

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES - BA, GLOBAL CULTURAL STUDIES TRACK

The BA in International Studies (INTS) is an interdisciplinary degree that combines linguistic and regional expertise, with specialization in a sub-field specific to the track.

## 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.

## 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, with electives tailored for each track, area studies courses in the region corresponding to the student's foreign language choice, 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
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies	1
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>		4
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )		3
Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Spring		
INTS 201	Introduction to International Studies	3
INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies	1
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>		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

INTS 211/ ENGL 211	Foundations in Cultural Studies	3
Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )		3
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>		3
Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> )		3
Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )		3

**Semester Credit Hours 15**

#### Spring

INTS 205	Current Issues in International Studies	1
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Select one of the following:		3
INTS 311/ ENGL 309	Cultural Politics	
COMM 335	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 340	Communication and Popular Culture	
COMM 360	Cultural History of the Media	
ENGL 308	History of Literary Criticism	
PHIL 330	Philosophy of Art	
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>		3
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Third Year

#### Fall

INTS 300	International Experience <sup>3</sup>	0
Select one of the following:		3
INTS 311/ ENGL 309	Cultural Politics	
COMM 335	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 340	Communication and Popular Culture	
COMM 360	Cultural History of the Media	
ENGL 308	History of Literary Criticism	
PHIL 330	Philosophy of Art	
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>		3
Geographic area studies <sup>4</sup>		3
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<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Select one of the following:	3
INTS 400-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints/</a> )	
INTS 485 Directed Studies	
INTS 489 Special Topics in...	
Creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )	3
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )	3
General elective	1
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Select one of the following:	3
INTS 400-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ints/</a> )	
INTS 485 Directed Studies	
INTS 489 Special Topics in...	
Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )	3
Global cultural studies <sup>5</sup>	3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
INTS 481 Senior Seminar in International Studies or INTS 497 or Independent Honors Study	3
Global cultural studies <sup>5</sup>	3
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Humanities directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> )	3
General elective	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> At least 3 hours must be in MATH. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

<sup>3</sup> The course will be used to track student's completion of the International Experience Requirement (see paragraph below).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Select from AFST 325, AFST 326; ANTH 324/PERF 324, ANTH 335, ANTH 370, ANTH 403/RELS 403, ANTH 404/WGST 404; ARAB 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/arab/>); ARTS 349, ARCH 430, ARCH 434; COMM 240, COMM 245, COMM 365/JOUR 365, COMM 338/AFST 338, COMM 343, COMM 346/JOUR 346; CHIN 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/chin/>); CLAS 236/HIST 236, CLAS 250, CLAS 251/RELS 251, CLAS 261, CLAS 262, CLAS 300-399 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>), CLAS 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>); EURO 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/euro/>); ENGL 206, ENGL 306, ENGL 342, ENGL 351/FILM 351, ENGL 354, ENGL 356/FILM 356, ENGL 379/AFST 379, ENGL 391, ENGL 392/RELS 392, ENGL 393/AFST 393, ENGL 401, ENGL 403; FILM 215/INTS 215, FILM 343/WGST 343, FILM 351/ENGL 351, FILM 356/ENGL 356, FILM 394, FILM 398/AFST 398, FILM 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/film/>); FREN 301, FREN 321-399 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/fren/>), FREN (400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/fren/>); GEOG 311; GERM 313-399 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/germ/>), GERM 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/germ/>); HISP 352, HISP 363, HISP 471/RELS 471; HIST 421; INTS 215/FILM 215, INTS 251, INTS 301, INTS 321, INTS 409; ITAL 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ital/>); JAPN 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/japn/>); LBAR 331-333 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/lbar/>); MODL 221/ENGL 221, MODL 222/ENGL 222; PBSI 346, PERF 301, PERF 325, PERF 327/AFST 327, PERF 328, PERF 450-461 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/perf/>); PHIL 331/RELS 331, PHIL 352/AFST 352, PHIL 353/AFST 353, PHIL 371, PHIL 375, PHIL 376/FILM 376, PHIL 419; RUSS 400-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>).

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

## 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.
- 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 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 and Cultural Discourse Graduation requirement.