

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (NON-THESIS OPTION)

Major Program

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in International Studies is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for work and leadership in an interdependent world. Through training in area studies, technology information training, oral and written communication skills, and business acumen, the program aims to develop leaders for business, government, military, education, non-profit organizations, and international institutions that are collectively facing an increasingly interdependent world where cultural diversity is a reality and the need to appreciate and value such heterogeneity is a prerequisite to global peace and prosperity.

Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program

The Coverdell Fellowship Program for returned Peace Corps volunteers is currently available for returned volunteers pursuing the master's degree in International Studies at the Center for International Studies.

Financial Assistance

A limited number of fellowships and scholarships are available to qualified graduate students. Departmental fellowships and scholarships are listed on the Center for International Studies website: <http://www.txstate.edu/internationalstudies>. The Graduate College can provide further information about scholarships.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu>). International students should review the International Admission Documents webpage (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international>) for additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- \$40 nonrefundable application fee
- \$50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from **each four-year institution** where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.0 GPA in your last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)*
- background course work: a passing grade in at least 6 hours in introductory (principles of) microeconomics and macroeconomics courses (can be taken prior to the start of the program or concurrently with first year courses) at a regionally accredited college or university

- proficiency in the speaking, reading, and oral comprehension of a modern language other than English as demonstrated by the following:
 - grade of B or better in modern language course work beyond the second year that was taken within the last three years at an accredited college, university, or language institute
 - examination for proficiency levels in reading, speaking, and listening that would place you beyond the second year of language courses*
 - recent foreign living experience of at least six continuous months in a single non-English-speaking culture outside the U.S.
- official GRE scores not required*
- resume/CV
- statement of purpose (2–5 pages) describing the following:
 - the reasons for considering the international studies program
 - how it fits into a process of professional development
 - what the student hopes to accomplish by enrolling in the program
- two letters of recommendation from professors

Coverdell Applicants Requirements

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 - recent foreign living experience of at least 6 continuous months in a single non-English-speaking culture outside the U.S.
- official GRE scores not required*
- official Peace Corps description of service (application fees will be waived upon receipt)
- resume/CV listing Peace Corps Service
- statement of purpose (2–5 pages) describing the following:
 - the reasons for considering the international studies program
 - how it fits into a process of professional development
 - what the student hopes to accomplish by enrolling in the program
 - Peace Corps service
- two letters of recommendation from professors

TOEFL or IELTS Scores

Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
 - minimum individual module scores of 6.0

If you do not meet the scores above, you may qualify for English-based conditional admission if you meet the minimum scores below:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 59 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 5.5 overall and
 - minimum individual module scores of 5.5

*Additional Information

GPA and GRE Requirement

If your last-60-hours GPA falls between 2.8–2.99, please submit the following:

- official GRE scores with a preferred minimum of 156 in the verbal section

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

If the last language course was taken more than three years before the date of admission, and there has been no significant involvement in the language in the interim, you may be asked to take a refresher course(s) in the language.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in International Studies requires 36 semester credit hours, including an internship. It is expected that students entering the program have a passing grade in introductory (principles of) microeconomics and macroeconomics at an accredited college or university. The economics courses can be taken after admission.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Choose 3 hours from the following:		3
HIST 5335	Twentieth-Century Russia	
HIST 5362	Military History	
HIST 5395B	Modern Middle Eastern History	
HIST 5395D	Interpretations of World History	
HIST 5395E	Mahatma Gandhi in World History	
HIST 5395H	European Colonialism	
Choose 9 hours from the following:		9
PS 5332	Problems in American Foreign Relations	
PS 5356	The British Political Order Since 1900	
PS 5357	Russian Politics and Josef Stalin	
PS 5358	Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective	
PS 5361	Government and Politics of African States	
PS 5375	Seminar in International Relations Theory	
PS 5377	Problems in International Organizations	
PS 5378	Problems in International Law	
PS 5379	Problems in International Political Economy	
PS 5398	Directed Reading and Research	
Internship		
IS 5387	International Studies Internship	3
Electives		

