- Research skills, digital literacy, project design, and policy analysis, to help you investigate global issues, assess policies, and develop impactful projects
- Leadership, negotiation, and collaboration to then manage teams, mediate conflicts, and build international partnerships
- Development of persuasive communication and interpersonal skills which are key for diplomacy, advocacy, and building strong professional networks
- Analytical thinking and cultural awareness, which help you navigate diverse perspectives and assess global challenges

Career opportunities

Many possibilities are open to you, with some requiring further education.

- Policy analyst
- Intelligence analyst
- Foreign service officer and diplomat
- International development practitioner
- Human rights advocate
- Lawyer

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MAJOR: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

MINOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE

International Studies allowed my interest in comparative politics to truly flourish and it broadened my perspective on critical issues that aligned with my strengths. The degree provided a foundation applicable to various fields, such as law, policy analysis, and social work. The possibilities are truly endless.



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