The World Comparative Studies (WCS) minor is an interdisciplinary academic program intended to prepare students to live and work in, and make sense of, an increasingly interdependent and multicultural world. Students with an interest in international studies, as well as careers in business, communications, economics, education, environmental science, history, and politics, are invited to consider the minor as a supplement to their major.

All students must engage in an approved international experience. The language proficiency requirement must also be met.

Minor Admission Requirements
- None

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- None

Prerequisite Courses
- None

Required Courses (3 hrs)
- IDS 3333  World Comparative Studies  3 hrs

Restricted Electives (15 hrs)
- Thematic Concentrations: Select five courses from within one of the concentrations below. Courses not on the list may be taken with the prior approval of the program adviser. Students must meet all prerequisites before enrolling in these courses. No more than 6 hours of coursework may overlap in a student’s major and this minor without permission of the Interdisciplinary Studies office. Two upper division foreign language courses (6 hours) may be substituted in any of the thematic concentrations.

Language and Culture
- Regional courses: Students may take up to two courses dealing with at least two regions of the world in consultation with academic advisor in the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Biological and Geophysical Environment
- IDS 3150  Foundations of Environmental Studies  3 hrs
- ECP 3302  Economics and the Environment  3 hrs
- SYD 4510  Environment and Society  3 hrs
- HFT 4735  Tourism Geography  3 hrs
- INR 4351  International Environmental Law  3 hrs
- ENV 3001  Introduction to Environmental Engineering  3 hrs
- GIS 3043C  GIS for Environmental Studies  3 hrs
- PHI 3033  Philosophy, Religion, and the Environment  3 hrs
- PHI 3640  Environmental Ethics  3 hrs

Social Structure and Change
- ANT 3145  Archaeology of Complex Societies  3 hrs
- ANT 3273  Law and Culture  3 hrs
- ANT 4702  Culture, Inequality and Global Development  3 hrs
- PLA 4830  World Legal Systems  3 hrs
- SYP 4454  Global Inequality and Society  3 hrs

Media and Communication
- FIL 3845  World Cinema Traditions  3 hrs
- COM 4461  Intercultural Communication  3 hrs
- LIN 4643  Cross Cultural Communication  3 hrs
- THE 4212  Global Theatre  3 hrs
- FIL 3842  International Cinema  3 hrs

World Independent Specialization
- Any five upper division courses from the approved list of courses in any thematic concentration may be selected for this option with approval of the Interdisciplinary Studies office.

Foreign Language Requirements
- Students must demonstrate the equivalent of one year of successful college-level study in a foreign language. They can do this either by successful completion of the appropriate college-level course(s) or by examination.

Total Semester Hours Required
- 18

Other Requirements
- A grade of "C" (2.0) or above is required in each course used to satisfy the minor.
- At least 15 hours used in the minor must be earned at UCF.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship or Independent Study and international experiences require prior approval from the Interdisciplinary Studies advisors to be used in the minor.