# International Studies - BA, International Politics and Diplomacy Track

## Program Requirements

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[International Studies - BA, International Politics and Diplomacy Track](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#international-studies)

[Communication](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)

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[Literature directed elective](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)

Select one of the following:

- INTS 400-480
- INTS 485 Directed Studies
- INTS 489 Special Topics in...
- Mathematics
- Social and behavioral sciences
- International politics and diplomacy
- Literature directed elective
- General elective
Exam results may fulfill a maximum of 14 semester credit hours.

determine the level of and number of required foreign language courses.

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Foreign Language

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determine the level of and number of required foreign language courses.

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1. Students completing a Bachelor of Arts in the College of Liberal

Arts are required to complete 14 hours of a foreign language

(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/) through the

intermediate level. Students in International Studies 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.

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

Select six (6) courses from at least two departments. Not all

courses will be offered every semester. See academic advisor.

Select from COMM 354, COMM 307/JOUR 301, COMM 443;

GEOG 401, GEOG 420; ECON 203, ECON 320, ECON 330;

HIST 336, HIST 337, HIST 341, HIST 342, HIST 343, HIST 344/

AFST 344, HIST 345/AFST 345, HIST 412, HIST 438, HIST 462,

HIST 463, HIST 464; INTS 251, INTS 301, INTS 311/

ENGL 309, INTS 321, INTS 484; POLS 229, POLS 231, POLS 302/

COMM 302, POLS 304, POLS 306, POLS 322, POLS 323, POLS 324,

POLS 325, POLS 326, POLS 328, POLS 333, POLS 335, POLS 338,

POLS 347, POLS 349, POLS 350, POLS 358, POLS 362, POLS 364,

POLS 365, POLS 366, POLS 367/WGST 367, POLS 368, POLS 412,

POLS 413, POLS 415, POLS 423, POLS 424, POLS 429, POLS 432,

POLS 447, POLS 454, POLS 475; SOCI 203, SOCI 206, SOCI 337,

SOCI 412, SOCI 413, SOCI 423.

The course will be used to track student’s completion of the

International Experience Requirement (see paragraph below).

Select 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.

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.

International Experience Requirements (INTS 300)

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 and Cultural Discourse Graduation requirement.