



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Master of Arts Degree in International Studies

The Master of Arts of International Studies (30 cr.) is a professional and interdisciplinary degree drawing upon existing graduate courses which are offered by several departments in various colleges at the University. The Master's degree will prepare students for careers in government, the private sector and non-profit organizations that are focused on international security, sustainability, and humanitarian affairs and development. The degree will provide students with the professional skills and substantive knowledge necessary for careers relating to the global agenda such as development and humanitarian aid and non-profit operations.

The initiative for the Master of Arts degree in International Studies is rooted in repeated requests from students who were in the process of completing their Bachelor's degree in International Studies at UNT. 200 UNT students signed a petition during the Fall of 2012, requesting the introduction of a Master Degree in International Studies. The petition was submitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the International Studies program.

Students interested in the Master of Arts degree in International Studies are primarily interested in careers in the areas of national security and diplomacy as well as the nonprofit sector related to humanitarian affairs and development. According to a recent study by the Urban Institute (2013, see <http://www.urban.org/nonprofits/>), this sector has been growing in both size and financial impact.

Most important, however, is the finding that: "Nonprofits are ... a major employer, accounting for 9 percent of the economy's wages, and over 10 percent of jobs in 2009." The Urban Institute further noted that: "Even during and after the recession, from 2007 to 2010, nonprofit employment grew 4 percent and wages increased 6.5 percent, while they decreased in the business sector by 8.4 percent and 8 percent, respectively, and increased only 1 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, for government."

The combination of student demand, employment opportunities, and the growing internationalization of the economy in North Texas (as well as the state and the US more generally), highlights the importance of creating a Master's degree in International Studies, which will serve the needs of our students as well as the economy in the North Texas region.

Degree Requirements

Students wanting to pursue a Master's degree in International Studies must meet the following requirements:

Students must have an academic background in international studies, or in a field of study related to international studies. Such related fields can include anthropology, economics, history, journalism, political science, public administration, sociology, or equivalent training or expertise. Students without this background will be required to take INST 4851 (International Security) and/ or INST 4853 (Global Development: Issues and Challenges).

Students should have foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level proficiency equivalent to four courses in a foreign language.

Students are expected to have completed their Bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0, as evidenced by their transcript.

As part of the application process, students will be asked to provide:

1. A statement of purpose of 750-1000 words in which they address their career goals and the place of the Master's degree in working toward those goals their international experience through study abroad, service work abroad, living abroad, etc.
2. An official transcript
3. A resume or CV
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level. Proficiency equivalent to four courses in a foreign language.

Program Structure

Thirty (30) credit hours are required for this Master's degree. The program is structured around two major components, a professional skills area and a specialization area. Individual course offerings are listed below for these areas. The program will culminate with a graduate practicum seminar, as detailed below. Students will meet with the Academic Advisor during their first semester in the Master's program to establish their degree plan. In consultation with the Advisor, students will determine what courses and which tracks will best suit their professional aspirations.

Professional Skills Area (6 credit hours)

The Professional Skills Area has two tracks: Management Skills and Assessment and Evaluation. Students must take 6 hours in this area, a combination of classes in Management Skills and / or in Assessment and Evaluation. Some of these courses have prerequisites and may require permission of the respective department and/or instructor of the course.

Specialization Area (21 credit hours)

The Specialization Area is divided into three separate tracks: International Development and Sustainability, Human Security, and National Security and Diplomacy. These tracks allow the students to design a program to serve their personal career interests. Students should take 21 hours in 2 of the areas. Some of these courses have prerequisites and may require permission of the respective department and/or instructor of the course.

Graduate Practicum Seminar (3 credit hours)

The Practicum Seminar will integrate the student's learning and demonstrate the student's professional preparedness.