Choose 21 hours from the following: 21

ANTH 5314	Latin American Cultures
ANTH 5322	Peoples and Cultures of Africa
ANTH 5345	Archaeology of Mexico
COMM 5325	Seminar in Human Communication Theory
DVST 5320	Global Issues in Diversity
ECO 5310	International Economics
ECO 5320	Emerging Market Economies
ENG 5311	Foundations in Technical Communication
ENG 5313	Studies in Principles of Technical Communication
ENG 5314	Specializations in Technical Communication
ENG 5383	Studies in Rhetorical Theory
FIN 5337	International Finance
GEO 5349	Population Geography
GEO 5380	Internship
GEO 5390	Independent Study
HIST 5308E	Latin Literature and Roman History and Society
HIST 5308F	Roman History and Civilization: The "Golden Age" of Rome
HIST 5308G	Warfare in the Ancient World
HIST 5309A	Interpreting the Eighteenth Century
HIST 5309B	The French Revolution
HIST 5309D	Early Modern Spain
HIST 5310	Western European History Since 1815
HIST 5313	Early American History
HIST 5318A	Eighteenth Century England
HIST 5318C	The Age of the Stuarts
HIST 5318D	European Imperialism
HIST 5323A	Society and Culture in Brazil
HIST 5323B	History of Race and Slavery in Brazil
HIST 5324B	Race, Class, and Nation in Modern Latin America
HIST 5324C	Slavery and Emancipation in the Americas
HIST 5324D	Writing the History of Latin America: The Colonial Era
HIST 5324E	Modern Latin American Revolutions
HIST 5325A	History of Mexico to 1848
HIST 5325C	Revolutionary Mexico
HIST 5325D	Mexico Since the Revolution
HIST 5335	Twentieth-Century Russia
HIST 5336	East European History
HIST 5341A	Early U.S. Diplomacy - Revolution to Reconstruction
HIST 5345D	Oral History: Theory & Practice
HIST 5345M	History of Utopian Communities
HIST 5345N	Transformation of the South
HIST 5345O	Immigration and US History
HIST 5345P	History of Mexican American Music in the Southwest
HIST 5345Q	Gender and Citizenship
HIST 5345R	History of Country Music
HIST 5345S	Theories and Methods in Popular Music History/ Culture Studies
HIST 5351B	Cold War America

HIST 5351C	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Labor History
HIST 5351D	Politics & Society of Postwar America, 1945-Present
HIST 5351E	Foundations of the U.S. Conservation Movement
HIST 5351F	US Women's History
HIST 5360	American Historiography
HIST 5361	Historiography and Methods
HIST 5381	Chinese Communism
HIST 5385	Topics in the History of the Modern Middle East
HIST 5390	Problems in Historical Research
HIST 5395B	Modern Middle Eastern History
HIST 5395D	Interpretations of World History
HIST 5395E	Mahatma Gandhi in World History
HIST 5395H	European Colonialism
IS 5387	International Studies Internship
IS 5398	General Research Methods
MC 5301	Mass Media and Society
MC 5302	Research Methods in Mass Communication
MC 5303	Theories of Mass Communication
MC 5310	Global Media Issues
MC 5321	Latinos and Media
MKT 5322	Marketing Research Methods
MKT 5330	International Marketing
PHIL 5301	Applied Philosophy
PA 5352	Comparative Public Administration
PS 5310	Studies in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
PS 5330A	Nuclear Weapons in International Politics
PS 5332	Problems in American Foreign Relations
PS 5356	The British Political Order Since 1900
PS 5357	Russian Politics and Josef Stalin
PS 5358	Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective
PS 5377	Problems in International Organizations
PS 5380	International Conflict and Security
PS 5398	Directed Reading and Research
SOCI 5320	Seminar in Demography
SOCI 5371	Directed Study
SOCI 5390	Seminar in Globalization and Development
TECH 5310	Product Design and Development
TECH 5315	Engineering Economic Analysis
TECH 5364	Robust Product and Process Design
TECH 5382	Sustainability in Industrial Management
TECH 5384	Problems in Technology
TECH 5385	Readings in Technology

Total Hours

36

Courses Offered

International Studies (IS)

IS 5387. International Studies Internship.

A work/research experience in a government agency or company related to the students' career interests. The internship will consist of a minimum of 150 hours in the workplace and will require a research paper. This course may be repeated once for additional internship credit. Departmental approval required.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

IS 5398. General Research Methods.

The principal purpose of the General Research Methods seminar is to prepare students to successfully produce research papers and/or theses. Students in this course will produce a research paper using primary and secondary source materials.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Comprehensive Examination Requirements

All candidates for graduate degrees must pass one or more comprehensive examinations.

Master's level courses in International Studies: IS