The Department of International Studies is dedicated to fostering cultural understanding and global engagement through the discovery, dissemination, and translation of knowledge, using diverse approaches from the humanities, social sciences, and language studies. The department is at the forefront of university efforts to prepare students for a globally interconnected future and to educate global citizens and future leaders.

The department offers diverse curricula that immerse students in the social, political, economic, and cultural implications of globalization. The BA in International Studies combines a linguistic and cultural proficiency with a flexible set of tracks and a mandatory abroad experience. In addition, the department offers Modern Language BA degree options in French, German, and Russian, as well as a BA in Classics. Students can minor in Arabic, Chinese, Classical Studies, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Russian. We also offer minors in Comparative Cultural Studies and Asian Studies. Our programs give students a combination of measurable language proficiency and a global perspective that will serve both their professional and personal ambitions.

**Required Foreign Language Placement Test**

Incoming students who intend to enroll for the first time in any language course at Texas A&M University, who have previous knowledge, however acquired, of the language in which they plan to enroll, and who have no college credit in the language, must take the departmental placement examination to determine the appropriate course for their level of ability. The placement test also serves as a basis for credit by examination. The placement examination will be administered by the Department of International Studies during freshman conferences along with other credit by exam tests. The test will also be offered during Fall and Spring semesters. Students who take the Advanced Placement (AP) test or other acceptable tests which grant college-level credit in their foreign language of choice do not have to take the required departmental placement test. In this case, the AP and Achievement test results may be used for placement.

*International students whose native language is not English are exempted from satisfying the University foreign language requirement. These students are not allowed to register in those courses in their native language that are used to fulfill that requirement.*

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- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, International Commerce Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/international-commerce-ba-track/)
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, International Communication and Media Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/international-communication-media-ba-track/)
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- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, International Geographic Information Systems Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/international-geographic-information-systems-track/)
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, International Politics and Diplomacy Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/international-politics-diplomacy-ba-track/)
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Master of International Affairs, 5-Year Degree Program (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/ba-mia/)
- Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages, French Option (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-french-ba-option/)
- Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages, German Option (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-german-ba-option/)
- Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language, Russian Option (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-russian-ba-option/)

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- Arabic Studies Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-arabic-studies-minor/)
- Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-asian-studies-minor/)
- Chinese Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-chinese-minor/)
- Classical Studies Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/classical-studies-minor/)
- Comparative Cultural Studies International Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/comparative-cultural-studies-international-minor/)
• French Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-french-minor/)
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• Japanese Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-japanese-minor/)
• Russian Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/modern-languages-russian-minor/)

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