

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - BA

The Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs is an interdisciplinary program designed to foster a comprehensive understanding of international dynamics.

This program is ideal for students who are passionate about tackling the complex human, social, political, and economic challenges that define today's interconnected world. Our program offers a comprehensive international perspective on critical issues related to economics, political science, social change, and world history and provides students with the flexibility to dive deeper into specific subjects and geographical regions of their interest. The degree program allows students to develop career legible tools necessary to succeed in an increasingly globalized world. Students will be qualified to pursue a range of professions including positions in the federal government, in the private sector with firms dealing with the international economy, and in the state and local governments that interface globally.

## Principle Objectives

1. Analyze international political, economic, and social issues;
2. Recognize varying approaches to argumentation, what counts as viable data, and how it is gathered and presented;
3. Write clearly and present their findings convincingly;
4. Become proficient in a language other than English;
5. Successfully navigate terrain, both literally and figuratively, that is foreign to them, through successful completion of an international experience

## Curriculum

The degree plan consists of a combination of INTA core courses, directed electives tailored for each focus area, foreign language courses, and at least one long semester or 10-week summer international experience with an emphasis on cultural and linguistic immersion.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
BUSH 141	Bush Undergraduate Success Hub <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric <sup>1</sup>	3
INTA 211	Introduction to International Social Issues	3
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring		
POLS 206	American National Government	3
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		4
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
INTA 221	Principles of International Affairs	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		3
Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> )		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring		
ECON 203	Principles of Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Creative arts ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )		3
Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Third Year

Fall		
INTA 300	International Experience <sup>3</sup>	0
Area studies <sup>1,3,4</sup>		3
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Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		3
Concentration area <sup>1,5</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
Spring		
INTA 231	Principles of the Global Economy	3
Concentration area <sup>1,5</sup>		3
Foreign language <sup>2</sup>		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		3
International affairs elective <sup>1,6</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall		
Mathematics ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> )		3
Concentration area <sup>1,5</sup>		3
International affairs elective <sup>1,6</sup>		3

Humanities directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
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<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
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**Spring**

INTA 481 Senior Seminar in International Studies <sup>1,7</sup>	3
Concentration area <sup>1,5</sup>	3
Humanities directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/government-public-service/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3
General elective <sup>8</sup>	3
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<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.

<sup>2</sup> Students completing a Bachelor of Arts in the Bush School are required to complete 14 hours of a foreign language through the intermediate level. Students in International Affairs are required to complete an additional 6 hours of a foreign language through the advanced level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See the Foreign Language paragraph.

<sup>3</sup> The course will be used to track student's completion of the International Experience Requirement.

<sup>4</sup> Select courses from an approved list on the INTA website in consultation with an advisor. Courses numbered 485 or 489 that contain significant international content can be taken in any department to meet part of the track or area requirement. Students must obtain International Affairs advisor approval before taking the 485 or 489 course.

<sup>5</sup> Select 12 hours from one Concentration Area from the list below.

<sup>6</sup> Select from INTA 400-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/inta/>)

<sup>7</sup> Students can substitute INTA 497.

<sup>8</sup> Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>International Social Processes</b>		
GLST 311/ ENGL 309	Cultural Politics	3
HISP 363	Borderlands: U.S. and Mexico	3
INTA 445	Women and International Affairs	3
INTA 251	Contemporary Issues in the Middle East	3
INTA 261/ AFST 261	Contemporary Issues in the Global South	3
INTA 301	Theories of Globalization	3
INTA 484	Directed Internship	0-3
POLS 328	Globalization and Democracy	3
SOCI 337	International Migration	3
<b>International Development and Economic Policy</b>		
AGEC 105	Introduction to Agricultural Economics	3
AGEC 408	Economics of Foreign Intervention, Conflict and Development	3

AGEC 452	International Trade and Agriculture	3
ALEC 350	Global Agricultural Issues	3
ECON 320	Economic Development of Europe	3
GEOG 304	Economic Geography	3
INTA 418	Economic Statecraft	3
INTA 301	Theories of Globalization	3
INTA 484	Directed Internship	0-3
POLS 324	Politics of Global Inequality	3
<b>International Politics, Security and Diplomacy</b>		
INTA 415	American Foreign Policy	3
INTA 443	International Organizations	3
INTA 452	Intelligence and National Security	3
INTA 455	European Politics	3
INTA 473	Chinese Politics	3
INTA 476	International Politics of the Middle East	3
INTA 486	Russia and the Former Soviet Union	3
INTA 494	Inter-American Affairs - U.S. Interventions in Latin America and Beyond	3
INTA 301	Theories of Globalization	3
INTA 321	Political Islam and Jihad	3
<b>International Geographic Information Systems</b>		
GEOG 361	Remote Sensing in Geosciences	4
GEOG 390	Principles of Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG 475	Advanced Topics in GIS (Geographic Information Systems)	4
<b>Quantitative Methods</b>		
PHIL 451	Probability, Decision Theory and Game Theory - How Should I Choose	3
PHIL 452	Social Choice, Polarization and Democracy - How Should We Choose	3
STAT 211	Principles of Statistics I	3
STAT 212	Principles of Statistics II	3
STAT 303	Statistical Methods	3
STAT 307	Sample Survey Techniques	3
STAT 407	Principles of Sample Surveys	3
STAT 408	Introduction to Linear Models	3