Department Mission

The Center for International Studies is devoted to educating future leaders about the world’s peoples and cultures in order to promote collaboration, cooperation and solutions to common problems affecting humanity and global civilization. It attempts to achieve these goals through cutting-edge technology, top-notch faculty, student/faculty exchanges, intercultural seminars and recruitment, pioneering research, interactive and collaborative research between faculty and students, international internships and educational agreements with various universities, agencies and research centers.

I chose to continue with my field of study because I felt this would be the best opportunity for me to further my knowledge in humanitarian issues. By learning all aspects of international issues, I will have the skills to make some kind of difference in this world.

– Marisa Vickers, current M.A. student at Texas State University

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The international studies program prepares students for work and leadership in an interdependent world.
Why choose Texas State?
Through interdisciplinary education in research, analysis, technology, communication and business, the program prepares graduates to play crucial roles in the comprehension, development and management of intercultural exchanges and globalization. The Center for International Studies supports "hands-on" learning through internships, service programs, study abroad, student presentations at research conferences, research-focused seminars and publishable theses.

International studies students have the opportunity to gain practical experience through internships and fellowships. Students pursue careers with the U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Office and non-governmental organizations.

Course Work
The master of arts in international studies degree offers thesis and non-thesis options, with core courses and prescribed electives. Electives are chosen in consultation with the graduate advisor to match the student’s career interests and include courses from many disciplines.

Requirements for the 30-hour thesis option includes a two-course sequence in the same discipline, with geography, history, mass communication, political science, sociology and Spanish as eligible options.

The 36-hour non-thesis option requires an internship, typically in a government agency, company or organization related to the student’s preferred career field. It consists of at least 150 hours in the workplace and a research paper.

Faculty
Program faculty members have experience in teaching international or comparative courses and pursue research interests in international topics. They are the authors of numerous peer-reviewed publications, grants and books. Research interests include Russia, East Europe, 20th century U.S. – Russian relations, modern Latin America and Mexico, Middle Eastern politics, religion, international security, international ethics, humanitarian and refugee affairs, immigration and comparative politics.

Career Options
Receiving a degree in international studies allows students to work in diverse fields, including government, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia. This multidisciplinary degree presents a wide range of opportunities to the international studies graduate, with careers spanning the globe. An international studies degree allows students to become highly marketable and competitive in these sectors.

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Priority Fall: February 15
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1
Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply
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