

International Studies



The forces of globalization impact virtually every community on this planet. Whether your future plans call for you to be actively engaged beyond your home country's borders or simply to be a participant in your local community, you need the global skills, knowledge and attitudes to function effectively. To meet these challenges, UT offers a wide array of international study options, including travel courses. Above, UT students visit the Colosseum in Rome.

THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

B.A. in International Studies

Certificate in International Studies

Minor in International Studies

Minor in Asian Studies

Minor in Latin American Studies

What Will You Learn?

The **B.A. in International Studies** gives students the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in today's globalized world. Students learn to analyze international problems through a variety of lenses, including scientific, governmental, cultural, religious, linguistic and historical. The program also involves the acquisition of language skills and a study abroad experience. The interdisciplinary nature of this program provides students with a well-rounded educational foundation in political science, history, economics and foreign language.

The **certificate in international studies** and **minor in international studies** encompass international coursework and experiences across disciplines. The **minor in Asian studies** and **minor in Latin American studies** also offer students opportunities to strengthen and supplement any major with a focus on culture, history, economics and politics in different areas of the world.

Language Learning Center

Students have access to numerous tools to enhance their language proficiency in UT's state-of-the-art digital language lab. Featuring two spacious collective classroom areas, the Language Learning Center helps students learn languages quickly. There is also a separate Tutor Lab that can be utilized for independent study with tutors. At UT, you can major in Spanish or minor in French or Spanish.

Integrated International Education

Both in the classroom and beyond, UT strives to integrate international education across all aspects of campus. In 2016 UT was honored with the Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. With 40-plus student organizations that support

Sample Topics of Study

International security

International political economy

International organization and global governance

International nongovernmental organizations

Comparative political and legal systems

Microeconomics and macroeconomics

Economic growth, inequality and development

Intercultural awareness

Foreign language study

Regional studies, including Africa, Western Europe, Latin America, Middle East and East Asia

FACULTY highlights



Liv Coleman, Ph.D.
associate professor of political science

Liv Coleman, chair of the Department of Political Science and International Studies, specializes in East Asian and Japanese politics. Her research focuses on family, gender, international organization and politics of the digital age, and has been published in journals such as *International Studies Quarterly* and the *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.



Denis Rey, Ph.D.
associate professor of political science

Denis Rey specializes in international relations and comparative politics. His research focuses on how political institutions impact foreign policy outcomes. He is also interested in democratization and development in Latin America, including how NGOs within the region position themselves, network and serve as engines for change.

Real-World Experience

Research and Internships

The Department of Political Science and International Studies provides numerous opportunities for students to get hands-on, real-world learning experiences. UT faculty have lived, traveled and taught all over the world. They champion the cause of creative internationalization, conducting groundbreaking research in other countries and bringing back knowledge and experience for the University's benefit. **Student-faculty globally focused research** and scholarship are heavily promoted.

Internships in varied fields such as politics, law and international affairs are also available. Using both direct placement and the **Washington Center program**, the department has had great success placing students into internships with local, national and international employers.

On campus, interaction with guest speakers including ambassadors and global activists, and events such as the **National Geographic Global Lecture Series, UT Global Speaker Series** and **UT International Film Festival** connect students to other cultures and philosophies.

Education Abroad

UT students have access to 1,000 education abroad opportunities in 60 countries. Advising is also available for students interested in Fulbright Fellowships, as well as other national grants for study abroad. Coordinated through the **International Programs Office**, UT's education abroad programs include:

- Semester/year abroad programs
- Two unique programs for first-year students to Ireland and Spain

- Language courses in Paris, France
- Community service-learning abroad programs
- International internships
- Oxford Study Abroad program for Honors students
- Semester at Sea program
- Athletics abroad programs
- International Alternative Breaks programs

UT Travel Courses

Developed by faculty members, UT travel courses are taught on campus and feature a travel component at the end of the term. Recent travel courses include:

- Development Strategies and Projects in Africa (Ghana)
- Tropical Biology and Conservation (Costa Rica)
- Contemporary Japanese Literature (Japan)
- Managing/Marketing in International Markets (Vietnam)
- Global Perspectives in Film and New Media (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany)
- European Sport Management (England and France)
- Italy: Art, Culture and Identity (Italy)

Model UN Program

UT participates in the Harvard National Model United Nations, which is the largest, oldest and most prestigious conference of its kind. It offers UT students insight into the workings of the UN and a unique opportunity to experience the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy. Students must enroll in PSC 212 Decision-Making in the United Nations to participate.

