INTERNATIONAL STUDIES - BA, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY TRACK

**Principle objectives**
1. To guide students through the complex cultural, social, political, and economic stakes of global interdependence.
2. To assure a measurable proficiency in a foreign language.
3. To assure regional cultural competency through a structured and integrated abroad experience.
4. To provide a historical dimension to current conceptions of globalization.

**Curriculum**
The degree plan consists of a combination of INTS core courses (15 hours), with electives tailored for each track (18 hours); area studies courses in the region corresponding to the student’s foreign language choice (9 hours); foreign language courses (20 hours); and at least one long semester or 10-week summer study abroad or other approved international program with an emphasis on cultural and linguistic immersion.

**International Politics and Diplomacy Track**
This track offers students a fundamental understanding of foreign relations. Students learn about the workings of governments and civil societies in a global framework. In the end, students come away from the program with a sound understanding of how governments communicate and cooperate in regional, continental, and global settings.

**Program Requirements**

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<td>INTS 201</td>
<td>Introduction to International Studies</td>
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<td>Take three hours of the following:</td>
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<td>INTS 205</td>
<td>Current Issues in International Studies</td>
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<td>Select two of the following:</td>
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<td>INTS 400</td>
<td>to 480 (<a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints</a>)</td>
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<td>INTS 485</td>
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<td>Special Topics in...</td>
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<td>INTS 481</td>
<td>Senior Seminar in International Studies</td>
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**Track Courses**
Select six of the following from at least two departments:
- ECON 203  Principles of Economics
- ECON 320  Economic Development of Europe
- ECON 324  Comparative Economic Systems
- ECON 330  Economic Development
- ECON 452  International Trade Theory and Policy
- HIST 343  Inter-American Relations
- HIST 444  American Military History Since 1901
- HIST 462  American Foreign Relations to 1913
- HIST 463  American Foreign Relations Since 1913
- HIST 464  International Developments Since 1918
- INTS 301  Theories of Globalization
- INTS 484  Directed Internship
- POLS 229  Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 231  Introduction to World Politics
- POLS 324  Politics of Global Inequality
- POLS 328  Globalization and Democracy
- POLS 347  Politics of Energy and the Environment
- POLS 350  Modern Political Thought
- POLS 358  Comparative Judicial Politics
- POLS 364  Global Political Thought
- POLS 413  American Foreign Policy
- POLS 415  Contemporary Issues in American Foreign Policy
- POLS 423  U.S.-Latin American Relations
- POLS 424  Comparative Governmental Institutions
- POLS 429  Issues in World Politics
- POLS 432  The Politics of European Union
- POLS 447  National Security Policy
- POLS 454  Contemporary Political Ideas
- POLS 456  Environmental Political Theory
- POLS 475  Government and the Economy
- SOCI 325/ASIA 325  International Business Behavior
- SOCI 423  Globalization and Social Change

**Area Studies**
Select courses from one of the following areas: 1
- Latin America
- Europe
- Africa
- North Africa and the Middle East
- Asia

**Foreign Language**
Courses and/or replacement credits 2
- 20

**International Experience Requirement**
Experience requires Director of International Studies approval before travel 3

**College, University Requirements**
- ENGL 104  Composition and Rhetoric 3
- Select one of the following: 3
  - ENGL 203  Writing about Literature
  - ENGL 210  Technical and Business Writing
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COMM 203 Public Speaking
COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions
COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate

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<td>Language, philosophy and culture</td>
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Total Semester Credit Hours 120

1 Choose courses from an approved list on the INTS website in consultation with an advisor. Courses numbered 485 or 489 that contain significant international content can be taken in any department to meet part of the track or area requirement. Students must obtain International Studies advisor approval before taking the 485 or 489 course.

2 See the Foreign Language paragraph.

3 See the International Experience Requirements paragraph.

4 At least 3 hours must be in MATH. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

5 Courses may be used to satisfy other requirements.

Students placed in 202 will take 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.

Students placing out of 101, 102, 201 and 202 will take 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.

International Experience Requirements

The International Experience must generate at least 3 hours of Texas A&M University credit. Departmental approval is required before travel. Any international experience that does not meet these criteria will not count toward the degree.

- Must be at least one long semester or one 10-week summer approved experience.
- Must be taken after completion of 100- and 200-level language requirement and INTS 201.
- Must be completed before student is eligible to enroll in INTS 481, INTS 491 or INTS 497.
- Must be an immersion experience in the foreign culture and language, which can be satisfied by:
  - An internship at a company, government agency or non-profit operation involving significant use of the foreign language. Three hours of INTS 484 elective credit can be given.
  - Courses taken at a foreign university. Courses may count for Texas A&M University credit with approval of the advisor of the relevant department. These courses cannot apply to the International Studies core. One course must be taken in the foreign language at the 300- or 400-level.
  - Selected Texas A&M University Study Abroad programs which involve intensive cultural and language immersion.
  - A combination of the above to equal the requirement of a long semester or a 10-week summer-approved experience.
- Must be taken outside of the student’s country of origin.
- Must be taken in one foreign country that matches with the foreign language and the area study requirement unless approved by the department head before travel.

Other courses may qualify for the college, university requirements categories. Students should consult the approved list of courses available in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Liberal Arts or in the International Studies Degree Program Office. The list incorporates University Core Curriculum requirements. No course can be counted in more than one category, except as allowed in the International and Cultural Diversity Graduation requirement.

Foreign Language

Students entering International Studies take a placement exam to determine the level of and number of required foreign language courses. Exam results may fulfill a maximum of 14 semester credit hours.

- Students placed in 101 will take 101, 102, 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.
- Students placed in 102 will take 102, 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.
- Students placed in 201 will take 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.