



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 30, 2006

Mark A. Emmert, President

Dean David C. Hodge
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear David:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised major requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2006.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Donnen (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Todd Mildon, J. D. (with enclosure SIS-051116)

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Explanation of proposed changes or new programs. Attach additional page if necessary: See attached.				
Desired Implementation date (no earlier than one full quarter after anticipated date of approval): Spring 2006				
Existing Catalog Statement		Proposed Catalog Statement (<u>underline</u> for additions, strikethrough for deletions)		
<p><i>Suggested First- and Second-Year College Courses:</i> 30 credits of a single foreign language. ECON 200, ECON 201.</p> <p>Department Admission Requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Admission is competitive, based on overall GPA, grades in the social sciences, a written statement of goals, language background, and any international experience. Before applying, students must complete either ECON 200 or 201, and either SIS 200 or 201. Grades in these courses will be given special consideration. Application deadline is the third Friday of each quarter; students are notified by the sixth Friday of the quarter in which they apply. Transfer students must be enrolled at the UW before applying to the major. <p>100 credits, including foreign languages, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign-language competency through the second-year college level ECON 200, ECON 201; SIS 200, SIS 201, SIS 202, SIS 401, SIS 495, SIS 498 Three or four upper-division courses in an approved option Three upper-division interdisciplinary courses in international studies from an approved core list A research paper of approximately 25 pages to be completed in one of the courses in the student's approved option or in one of the approved interdisciplinary courses Majors are required to maintain a GPA of at least 2.50, both overall and in the program, and to earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all required SIS-prefixed courses. 		<p><i>Suggested First- and Second-Year College Courses:</i> 30 credits of a single foreign language. ECON 200; <u>ECON 201 or SIS/GEOG 123</u>.</p> <p>Department Admission Requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Admission is competitive, based on overall GPA, grades in the social sciences, a written statement of goals, language background, and any international experience. Before applying, students must complete either ECON 200, or 201, or <u>SIS/GEOG 123</u> and either SIS 200 or 201. Grades in these courses will be given special consideration. Application deadline is the third Friday of each quarter; students are notified by the sixth Friday of the quarter in which they apply. Transfer students must be enrolled at the UW before applying to the major. <p>100 credits, including foreign languages, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign-language competency through the second-year college level ECON 200 <u>and either</u> ECON 201 or <u>SIS/GEOG 123</u>; SIS 200, SIS 201, SIS 202, SIS 401, SIS 495, SIS 498 Three or four upper-division courses in an approved option Three upper-division interdisciplinary courses in international studies from an approved core list A research paper of approximately 25 pages to be completed in one of the courses in the student's approved option or in one of the approved interdisciplinary courses Majors are required to maintain a GPA of at least 2.50, both overall and in the program, and to earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all required SIS-prefixed courses. 		
Chair 		Date Nov 22 2005	Dean 	
College Committee 		Date DEC 08 2005	Faculty Council on Academic Standards 	
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Explanation of Proposed Changes

The International Studies program's Executive Committee has voted to modify the requirements of the major to allow SIS/GEOG 123 to count as an alternative to ECON 201 (Macroeconomics).

From the point of view of developing an adequately global approach to the political-economy of the world system, SIS/GEOG 123 provides a better grounding in the processes through which global economic interdependencies are interrelated to other forms of international relations, including transformations in global governance and global politics.

Since much of macroeconomics tends to take a microeconomic approach to the world system, most of what students need to understand about how economists frame global issues (and frame out certain social, cultural and political questions) can be learned in ECON 200, the main introduction to Microeconomics.

Allowing SIS 123 as an alternative to ECON 201 also will provide more continuities (at least, for the students who choose it) among the whole portfolio of courses that our students take; the developer and instructor for SIS 123 is jointly appointed in the Jackson School and knows the themes dealt with in the major more broadly.