

# Center for International Studies

UST pioneered international studies in Texas as the first university in the state to establish a Center for International Studies (CIS). The Center houses the Department of International Studies and Modern Languages, the Geography Program, Distinguished Diplomat Lecture, and UST Study Abroad Office.

CIS fosters analytical and interdisciplinary approaches to addressing contemporary global problems. Graduates pursue work in the private and public sectors and further study in law, MBA, and other graduate studies.

## CIS Organizations and Events

**International Studies Society** is a student-led group that produces lecture series, job talks and employment seminars, and hosts the annual International Festival.

**Sigma Iota Rho**, a national honor society, promotes scholarship and service for international studies majors.

**Distinguished Diplomacy Program**, in partnership with the American Foreign Service Association, promotes public and foreign service through classes, lectures, and workshops.

**Lectures and Workshops** host speakers from government, corporate and nonprofit sectors. Students attend luncheons for international speakers hosted by Asia Society, World Affairs Council of Houston, and Greater Houston Partnership.



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UST consistently ranks high among choices of the best education in the nation:

• *U.S. News & World Report*:  
“America’s Best Colleges”  
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- The Princeton Review Guide: “Best Western Colleges”
- The Cardinal Newman Society: Named among the top 20 Catholic colleges and universities.

## Personal Attention

Small classes allow personal attention that helps you complete your degree on time. Professors know you by name, and dedicated staff members offer the support and services you need to guide you to your undergraduate degree. We want you to learn and succeed.

## UST by the Numbers

Enrollment **3,411** Undergraduate **1,805** Graduate **1,606**  
Average class size **16** Students from **36** states **50** countries  
**93%** full-time professors hold highest degree in their field

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# International Studies and Modern Languages

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# International Studies

The major in international studies provides a comprehensive, interdisciplinary global curriculum. The international development major includes additional courses in finance, accounting and economics. Students may also pursue concentrations in development, East Asia Studies, and diplomacy/conflict studies.

## Degree Programs

- International Business
- International Studies Major
- International Development Major
- International Studies Joint Major
- International Studies Minor

## Global Preparation

Students majoring in international studies are required to develop early proficiency in a second language; study abroad for credit and/or complete an internship; complete a senior capstone thesis; and present research at a conference or symposium.

## Graduate Schools and Careers

Nearly half of UST graduates enter graduate school or professional programs in law, business, medicine, social work and social sciences, including:

- American University
- Georgetown University
- London School of Economics
- Harvard University
- Department of State
- KPMG
- Shell
- Wood Mackenzie



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# Modern Languages

The degree program gives students who major in Spanish or French a thorough background in foreign literature, linguistics and culture in preparation for advanced study and the fluency necessary to find a position where bilingual skills are required.

For non-majors, the program introduces the student to a foreign language and culture and fulfills the core language requirement.

## Degree Programs

### Majors

- Spanish

### Minors

- Spanish
- French
- Classical Languages

### Beginning and Intermediate Courses

- Arabic
- Chinese
- German
- Irish
- Italian
- Japanese
- Russian

## Strategic Areas Certification

Students from any major will select an area identified as a “strategic or critical priority” to the United States (East Asia, Middle East/North Africa, or Russia/Eurasia) and study 6 credit hours of the relevant Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL), 6 credit hours of related area studies, and a co-curricular study abroad. For those studying a region in which a study abroad is not physically feasible, an approved internship may substitute.

## Bilingual Certification in Spanish

Specialized areas provide the opportunity for internships after advanced language study for the Spanish major. Many media, nonprofit and corporate organizations participate in this program. Study abroad is encouraged as part of this bilingual certification.

