

International Education at MTSU

MTSU students have the opportunity to broaden their personal and professional horizons through a variety of programs offered by the University. Since the 1960s, MTSU has had an internationalized academic curriculum and has created opportunities for students to gain international experience. These opportunities include major and minor academic programs, direct exchange programs, study abroad, and experiential and service learning projects.

B.S. in International Relations

Established in 1967, this program is housed in the Department of Political Science and provides preparation for future careers in government and the private sector. Graduates of this program include university professors, career diplomats, government agency analysts, and analysts in the private sector. The program is described in detail on page 291. For further information, contact the Department of Political Science at (615) 898-2708.

B.A. in Global Studies

Originally established as an interdisciplinary minor under a 1994 DOE grant, Global Studies is an interdisciplinary major that allows students to create their own major, consisting of a Global Studies core, existing internationalized course offerings, and experiential learning. Working with the Global Studies advisor, students may choose from three concentrations: Globalization and Culture, Globalization and Science, and Globalization and Commerce. The program is described on page 94. For more information, contact Douglas Heffington, KOM 322D, (615) 898-5978.

International Education and Exchange (Study Abroad)

The MT Abroad Office supports students and faculty participating in study abroad, exchange programs, and other international education opportunities. MT Abroad provides information about opportunities originating from MTSU as well as those coordinated through various study abroad consortia. The MT Abroad staff assists students in completing required applications, meeting insurance requirements and investigating financial aid. The office also provides pre-departure orientations and reentry debriefings. MT Abroad also assists faculty

interested in teaching in an MTSU or other study abroad program. For information regarding International Education and Exchange programs, call (615) 898-5179.

Among the programs available are

- Foreign language study abroad through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. See courses beginning on page 259.
- Cooperative education programs in French, German, and Spanish. Contact the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- Direct exchange programs with universities in France, Germany, Spain, Brazil, Japan, China, Scotland, the Philippines, Thailand, and the Republic of Korea. (Contact MT Abroad for further information.)
- The Kentucky Institute of International Studies, a consortium that offers programs around the globe. (Contact MT Abroad.)
- Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA), a consortium offering courses in English-speaking countries. (Contact MT Abroad.)
- Universal Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), a consortium offering programs in Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific. (Contact MT Abroad.)
- International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), independent exchange programs (contact MT Abroad.)

General Education Study Abroad Program

MTSU and Motlow State have a joint-venture summer study abroad program in Cherbourg, France. Students may take up to two General Education courses in this program. Course offerings change annually. Contact the MT Abroad Office at (615) 898-5179 for more information.

Experiential and Service Learning Projects

Several departments at MTSU offer unique opportunities for students to engage in international experiential or service-learning activities.

Regionally Specific Interdisciplinary Minors

MTSU offers a variety of interdisciplinary minors designed to increase understanding and knowledge of a specific global region. These minors can be found in the Interdisciplinary Minors section. They include

- African Studies
- Asian Studies
- Early Modern European Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Russian Studies
- Twentieth-Century European Studies