

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

### OVERVIEW

The International Studies Certificate is designed to provide students with key competencies in critical thinking, research and data gathering in international contexts. The certificate is an option for people who want to cultivate their ability to engage in critical analysis of international issues and apply that critical analysis in their places of employment. It can also be used as a stepping stone to a MA degree.

### PROGRAM FEATURES

**Curriculum.** Students begin this program by enrolling in two foundation courses, INT 401: Critical Social Theory and INT 402: International Political Economy, which provide the critical frameworks for subsequent classes. Building on this foundation, students select two courses from a series of core courses that reflect topical debates and highlight critical approaches towards race, class, gender, power and inequality.

**Social justice.** Our students analyze how social processes like political economy, migration, inequality work, and learn to think critically about social change by combining theory and practice. Students are expected to develop strong research and writing skills. Their work should develop socially responsible, ethical frameworks, informed by historical consciousness of transnational contexts.

**Courses.** Classes are offered primarily in the evening at the Lincoln Park campus.

### Certificate Requirements

Students complete four courses for a total of 16 quarter hours.

#### Core Courses

(Two courses, 8 quarter hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
INT 401	CRITICAL SOCIAL THEORY	4
INT 402	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	4

#### Elective Courses

(Two courses, 8 quarter hours)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
<b>Choose 2 Courses:</b>		<b>8</b>
INT 404	MIGRATION AND FORCED MIGRATION	
INT 405	CULTURE AND INEQUALITY	
INT 406	GLOBAL EMPIRES	
INT 407	RACE, SEX, DIFFERENCE	
INT 408	NATURE, SOCIETY, AND POWER	
INT 409	CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT THEORY	
INT 410	INTERNATIONAL LAW	

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are accepted at any time and students may begin the certificate at the start of any academic quarter. The program is open to both non-degree seeking students and students concurrently enrolled in a DePaul graduate degree program. All applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution.

### HOW TO APPLY

#### Students enrolled in other DePaul graduate degree programs

Submit a letter of intent to the Office of Graduate Admission (graddepaul@depaul.edu (las@depaul.edu)).

#### Non-degree seeking students

Complete a College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences graduate application (go.depaul.edu/apply (<https://www.depaul.edu/apply/Pages/default.aspx>)).

Please submit the following materials:

- Official transcript(s) from all college/universities attended
- A letter of intent

Application materials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Official electronic transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution and can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Students educated outside of the U.S. must provide a credential evaluation and proof of English proficiency by submitting a TOEFL or IELTS score. Visit the program website or go.depaul.edu/lasinternational (<https://las.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/graduate/Pages/international-admission.aspx>) for more information.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
DePaul University  
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: las.depaul.edu (<https://las.depaul.edu/Pages/default.aspx>)  
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Phone: (773) 325-7315

*Please note the information provided is current as of March 2025 and is subject to change.*