

# Institute for International and Intercultural Studies

## Special Programs

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The Institute is established to promote initiatives developed in response to growing needs to reach beyond traditional models for higher education, bridging into the 21<sup>st</sup> century where globalization and cross-discipline endeavors will be on the forefront.

The mission of the Institute is the

- Advancement of Intercultural Initiatives
- Promotion of International Education
- Coordination of International Student Services
- Development of International Studies
- Promotion and Coordination of ESL Initiatives
- Facilitation of Interdisciplinary Course and Program Implementation

Through the institute students and faculty are supported in their efforts to engage in international, cross-cultural and cross-discipline learning opportunities. The Institute supports a number of study-abroad programs sponsored by affiliated organizations such as the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities and the Consortium for Global Education. On campus, the Center develops programs and services that enhance the international and cross-cultural awareness of the entire campus community, with particular focus on cross-discipline and global service-learning endeavors.

### Major and Minor in Intercultural Studies

The Institute offers two programs in Intercultural Studies, a 54-hour comprehensive major that does not require minor and a 25-hour minor for students majoring in another area. Both programs are designed to enable students to develop theoretical and practical knowledge needed to live and work effectively in culturally complex environments.

#### I. Major in Intercultural Studies—54 hours

##### A. Required Core—27 hours

1. Language 200 or above—6 hours
2. PSC 214; GEO 215 or 216; SOC 355
3. LANG 320—required prior to beginning Emphasis
4. ICS 245 and 498
5. Intercultural Experience—3 hours

##### B. Select 18 hours from one Emphasis and 9 from the other—27 hours

1. Global Emphasis: CHR/PHL 243, 349; ECF 211, 212, 425; MGT 327, 420; MKT 433; PSC 324, 332, 333, 355; SOC 319, 417, 421; SOC/SW 370, 310; SOC 400, SW 405.

2. Regional Emphasis: HIS 317, 320, 322, 420; PSC 318, 319, 325, 350, 411; SOC/SW 419; SPA/FRE 319, 419; SPA/FRE 395/495. Special Topics in Literature/Language/Culture as approved by the Director; SPA/FRE Literature Survey or Genre Courses as approved by the Director.

The Intercultural Experience, pre-approved by the Director, is to be taken as an existing internship in the department of concentration, service learning project, or international experience. If no appropriate experiential course is available, the student may register for ICS 445.

## II. Minor in Intercultural Studies—25 hours

- A. Required Core—19 hours
  1. Language 200 or above—6 hours
  2. PSC 214; GEO 215 or 216; SOC 355, LANG 320—12 hours
  3. ICS 498 (last semester enrolled)—1 hour
- B. Select 6 hours from one of the following seven groups:
  1. CHR 243, CHR/PHL 349, CHR 265
  2. HIS 312, 317, 320, 322, 420
  3. PSC 318, 324, 325, 332, 333, 355, 350, 358, 411
  4. SPA/FRE 419, 499 or Special Topics in Literature or Culture or Literature or Genre Courses as approved by the Director
  5. SOC 370, 400, 417, 419, 421; SW 200, 310
  6. ECF 211, 212, 425, MGT 327, 420; MKT 433
  7. Study Abroad—6 hours as pre-approved by the Director

### Course Offerings in Intercultural Studies (ICS)

( )Hours Credit: F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

#### 105. Introduction to Intercultural Studies for International Students (3) As Needed

An introduction to cross-cultural communication examining some of the basics of intercultural theory using the United States culture as a point of reference for developing a conceptual framework.

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#### 110. Introduction to Intercultural Studies (3) As Needed

An introduction to the theoretical and practical issues related to cross-cultural communication and the effective managing and transferring of knowledge within different cultures.

#### 245. Research Methodologies for Intercultural Study (3) As Needed

An introduction to representative research methodologies that are used in intercultural studies.

#### 445. Intercultural Experience (1-3) As Needed

A service learning project or international experience.

#### 498. Intercultural Studies Capstone Seminar (1 or 3) As Needed

Prerequisite: Must be taken in the student's last semester of major/minor coursework. Students will prepare and present a paper which demonstrates their ability to integrate knowledge and experiences of the program. Majors take the course for 3 hours credit; minors, for 1 hour.

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**180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed**

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

**195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand**

Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular offerings.

**395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand**

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular offerings.

**495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) On Demand**

Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).