

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - BA

The Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs (INTA) is an interdisciplinary degree that provides a background in social science disciplines and regional studies along with a rigorous foreign language requirement and mandatory international experience to give students the tools necessary to succeed in an increasingly globalized world. Students in INTA will develop analytical and extensive writing skills, and will be qualified to pursue a range of professions including positions in the federal government related to international affairs, positions in the private sector with firms dealing with the international economy, and positions in the state and local government that interface globally.

Principle Objectives

1. Analyze international political, economic, and social issues;
2. Recognize varying approaches to argumentation, what counts as viable data, and how it is gathered and presented;
3. Write clearly and present their findings convincingly;
4. Become proficient in a language other than English;
5. Successfully navigate terrain, both literally and figuratively, that is foreign to them, through successful completion of an international experience

Curriculum

The degree plan consists of a combination of INTA core courses, directed electives tailored for each focus area, foreign language courses, 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.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
BUSH 101	Freshman Success Seminar ¹	1
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric ¹	3
INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies ¹	1
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
Foreign language ²		4
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
INTS 201	Introduction to International Studies ¹	3
INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies ¹	1
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		4
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Semester Credit Hours		14

Second Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ECON 202	Principles of Economics ¹	3
INTA 302	Principles of International Affairs ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Foreign language ²		3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies ¹	1
ECON 203	Principles of Economics ¹	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Third Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
INTS 300	International Experience ³	0
Focus area ^{1,4}		3
Foreign language ²		3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)		3
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Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
INTA 303	Principles of the Global Economy ¹	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Focus area ^{1,4}		3
Foreign language ²		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

Focus area ^{1,4}	3
Mathematics (MATH prefix required) (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Humanities directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/)	3
International affairs elective ^{1,5}	3

Semester Credit Hours	15
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Spring

INTS 481 Senior Seminar in International Studies ^{1,6}	3
Focus area ^{1,4}	3
General elective ⁷	3
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Semester Credit Hours	15
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Total Semester Credit Hours	120
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¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² Students completing a Bachelor of Arts in the Bush School are required to complete 14 hours of a foreign language through the intermediate level. Students in International Affairs are required to complete an additional 6 hours of a foreign language through the advanced level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See the Foreign Language paragraph.

³ The course will be used to track student's completion of the International Experience Requirement.

⁴ Select 12 hours from one focus area from the list below.

⁵ Select from INTA 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/inta/>)

⁶ Students can substitute INTS 497.

⁷ Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
International Social Processes		
HISP 363	Borderlands: U.S. and Mexico	3
INTA 445	Women and International Affairs	3
INTS 211/ ENGL 211	Foundations in Cultural Studies	3
INTS 215/ FILM 215	Global Cinema	3
INTS 405	War and Memory	3
INTS 409	Culture, Neoliberalism and Globalism	3
POLS 328	Globalization and Democracy	3
SOCI 337	International Migration	3
SOCI 423	Globalization and Social Change	3
International Development and Economic Policy		
AGEC 105	Introduction to Agricultural Economics	3

AGEC 408	Economics of Foreign Intervention, Conflict and Development	3
AGEC 452	International Trade and Agriculture	3
ALEC 350	Global Agricultural Issues	3
ECON 320	Economic Development of Europe	3
GEOG 304	Economic Geography	3
INTA 418	Economic Statecraft	3
INTS 406	Technology and Global Change	3
INTS 409	Culture, Neoliberalism and Globalism	3
POLS 324	Politics of Global Inequality	3
International Politics, Security and Diplomacy		
INTA 415	American Foreign Policy	3
INTA 443	International Organizations	3
INTA 452	Intelligence and National Security	3
INTA 455	European Politics	3
INTA 473	Modern Chinese Political History	3
INTA 476	International Politics of the Middle East	3
INTA 486	Russia and the Former Soviet Union	3
INTA 494	Latin American Politics	3
INTS 251	Contemporary Issues in the Middle East	3
INTS 321	Political Islam and Jihad	3
INTS 403	Nations and Nationalisms	3
International Geographic Information Systems		
GEOG 361	Remote Sensing in Geosciences	4
GEOG 390	Principles of Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG 475	Advanced Topics in GIS (Geographic Information Systems)	4
Quantitative Methods		
PHIL 451	Probability, Decision Theory and Game Theory - How Should I Choose	3
PHIL 452	Social Choice, Polarization and Democracy - How Should We Choose	3
STAT 211	Principles of Statistics I	3
STAT 212	Principles of Statistics II	3
STAT 303	Statistical Methods	3
STAT 307	Sample Survey Techniques	3
STAT 407	Principles of Sample Surveys	3
STAT 408	Introduction to Linear Models	3