What Can You Do With This Degree?

The interdisciplinary nature of international studies provides students with a well-rounded educational foundation in political science, history, economics and foreign language, along with the opportunity to focus on the areas and disciplines that interest them.

Students are prepared for careers in international relations and diplomacy, international security and intelligence, peace-building and conflict resolution, international development, international business, international education, international journalism, public relations and law.

Recent graduates have begun careers in organizations such as the U.S. State Department, U.S. Peace Corps, U.S. Army, Deloitte, Wells Fargo, international development agencies and non-governmental organizations. Others have been accepted to excellent graduate programs around the world. International studies majors have also won prestigious post-baccalaureate awards such as the Fulbright fellowship, and have taught English abroad in Spain, Indonesia, China, Korea and with the JET Program in Japan.

Kelly Fitzgerald '15
B.A. in International Studies
Travel and Logistics
Coordinator, AFS
Intercultural Programs USA

During her time at UT, Honors student Kelly Fitzgerald participated in three education abroad programs — a UT travel course to Cuba, a semester at Oxford University in the U.K. and a PEACE Alternative Breaks trip to Nicaragua. Upon graduating, she was awarded a prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Indonesia. Since then, she has worked as a National Geographic student expedition leader, an outdoor education facilitator and a travel and logistics coordinator for an international education program.



alumni profiles

Gabriella Boucher '20

Pursuing master's degree in international security, George Mason University

Grace Poulos '20

Pursuing master's degree in development economics and international development, University of Florida

Emily Eshoo '19

Pursuing master's degree in international affairs, The George Washington University; intern at UNICEF, Washington, D.C.

Estephanie Serna '19

Peace Corps volunteer focusing on economic development, Dominican Republic

Madison Lawson '17

International business manager, Tampa Bay Economic Development Council; earned master's degree in emerging economies and international development, King's College London



UT students shown at the 2019 Harvard National Model United Nations. UT students typically represent nonwestern countries at this annual competition, and in recent years have represented Mongolia, Bulgaria, Vietnam and Tibet.

International Studies



Victor Castro '21
Major: international studies
Minor: political science
Hometown: Madrid, Spain
Activities: Spartan Ambassador Trainer, Student Government Senator

“What I like most about the international studies major is the variety of concentrations that allow you to focus on different areas of the world. I hope to take my interest in politics and global affairs to the next level by becoming a diplomat and representing my country around the globe. Through my classes and campus activities, I feel I’m ready to take on any challenge that may come my way.”

Student Organizations

UT offers more than 300 clubs and organizations on campus, and many have an international focus. Examples include:

- International Student Ambassadors
- Caribbean Student Association
- Indian Cultural Association
- Latin Student Association

World View magazine

Student and faculty chronicle their travel abroad experiences and research and publish them in UT’s *World View* magazine.

Spartans Abroad calendar

National Geographic editors serve as judges in selecting the winning photographs for a calendar created by the Office of International Programs each year. It showcases the experiences of UT students, staff and faculty while traveling abroad.

Honors Program

Eligible students are invited to participate in UT’s Honors Program, designed for the most inquisitive, intellectually spirited and enterprising students. Innovative courses and one-on-one tutorials promote learning in ways that go beyond the classroom and regular coursework. At Honors Symposia, faculty and guest speakers from across the nation and the globe bring students together to discuss stimulating topics. Visit ut.edu/honors.

Career Services

UT’s Office of Career Services offers advisory services to all students, helping them prepare effective résumés, find internships and apply for positions with organizations in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. Students and alumni have free, lifetime access to a variety of tools and networks to help advance their careers. Learn more at ut.edu/career.



About UT

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Richly diverse, UT is the school of choice for approximately 9,600 students from all 50 states and 130 countries.

Visit ut.edu/internationalstudies to learn more about the international studies program.

