

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

This Certification is intended for undergraduate students in various disciplines across TAMIU who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service, international institutions, non-governmental international organizations, and multinational corporations as well as those who recognize the importance of understanding international issues to virtually any career field. The undergraduate Certificate in International Studies allows students to enhance their degree program with a concentration in international studies. Completion of the requirements is certified by the Office of Global Initiatives/Binational Center (OGI/BINC) and the Office of the Registrar.

Internationalization is a process, which focuses on the social, legal, economic, political, and technological aspects of countries other than the United States. It often involves working with people from several disciplines to define a common goal. No single discipline can provide a thorough understanding of the globalization process. Rather, students must be exposed to several disciplines to obtain the holistic perspective required to analyze its complexity.

The Certificate in International Studies integrates a wide variety of junior and senior level courses and encourages a multidisciplinary approach. The student declares a major in an established academic department and then focuses in international studies as laid out in this certification. The Certification in International Studies meets the needs of the students and proves useful in terms of both career opportunities and contribution to international issues.

## Criteria for Admission and Qualification

The student must:

- Have completed 60 or more semester credit hours of coursework
- Be accepted in an established academic program at TAMIU
- Submit an Application for the Certificate in International Studies program to the OGI/BINC located at LBV 301 or by email at binationalcenter@tamiu.edu

## Criteria for Earning the Certificate in International Studies

The student must:

- Successfully complete a **minimum of four courses** herein listed as Approved Courses
- Attain at least a 2.75 GPA in the selected courses with **no less than a C** in any course
- Participate in at **least one event** scheduled by the OGI/BINC or one international speaker series event, and **write and submit a 500 word reflection paper** about your learning experience as relates to international studies. For more information on event to be attended, please contact our office at LBV 301 or 956-326-2834.
- Complete and submit an Exit International Studies Survey at the end of your coursework. Call us at 956-326-2834 to schedule an appointment for survey at least a month before graduation.

Each 3-credit course has been selected based on its global context and relevancy for fostering cross-national understanding. It is not an exclusive list. Other courses such as an international capstone seminar or those taken under a study

abroad experience may be accepted as alternatives to the ones listed below, subject to the approval of the OGI/BINC Advisor.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>		
ANTH 4302	Myth, Magic and Religion	3
ANTH 4351	Cultural Anthropology	3
ARTS 3310	Studies Art Hist & Criticism	3
COMM 4320	Trends in International Comm	3
COMM 4324	Comparative Journalism	3
ENGL 3326	British Lit from 1900 to WWII	3
ENGL 3352	World Folklore	3
ENGL 3380	History of Literary Thought	3
ENGL 4334	American Literary Renaissance	3
ENGL 4397	International Service Learning	3
GEOG 3351	World History&Geography	3
GEOG 3352	Latin American Historical Geog	3
GEOG 3353	Political Geography	3
GEOG 4395	Urban Historical Geography	3
HIST 3330	Colonial Latin America	3
HIST 3380	Intellectual History of the US	3
HIST 3392	Contemporary Islamic World	3
HIST 3394	History of Africa Since 1880	3
HIST 4342	Modern Europe: 1914-1990	3
HIST 4391	Seminar in World History	3
MATH 4385	History of Mathematics	3
PORT 3324	Luso-Brazilian Lit&Culture	3
PSCI 3305	Govt & Politics of Europe	3
PSCI 3308	Latin American Pol Systems	3
PSCI 3310	Studies in Comp Politics	3
PSCI 3340	International Law & Org	3
PSCI 3353	Political Geography	3
PSCI 4307	The Interamerican System	3
PSCI 4309	Mexican Politics & Government	3
PSCI 4335	International Politics	3
PSCI 4340	American Foreign Policy	3
SOCI 3308	Latin American Cultures	3
SOCI 4318	Globalization	3
SPAN 4317	Hispanic Folklore	3
SPAN 4371	Hispanic Culture	3
SPAN 4397	International Service Learning	3
<b>Study Abroad</b>		
<b>A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business</b>		
BA 3320	International Business	3
BA 4390	Business Strategy	3
ECO 3325	Latin American Economics Iss	3
ECO 4340	International Economics	3
FIN 4380	International Finance	3



MKT 4310	International Marketing	3
TIL 3311	Export/Import Operations&Pra	3
Study Abroad		
<b>College of Education</b>		
EDBE 3310	Foundations of Bilingual Edu	3
EDBE 3322	Dual Lang Assessment&Dev	3
EDBE 3325	Theories of 2nd Lang Learning	3
EDBE 4334	Teach Cont Areas Dual Lang Env	3
EDBE 4336	Language Arts in Spanish	3
EDDP 4324	Teaching Diverse Student Pops	3
EDRD 4317	Tch Engl Lit Span Lit Base	3
Study Abroad		
<b>College of Nursing and Health Sciences</b>		
Study Abroad		
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Students interested in pursuing the Certificate in International Studies should register with the OGI/BINC and meet with its advisor if necessary. Students must complete and submit the appropriate form to the OGI/BINC at Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center 301D or binationalcenter@tamiu.edu as soon as possible, but no less than one semester before completion of their degree.

Certificates will be processed at the end of the students' final semester of coursework and the OGI/BINC and the Office of the Registrar will provide the documentation certifying the completion of the certification after graduation.