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Master of Arts Degree in International Studies Class Listing

Professional Skills Courses

Management Skills

*MGMT 5140 Organizational Behavior and Analysis
*MGMT 5210 Human Resource Management Seminar
MGMT 5240 Project Management
MGMT 5870 Leadership Research and Development

Students who do not have a background in business may be required to take the following 2 courses as prerequisites to the above listed courses:

*MGMT 5070 Management Issues (1.5)
*MKTG 5000 Marketing Concepts (1.5)
*courses are also available through online format

Assessment and Evaluation Skills

ANTH 5032 Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Methods for Non-Majors
ANTH 5700 Evaluation in Anthropological Practice
SOC 5200 Seminar on Research Methods and Design

Specialization Tracks and Courses

International Development and Sustainability

ANTH 4701.031/ 5700.009 Anthropology of Nongovernmental Organizations
ANTH 5400 Environmental Anthropology
ANTH 5700 Anthropology of Non-Government Organizations
ANTH 5700 Hindu Ecology in Rural Development Initiatives in India
BIOL 5030 Foundations of Environmental Science
BIOL 5040 Contemporary Topics in Environmental Science & Ecology
BIOL 5100 Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment
BIOL 5200 Environmental Health
ECON 5440 Economics of Natural Resources and Environment
GEOG 5150 Water Resources Seminar
GEOG 5245 Theories and Policies of Development
GEOG 5400 Environmental Modeling
GEOG 5420 Conservation and Resource Management
GEOG 5700 Global Environmental Change
GEOG 5750 Surface Water Hydrology
GEOG 5850 Introduction to Ground Water Hydrology
PADM 5615 Environmental Planning and Hazards
PHIL 5750 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 6960 Topics in Philosophy: Hindu Ecology in Rural Development in India
SOC 5260 Topics in Sociology
SOC 5350 Seminar on Urbanization
SOC 5010 Social and Cultural foundations of Human Behavior
SOC 5260/6500 Global and Comparative Sociology
EOHS 5370 Policy, Science, and Decisions (UNTHSC)

Human Security

ANTH 5201 Medical Anthropology
ANTH 5220 Introduction to Health Services Research
ANTH 5210 Anthropology of Public Health
ANTH 5300 Migrants and Refugees
ANTH 5620 Anthropology of Education
ANTH 5700 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology
GEOG 5130 Research in Human Geography

GEOG 5245 Theories and Policies of Development
GER 6750 Global Perspectives on the Future of Aging

INST 5900/INST4850.003 Human Insecurity in the 21st Century: Cases from Asia, Africa & Europe
PADM 6620 Challenges of Disaster Response
PADM 5610 Disaster Preparedness and Management
PADM 5700 International Disasters
PADM 6610 Emergency Management Theory and Practice
PSCI 5850 Human Rights
SOCI 5260 Development and Social Change
SOCI 5300 Seminar on Social Stratification
SOCI 5330 Seminar on Race and Ethnicity
SOCI 5450 Population and Society
WMST 5200 Gender and Globalization
WMST 5800 Seminar in Women's Studies
BACH 5328 Introduction to Global Health (UNTHSC)
BACH 5330 Health Communication Strategies in Public Health (UNTHSC)
EOHS 5322 Air Pollution and Health (UNTHSC)
EOHS 5324 Water and Public Health: Global to Regional Perspectives (UNTHSC)
EOHS 5334 Occupational Diseases and Health Practice (UNTHSC)

National Security & Diplomacy

CJUS 5100 Information Warfare, Security and Risk Analysis
CJUS 5120 Cybercrime and Digital Forensics
CJUS 5800 Topics in Criminal Justice -World Criminal Justice Systems
GOV 5013 American National Defense Policy (TWU)
GOV 5193 Rights, Race, and Social Justice (TWU)
HIST 5130 Studies in World History -Nationalism / Islamism in Modern Middle East; Chinese Military History & Strategic Culture
HIST 5190 Studies in Near East/African History
HIST 5220 Studies in United States Military/Diplomatic History
HIST 5230 Seminar in United States Military/Diplomatic History
HIST 5240 Studies in European Military/Diplomatic History
HIST 5250 Seminar in European Military/Diplomatic History
HIST 5260 Seminar in Near East/African History
INST 5900/INST4850.003 Human Insecurity in the 21st Century: Cases from Asia, Africa & Europe
PADM 5700 Homeland Security
PSCI 5810 Pro Seminar International Relations
PSCI 5820 International Conflict
PSCI 5830 Conflict
PSCI 5831 Conflict Management
PSCI 5660 Civil Wars 5

Capstone Experience

INST 5700 International Studies Practicum

Additional Course Options: Students may use INST 5900 to enroll in relevant undergraduate 4000-level courses or use it for a relevant internship in the student's area of concentration. Students must consult with the International Studies Advisor for permission to enroll INST 5900.

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