

Institute for International and Intercultural Studies

Special Programs

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The mission of the Institute is to:

- Advance Intercultural Initiatives
- Promote International Education
- Coordinate International Student Services
- Develop International/Intercultural Studies
- Promote and Coordinate ESL Initiatives

Through the Institute students and faculty are supported in their efforts to engage in intercultural and interdisciplinary learning opportunities both in the U.S. and abroad. 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 intercultural awareness of the entire campus community, with particular focus on interdisciplinary and global service-learning endeavors.

Major and Minor in Intercultural Studies

The Institute offers two programs in Intercultural Studies, a comprehensive major that does not require a minor, and the 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—57 hours

- A. Required Core—30 hours
 1. Language 200 or above—6 hours.
 2. PSC 214; GEO 215 or 216; SOC 355.
 3. ICS 110 and 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 or Literature/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—28 hours

- A. Required Core—22 hours
 1. Language 200 or above—6 hours
 2. PSC 214; GEO 215 or 216; SOC 355, ICS 110 and 320—15 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, Culture, 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
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
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
Introduction to representative research methodologies used in intercultural studies.

350. Intercultural Communications (3) S
Examination of theoretical and practical issues related to cross-cultural communications and intercultural dynamics in the context of contemporary social, cultural, linguistic, political and economic environments.

445. Intercultural Experience (1-3) As Needed
An intercultural 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.

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).

Additional Fees

All students who study abroad pay a \$50.00 fee to cover administrative costs involved in the study abroad program. Additional fees may be assessed as necessary to cover specific expenditures required for study in a particular program.

All students participating in external academic programs in the United States or abroad must officially notify the University prior to beginning the registration process for the program. Failure to do so may jeopardize appropriate transfer of credits and/or applicable funding. For additional information, contact the Institute.

Department Sponsored International and Domestic Programs

Christian Studies Department—Jerusalem University College
 Art Department—University of Georgia in Cortona, Italy
 English Department/ART 210—Winter Term Study Tour
 School of Nursing, Language Department—University of Morocco at Oujda
 School of Nursing—Honduras Service Learning Program
 Sociology and Social Work Department—Focus on the Family Institute
 Music—Choir/Tour
 Education—Student Teaching Opportunities
 Honors—Study tour, Visiting Scholar Program

Examples of recent and ongoing programs:

Christian Studies—JUC, Great Britain; Art—U of GA in Cortona Study Tour (ART 210); English—Study Tour; Nursing—University of Mongolia, Inner Mongolia School of Nursing; Sociology/Social Work—F on F; Biology—Belize; LANG/TESL—Thailand, Morocco

Opportunities for Study Abroad and Domestic Exchange

The Institute coordinates the university's programs and affiliated programs that allow students to study outside the confines of the traditional campus experience.

American Studies Program	Middle East Studies Program
China Studies Program	Oxford Honors Program
Contemporary Music Program	Oxford Summer School Program
Latin American Studies Program	Russian Studies Program
Los Angeles Film Studies Center	Summer Institute of Journalism

Department of History & Political Science—American Studies Program
 Department of Communication Arts—Los Angeles Film Studies Center
 Department of Communication Arts—Summer Institute of Journalism
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Mid-Continent Consortium

The Mid-Continent Consortium is an association of West Tennessee institutions that collaborate to develop international study programs. The consortium currently works with the following programs:

University of Quebec at Chitoutimi, Canada—French, Canadian Studies
 University of Orleans at Orleans, France—French
 University of Alicante at Alicante, Spain—Spanish

Consortium for Global Education (CGE)

Member institutions have established more than 300 partnerships with some of the world's most prestigious universities. The wide range of programs includes student and faculty exchanges, summer study programs, conferences, seminars, and special projects. Union is directly involved with programs in the following countries: Austria, Morocco, China (Beijing and Hong Kong), Spain, France, Tunisia, Syria, Honduras and Thailand.