You realize the majority of the world’s population, including most Americans, are unprepared for an increasingly globalized world because they neither understand the complexity of the situation nor are they ready to function in an international context.

You realize that in order to adequately comprehend the world you live in, you must study outside your home country and learn another language.

You realize that if an education in the 21st century isn’t internationally focused, it is not preparing you for your future.

Welcome to the School of International Studies: you are going to feel very much at home here.
First, we are a university-based school dedicated to international studies, not merely a department or interdepartmental program. In the whole country, there are only five others like us. That means you get the advantages that only a comprehensive university can offer in terms of breadth and resources, but a faculty and student body all working on international issues that hit at the core of the life of the school. We offer a curriculum that prepares our students to be globally competent citizens.

Second, we require that every student study abroad and learn another language in order to graduate. We offer more than 100 different programs in more than 60 countries to suit every need and interest. We are absolutely committed to the idea that you cannot begin to understand the world if you never leave home.

Third, we have created the best undergraduate cross-cultural experience and enrich all of our course offerings. See our website training program in the country to maximize the study abroad.

Fourth, we actively promote internship and work experience both nationally and abroad for every student, believing that preparation for real work in the world should be fundamental to the undergraduate experience and not begin the day after graduation. Our new Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship has more than twenty global internships. If you come to SIS, we will provide you the opportunity to benefit from a domestic or international internship.

Fifth, our program is interdisciplinary. All global challenges and careers will require an integrated knowledge of many fields—of history and ecology and economics and anthropology, language and politics and geography and computer skills and so on. So from the first course you take with us, we will be emphasizing the interconnectedness of the world.

And finally, we have small classes and faculty who really do love teaching and are good at it (or we wouldn’t have hired them) and students who are unusually bright and worldly and fun. More importantly, our graduates go on to an amazing array of fascinating careers that often surprises even us.

The School of International Studies at Pacific isn’t for everybody. If you want to get lost in the crowd, if you don’t want your ideas and your values challenged, if you don’t want to learn other languages and live among “foreigners,” there are plenty of other places for you. But for those who are willing to work hard and want to confront the world of the 21st century head-on, we welcome to the School of International Studies.

The School of International Studies

Our undergraduate degree program can be your intellectual passport to the world! It is a program you can’t find anywhere else anywhere in the country, and is the only one in the United States, and many more worldwide. At almost all of them you can study in some form of international affairs program. Why choose University of the Pacific’s School of International Studies?

If you are searching for a college, you will notice that everybody says just about the same thing. How are we not like the others? How are we any better?

If this sounds like a program that fits your interests, please do not hesitate to contact our Dean, Margee Ensign. She can be reached at DeanSIS@pacific.edu. You might also consider visiting our campus. Many prospective students come for a visit, meet students and faculty, attend classes and spend the night. To arrange a visit, contact Kathleen Hastings at khastings@pacific.edu.

If you would like to learn more about the exciting new field of global social entrepreneurship, our plans for a graduate degree, specifics of our global internships, and how we work with the microfinance organization that is part of our Global Center, please contact our Director, Jerry Hildebrand, at jhildebrand@pacific.edu.

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*Majors leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree:

- International Relations
- Global Development
- Development and Cultural Change
- International Affairs and Commerce

Many of our students graduate with double majors, and a few with double degrees. From your first day on campus, we will guide you in your course selection. If you have any questions about courses, please contact our Assistant to the Dean, Mary-Lou Tyler, at mtyler@pacific.edu.