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

Major Program
The Master of Arts (M.A.) 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 application
- $55 nonrefundable application fee

or

- $90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts from each institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.0 GPA in the 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 the student 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.
- GRE 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
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• 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
The student may qualify for English-based conditional admission if the
minimum scores below are met:
• 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 the last-60-hours GPA falls between 2.8–2.99, the student may submit
the following:
  • official GRE (general test only) scores with competitive scores

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, the student 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 30 semester credit hours, including a thesis. 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.

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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 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  Revolutionay 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
### Thesis Enrollment and Credit

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student’s initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

Students must be enrolled in thesis credits if they are receiving supervision and/or are using university resources related to their thesis work. The number of thesis credit hours students enroll in must reflect the amount of work being done on the thesis that semester. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that students are making adequate progress toward their degree throughout the thesis process. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. Thesis projects are by

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1 International studies students may choose thesis courses in GEO, HIST, MC, SOCI, or SPAN.
definition original and individualized projects. As such, depending on the topic, methodology, and other factors, some projects may take longer than others to complete. If the thesis requires work beyond the minimum number of thesis credits needed for the degree, the student may enroll in additional thesis credits at the committee chair’s discretion. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B.

The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrawn), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit (“CR”) will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

**Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process**

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) website under “Current Students.” The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student’s embargo selection). **NOTE: MFA Creative Writing theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.**

While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student’s progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university’s or institution’s email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university’s licensed signature platform.

If this process results in more than one document with signatures, all documents need to be submitted to The Graduate College together.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

**Master’s level courses in International Studies: IS**

**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