Texas State University and the Center for International Studies are devoted to expanding knowledge and understanding about people and culture. Our goal is to help solve the world’s problems by increasing awareness and empathy of the deep and rich cultures of the world among leaders who make decisions and differences in the lives of everyday people.

The master of arts 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, oral and written communication skills, and business acumen, the program produces graduates who are ready to play crucial roles in the management and comprehension of globalization.

The center encourages all students to participate in international research and service programs, study abroad, international internships and professional research conferences. It is able to award a few competitive scholarships and fellowships to meritorious students. Students who are awarded fellowships earn up to six hours of credit toward their degrees. Students who need financial support are encouraged to apply for graduate assistantships to academic departments and offices that cooperate in the center’s interdisciplinary program of study.
Course Work
The master of arts with a major in international studies degree offers both thesis and non-thesis options. Requirements for the 30-hour thesis option and the 36-hour non-thesis option include core courses, prescribed electives, and either six hours of thesis or three hours of internship, plus an additional elective if the non-thesis option is pursued.

Required Core Courses for Both Options
- Problems in International Law
- Problems in International Political Economy
- Seminar in International Relations Theory
- Military History, World History, or 20th-Century Russia

Electives are chosen in consultation with the graduate advisor to match the student's career interests and include courses from many disciplines. See a complete list at www.txstate.edu/internationalstudies/Degrees-and-Programs/graduatedegreemasterstudies.

Internship
An internship is required for the non-thesis option and may count as one of the electives for the thesis option. The internship is a work/research experience in a government agency or company related to the student's career interests. It consists of at least 150 hours in the workplace, and it requires a research paper.

Thesis
Students who choose the master's thesis option are required to complete a two-course sequence of thesis courses in the same discipline. Eligible disciplines are geography, history, mass communication, political science, sociology and Spanish.

Faculty
Program faculty are fully tenured professors with experience in teaching international or comparative courses, and research interests in international topics. They are the authors of numerous peer-reviewed publications, grants and textbooks. They are also international lecturers and serve in professional associations.

Admission Policy
Admission is selective. The program is intended to be small and generally will include 10 to 20 new students each year.

Unconditional admission to the program is based on a 3.0 or higher GPA in the last 60 hours leading to the bachelor's degree, mastery of the English language, and proficiency in the speaking, reading and oral comprehension of a modern language other than English. This can be demonstrated through one of 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; 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 as a condition of graduation
- examination for proficiency levels in reading, speaking and listening that would place the student beyond the second year of language courses, or recent foreign living experience of at least six continuous months in a single non-English-speaking culture outside the United States

Additionally, all students entering the program must have earned passing grades in introductory (principles of) microeconomics and macroeconomics courses taken at an accredited college or university. The economics courses can be taken after admission, either before the start of the fall term or concurrently with the first-year courses.

Applicants must submit the following to the Graduate College:
- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee
- one official transcript from each senior-level, post-secondary institution attended
- statement of purpose of two to five pages that describes why the student is considering the International Studies Program, how it fits into professional development, and what the student hopes to accomplish by enrolling in the program
- two letters of recommendation from professors
- résumé

If the GPA is not at the preferred level of 3.0 and is between 2.8 – 2.99, you will be notified that your application may be considered if you submit a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with a preferred score. See www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/intlst.html for details regarding the GRE requirement.

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and details.

Financial Assistance
Departmental scholarships, graduate assistantships and fellowships are available. Find more information at www.txstate.edu/internationalstudies/scholarships and www.txstate.edu/internationalstudies/degreesandprograms/internationalexchangeprograms.

For more information about scholarships awarded through the Graduate College, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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