

International Studies

1. Individual Course Assessment.

Individual progress through a course is assessed by at least two processes. First, faculty may use a pre-test during the first class session and a post-test during the last class session, or they may embed their assessment activities within the class activities and exams. Questions are constructed to cover the areas listed in the course syllabus for which the student should be able to demonstrate competence. The second mechanism of testing is more traditional, with regular quizzes and a final examination and/or final major paper. A variety of formats for written exams may be used including both objective and essay exams.

2. Pre-program Entry Assessment

At the time of the declaration of the major, students will take a pre-program assessment which will be used in assessing student learning and readiness for the program. It will also provide the benchmark from which to gauge the progress of student learning in the program.

3. End of program assessment

A systematic program assessment in the form of a comprehensive examination is conducted during the semester preceding graduation. Conferment of the Bachelor's degree with a major in International Studies is NOT contingent upon successful completion of the comprehensive examination which is used solely for program assessment purposes. International Trade students will also use the business internship (BU 487) for assessment evidence and reporting.