

Get Started with Your International Plan!

For students who want to make international education a core part of their degree and go beyond the typical study abroad experience, Tech offers the International Plan (IP). The IP is a challenging program for undergraduate students focused on developing global competency in one's major. Students in the IP complete a set of academic and experiential components as part of their degree requirements, including globally-focused coursework, a minimum of six months spent studying, working, or conducting research abroad, foreign language proficiency, and a senior level capstone course.

Increasingly, top employers report that they look for job candidates with international experience, a global mindset, and the ability to succeed in culturally diverse environments. With the IP, you can be confident that you're prepared to become a leader in the global economy.

If you get started early and work with your advisors to make strategic choices, earning the IP designation should not add extra time to your degree. Below are some suggestions to help you get off on the right foot:

1) Determine if you are eligible for the IP.

- a. Be in a participating major: <http://oie.gatech.edu/ip/participating-majors>
Undeclared students must ultimately choose a participating major to remain in the IP
- b. No GPA requirement for first semester freshmen. All other applicants must have a 2.7 overall GPA.

2) Apply to the IP as early as possible.

Complete the online application in less than 15 minutes: <http://oie.gatech.edu/content/apply-now>.

- *Priority* deadline for fall enrollment: August 1
- *Final* deadline for fall enrollment: September 1
- **Look for your acceptance letter to be sent to your GT email address.**
- **Once accepted, complete the required online IP orientation.**

3) Join the IP community.

Newly accepted students are encouraged to get to know other IP students by:

- Registering for the **IP section of GT 1000**, GT's freshman seminar.
- Attending the **Fall Induction Ceremony**
- Looking for other events throughout the year in the IP newsletter.

4) Register for a language course, if needed.

IP students will demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to the 2002-level or beyond. It is highly recommended that you take language courses in your first year, if needed. Some students may satisfy the language requirement with AP language credit or by taking a Modern Languages placement test. For more information, see the "Language Course Instructions" flyer and <http://oie.gatech.edu/ip/language-requirements>.

5) Register for at least one IP globally-focused course during the upcoming year.

IP students will complete one international relations course, one global economics course, and one course pertaining to the country or region of the international experience(s). Many courses approved to fulfill IP requirements may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements. The list of IP-approved courses is available in the Georgia Tech catalog at <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/specialacademic/international.php>. More information is available on the "Registering for IP Globally-Focused Coursework" flyer.

- AP credits may not be used to fulfill IP course requirements. Pre-requisites and other restrictions may apply to some of the approved courses. IP courses must be taken for a letter grade.

6) Start researching your international opportunities.

IP students will complete two terms abroad (at least 26 weeks), and can choose from over 130 study abroad, international internship, and research abroad opportunities. See our "Planning Your International Plan Overseas Experiences" flyer for more details on how to start researching your options.

"I feel much more equipped to interact with people from any international background. While working in research and development for the oil industry, I found that there was a demand for my willingness and capability to work on cross-cultural teams. Oil companies have field positions in over 100 countries, so my ability to adapt and respond well to new cultures is critical."

– Hannah Oermann, '13, B.S. Mechanical Engineering – International Plan