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 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

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- 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:
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TOEFL or IELTS Scores

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

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.

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**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.

**Course Requirements**

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- 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 World
- 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 Nations 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
### 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
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 (withdrew), 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

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