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 a 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

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| **Track Courses**                                     |                        |                       |
| INTS 211/ ENGL 211                                    | 3                     |
| MODL 222/ ENGL 222                                    | 3                     |
| ANTH 324/ Music in World Cultures                     | 3                     |

| **Area Studies**                                      | 9                     |
| Select courses from one of the following areas:       |                       |
| Latin America                                         |                       |
| Europe                                                |                       |
| Africa                                                |                       |
| North Africa and the Middle East                      |                       |
| Asia                                                  |                       |
Foreign Language

International Experience Requirement

College and University Requirements

ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric 3

Select one of the following:

ENGL 203 Writing about Literature 3
ENGL 210 Technical and Business Writing

COMM 203 Public Speaking
COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions

COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate

Literature in English (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts) 6
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/math) 4

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) 3

Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) 3

Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 9

Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) 6

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) 6

POLS 206 American National Government 3
POLS 207 State and Local Government 3

International and cultural diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements) 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.

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. 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.

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.