Admission and Application Requirements for the M.A. in International Studies Degree

Center for International Studies, Texas State University-San Marcos

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a 3.0 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 hours leading to the degree.

The International Studies program does not require an official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score prior to admission consideration. However, if the GPA is not at the preferred level of 3.0 and is between 2.8 – 2.99 you will be notified that your application may be considered if you submit a GRE score with a preferred score of 156 (verbal reasoning only). If you took the GRE within the last five years and prior to the new examination, the following preferred score will be considered - a preferred score of 500 (verbal only). GRE scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, to our Graduate College. The college code for Texas State is 006667. The Educational Testing Service can be contacted at www.ets.org/gre Texas State applicants are required to take only the General Test.

2. Mastery of the English language. International students must have an official TOEFL score of 550 paper-based or computer-based minimums of 78 total score.

3. Proficiency in the speaking, reading, and oral comprehension of a modern language other than English demonstrated through one of the following:

   – Grade of "B" or better in a modern language course beyond the second year and taken within the last three years at an accredited college, university, or language institute (if longer than three years with no significant involvement in the language, the students may be asked to take a refresher course)
   – Passing a foreign language exam that would demonstrate proficiency levels in reading, speaking, and listening that would place the student beyond the second year of language courses
   – A recent foreign living experience of at least six continuous months duration in a non-English speaking country outside the United States.

4. Successful completion of micro and macroeconomics or the equivalent.

5. An official Texas State University-San Marcos Graduate College Application for admission on file in the Graduate College. The application, along with other information, can be printed from the Texas State Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/.

6. Two official transcripts from each school attended on file in the Graduate College.

7. Submission to The Graduate College, an admission essay of 2-5 pages that describes why the student is considering the International Studies Program, how it fits into a process of professional development, and what the student hopes to accomplish by enrolling in the program.

8. Submission to The Graduate College, at least two letters of recommendation from professors with whom you have worked as an undergraduate or graduate student. Letters must be in sealed envelopes with the professors' signatures over the seal.
10. Submission to The Graduate College, a resume that highlights your academic, vocational, and research experience.

In order to be assured consideration for admission to the MA in International Studies program, completed applications, including all component parts of this packet, must be in the hands of the The Graduate College by the following deadlines:

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* Financial Support
In order to be considered for scholarships and fellowships funding opportunities, applications must be completed for review before the Priority Application Deadline. Please note that the application for this program will be available on ApplyTexas at least until the Standard Application Deadline date and then as long as space is available.

** The Graduate College will continue to process applications received after the deadline for this program, on a first come, first-served basis, with no guarantees for admission consideration. If the program is not listed as an option on ApplyTexas for a given semester, students may no longer apply for the program for that semester. Applicants will be required to submit a new application, required support documents and fee for admission consideration for future semesters.

Application Decisions  The International Studies program has a rolling admissions process in which a Graduate Admissions Committee considers completed applications as they arrive.