



Knowledge and Skill

International Studies prepares students for work in the private, public and nonprofit sectors and for graduate studies.

Students will:

- Become well-informed global citizens
- Learn to become insightful and critical thinkers
- Graduate equipped with superior written and verbal skills
- Possess an upper level proficiency in a second language
- Develop public speaking and presentation skills
- Obtain a broad understanding of major global issues

Careers and Employment

Recent graduates are employed in profit and nonprofit industries such as energy, engineering, communication, foreign consulates and the U.S. government.

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| • AIG | • MD Anderson |
| • British Consulate | • Haynes & Boone, LLP |
| • City of Houston | • Petrobas America |
| • Exxon Mobil | • Reliant Energy |
| • FBI | • U.S. Dept. of State |
| • Fulbright Jaworski | • Westinghouse Electric |

Choose UST

For information on admissions to the University of St. Thomas, contact the Office of Admissions at 713-525-3500 or visit our Web site at www.stthom.edu/admissions.

If you are interested in learning more about the International Studies Program, contact:

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The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston. At UST, 92% of our students say they would choose us again if they could start their college career over.*

- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in Medical and Dental schools for Pre-med and Pre-dental students
- **Graduate school flexibility:** MBA program with evening and weekend classes; MLA program coordinated with your individual schedule
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 24th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by The Princeton Review as Best in the West in their 2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **Study abroad:** Ranked one of 20 top schools in the U. S. for Study Abroad programs according to a report by the Institute of International Educational Exchange
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

* According to the 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement www.nsse.iub.edu.



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College Initiative Begins Here

Center for International Studies

The University of St. Thomas pioneered international studies in Texas and was the first university in Texas to establish a Center for International Studies. The interdisciplinary approach allows students to study and understand world behavior in terms of political, economic and cultural forces. International Studies prepares students for careers in international business, law, politics and public service.

Degree Plans

Students may complete either an academic major or minor in International Studies, or a joint major with Catholic Studies, Communication, Environmental Studies, Political Science, Romance Languages and Spanish.

Majors

- International Studies
- International Development

Minors

- International Studies
- Latin American & Latino Studies

Programs

- Geography
- Study Abroad

Requirements

Students majoring in International Studies or International Development are required to demonstrate foreign language capability.

In addition, students must complete one of the following:

- Study Abroad
- Internship in an international business organization
- Experience abroad without academic credit

A complete list of requirements for IS and ID Degree Plans can be found at the UST web site: www.stthom.edu/intl_studies.

Student Organizations and Activities

Micro-Credit Program

The Center for International Studies Micro-Credit Program is a student-operated nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting entrepreneurs who live below the poverty threshold. The program provides UST undergraduate students with a unique educational opportunity to learn practical ways and means to effect meaningful improvement in the lives of the world's poor through active management of micro-credit funds while integrating the Catholic values of UST.

International Studies Society

The International Studies Society (ISS) is a student organization that is dedicated to enriching the community through academic, cultural and social events. ISS promotes cultural diversity by hosting events; such as, Diversity Week and I-Fest (International Festival).

Sigma Iota Rho

Sigma Iota Rho is the local chapter of a national honor society providing scholarship and service to International Studies students.

"For me, the CIS experience means academic and personal transformation. Following graduation from St. Thomas, I entered graduate school at Harvard University feeling capable and confident as a result of my experience at the CIS."

Kate Dillon, Distinguished 2007 Graduate

Lectures and Workshops:

IS education is not just about attending classroom lectures, but also focuses on exposure to multiple people and perspectives from the global community. The Center sponsors lectures and workshops each year, hosting speakers from many aspects of the global community. Students attend luncheons of international groups in Houston including the World Affairs Council Houston, Greater Houston Partnership, Institute of International Education, and the Asia Society.

The Center sponsors an on-campus Model Arab League, participates in the Model United Nations and provides

the opportunity for undergraduates to present their individual thesis at the Southwestern International Studies Association Annual Conference.

Graduate Study

After graduation, more than half of UST graduates enter graduate school or professional programs in law, business, medical school, social work and social sciences. Our undergraduates have enrolled in the following graduate programs:

- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- London School of Economics
- Seton Hall
- South Texas College of Law
- University of Michigan
- University of Texas

Study Abroad

Knowledge of different peoples and cultures through study and internships in foreign countries is valuable preparation for participating in the emerging global economy and culture. IS majors are required to complete an international experience and study abroad is the most common choice.

Each year UST sends more than 150 students for credited study abroad programs during winter break and summer sessions. The university also has student exchange agreements with 16 Universities around the world.

Here are some locations where UST students have studied abroad for course credit:

Argentina	England	Peru
Chile	Ireland	Mexico
Italy	France	Spain
China	India	Taiwan