International Studies - BA, Global Cultural Studies 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.

Global Cultural Studies Track

The Global Cultural Studies track offers students both the fundamental theoretical background in cultural studies as well as a broad array of courses in international cultural production and criticism. This humanities based program provides students with a rich understanding of artistic expression in a global setting.

Program Requirements

Core Courses

INTS 201 Introduction to International Studies 3
Take three hours of the following: 3
INTS 205 Current Issues in International Studies
Select two of the following: 6
INTS 400-INTS 480
INTS 485 Directed Studies
INTS 489 Special Topics in...
INTS 497 Independent Honors Study
INTS 481 Senior Seminar in International Studies 3

Track Courses

INTS 211/ENGL 211 Foundations in Cultural Studies 3
MODL 222/ENGL 222 World Literature 3
Select one of the following: 3
ANTH 324/ Music in World Cultures
MUSC 324
ANTH 335/ Cultures of Central Asia
ASIA 335
ANTH 340/ Folklore and the Supernatural
RELS 340
ANTH 403/ Anthropology of Religion
RELS 403

ANTH 404/ Women and Culture
WGST 404
ANTH 424 Human Evolutionary Ecology I: Culture, Cooperation and Subsistence
ANTH 440 Studies in Globalization
ANTH 445 Studies in African Diaspora
Select three of the following: 9
AFST 325 Africana Humanities
AFST 326 Africana Popular Culture
ARTS 349 The History of Modern Art
ARCH 430 History of Ancient Architecture
ARCH 434 The Role of Sculpture and Painting in Ancient Architecture
CLAS 415/ FILM 415 The Ancient World in Film
CLAS 418 European Intellectual History from Ancient Greece to the Early Middle Ages
COMM 335 Intercultural Communication
COMM 340 Communication and Popular Culture
COMM 365/JOUR 365 International Communication
EURO 300-EURO 489
GEOG 311 Cultural Geography
HIST 421 European Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century
INTS 301 Theories of Globalization
INTS 484 Directed Internship
MUSC 324/ANTH 324 Music in World Cultures
MUSC 325/PERF 325 Dance and World Cultures
PERF 301 Performance in World Cultures
PHIL 330 Philosophy of Art
PHIL 331/RELS 331 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 371 Philosophy of Literature
PSYC 346 Psychology of Language
WGST 404/ANTH 404 Women and Culture

Area Studies

Select courses from one of the following areas: 9
Latin America
Europe
Africa
North Africa and the Middle East
Asia
Foreign Language 2 20
International Experience Requirement 3

College and 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
COMM 203  Public Speaking
COMM 205  Communication for Technical Professions
COMM 243  Argumentation and Debate

Literature in English 6
Mathematics 4 6
Language, philosophy and culture 3
Creative arts 3
Life and physical sciences 9
Social and behavioral sciences 6
American history 6
POLS 206  American National Government 3
POLS 207  State and Local Government 3

International and cultural diversity 5
General Electives 7

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.

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.
• 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.