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Demand for globally aware graduates with knowledge of international business, cultural and area studies, and language skills continues to increase. Globalization has created a need for people with cultural understanding and international perspective in business, law, diplomacy, and communications technology, NGO's and other fields. The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (B.A.I.S.) prepares students for these and other opportunities.

In addition to its academic programs, the Center offers students internship, service learning and study abroad opportunities.

Peace Corps Prep

Peace Corps Prep is a certificate program for undergraduates who wish to build on the four competencies (training/experience in a work sector, foreign language skills, intercultural competence, and professional and leadership development) that Peace Corps looks for in its applicants. The certificate also gives students a competitive edge when applying for Peace Corps service. The program is open to all majors. While the program does not guarantee acceptance into the Peace Corps, undergraduates will gain skills that are an advantage in the application process, and in other international development work. Being part of the program demonstrates to any future employer that participating students think and act with global understanding and cultural awareness.

Academic Advising

Majors receive advising assistance from the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center, and a full time academic program coordinator at the Center. The Center works with the Office of Career Services to prepare students for internationally focused careers in various fields, and with the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center to ensure students' timely graduation.

Graduation Requirements

All B.A.I.S. majors are required to maintain a TXST GPA of 2.75, a major GPA of 3.00, complete the Texas State general education core curriculum, the International Studies Core, and the International Studies major courses. Additionally, all undergraduate students pursuing the B.A.I.S. degree are required to complete a global academic experience. The requirement can be fulfilled by an education abroad course or an International Studies Internship, IS 4387, that entails international work, service, or group research. The Center's director and academic coordinator will work closely with B.A.I.S. majors to find the best options for faculty-led or independent international study. B.A.I.S. majors are not required to complete a minor. Students must meet all course prerequisites. Please see the College of Liberal Arts, and the Degrees and Programs sections of this catalog for specific information on the general education core curriculum, and special requirements for the B.A.I.S.

B.A.I.S. majors are required to complete the special requirements in science, modern language, and English Literature. For B.A.I.S. majors, the list of approved additional science courses under that section is expanded to include statistics. Approved statistics courses are:

Code	Title	Hours
QMST 2333	Business Statistics	3
SOCI 3307	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
GEO 3301	Research Methods in Geography	3
PS 3315	Quantitative Research in Political Science	3
CJ 3347	Statistics For Criminal Justice	3
HP 3302	Biostatistics	3
MATH 2358	Discrete Mathematics I	3
MATH 3305	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3

International Studies Core

All B.A.I.S. majors are required to complete 27 hours of core courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ECO 2314	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECO 2315	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEO 1310	World Geography	3
GEO 3303	Economic Geography	3
HIST 2310	Western Civilization to 1715	3
or HIST 2311	History of World Civilization to the 17th Century	
HIST 2312	History of World Civilization from the 17th Century	3
or HIST 2320	Western Civilization, 1715 to Date	
IS 4380	International Studies Seminar	3
PS 3351	Introduction to International Studies	3
Modern Language of one advanced (3000- or 4000-level) course in the same language that was completed for the additional BA requirements		3
Total Hours		27

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (B.A.I.S.)

- Major in International Relations (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/relations-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (Asian Studies Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/asian-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (European Studies Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/european-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (International Business Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/business-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (Latin American Studies Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/interamerican-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (Middle East/African Studies Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/middle-east-african-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (Russian/East European Studies Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/russian-east-european-focus-bais/>)
- Major in International Studies (Travel and Tourism Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/travel-tourism-focus-bais/>)

Minor

- Diplomacy (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/diplomacy-minor/>)
- International Studies (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/international-studies/minor/>)

Courses in International Studies (IS)

IS 4380. International Studies Seminar.

A senior-level seminar that explores international topics through reading, writing, research and group discussion. Students will be expected to produce a significant research paper. This course is required for all International Studies majors and should be taken in the senior year of undergraduate study. (MULT).

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

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

IS 4387. International Studies Internship.

A semester-long work and study experience in a local, national, or foreign setting. Internships must be approved by the director of the Center for International Studies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 10 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

IS 4390. Problems in International Studies Research.

The instructor and student create an in-depth research project on a topic of interest to both participants.

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

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

IS 4687. International Studies Internship.

A semester long work and study experience in a local, national, or foreign setting. Internships must be approved by the director of the Center for International Studies. Repeatable once for credit. Prerequisite: Minimum 3.0 Texas State GPA.

6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 10 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter