

**A Proposal to Allow for Double-Counting of Major Classes for
International Studies Double Majors
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Motivation: The proposed new International Studies major is an interdisciplinary major that draws courses from all existing SLA departments as well as a number of other schools such as SPEA, the Kelley School of Business and the Herron School of Art and Design. The fact that it is an interdisciplinary major raises unique questions or issues for double majors that are not faced by students who double major in existing discipline-specific majors. To take one example, a student who double majors in Anthropology and Geography has to fulfill all the requirements for each major but there is no overlap between them. The only impact of double majoring is that 4 courses from the second major can count toward meeting the student's Area III requirement of 15 credits at the 300-400 level. A student, though, who wishes to double major in Anthropology and International Studies or Geography and International Studies, however, faces a different question in that potentially 6-10 courses from each department can count toward their departmental major and toward their International Studies major. This proposal suggests that student be allowed to "double count" a limited number of courses toward fulfilling the requirements of both majors.

Proposed Policy: "International Studies majors who are completing a double major or a double degree will be allowed to double count up to three classes for the major requirements, excluding the capstone."