

Institute for International and Intercultural Studies

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Institute is to advance intercultural initiatives' promote international education, coordinate international student services, develop international/intercultural studies, and 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 Institute 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.

Curriculum

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—27 hours

1. Modern Language 200 or above—6 hours.
2. PSC 214; GEO 215 or 216; SOC 355.
3. ICS 110, required prior to beginning Emphasis, and 320.
4. ICS 245 and 498—6 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, 365, 400, 414; SOC 319, 417; SOC/SW 370, 310; SOC 400, SW 405; TESL 220, 315, 350, 395/495 (as approved), 440.
2. Regional Emphasis: HIS 317, 320, 322, 420; PSC 322, 323, 325, 350, 360, 411; SOC/SW 419; SPA/FRE 319, 419; SPA/FRE 395/495. Special Topics or Literature/Genre Courses as approved by the Associate Provost.

C. Intercultural Experience; see below—3 hours

The Intercultural Experience, pre-approved by the Associate Provost, 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. Modern 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 317, 320, 322, 420.
3. PSC 322, 323, 324, 325, 332, 333, 355, 360, 365, 400, 411.
4. SPA/FRE 419, 499 or Special Topics in Literature, Culture, Literature, or Genre Courses as approved by the Director.
5. SOC 370, 417, 419; SW 200, 310, 325.
6. ECF 211, 212, 425, MGT 327, 420; MKT 433.
7. Study Abroad—6 hours as pre-approved by the Director.
8. TESL 220, 315, 350, 395/495 as pre-approved, 440

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.

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.

320. 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

295-6-7. 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).

Study Abroad/External Academic Programs

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. All students who study abroad or other external academic program 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. For additional information, contact the Institute.

Department Sponsored International and Domestic Programs

Programs Sponsored by Union University:

Department of Art—Study Tour, Europe

Department of Biology—Study Tour, Belize

Department of English—Study Tour, Europe

Department of Music—Study Tour, Europe

Interdisciplinary Honors Program—Study Tour, Oxford

—Visiting Scholar Program

School of Nursing—Study Tour, Honduras

—Study Tour, China

Programs Sponsored Through External Consortia

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities

The Institute coordinates student participation in CCCU-sponsored programs:

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| 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 |

Mid-Continent Consortium

The Mid-Continent Consortium, an association of regional institutions that collaborate to develop international study programs, currently works with the following language programs:

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| University of Quebec at Chitoutimi, Canada–French, Canadian Studies |
| University of Orleans at Orleans, France–French |
| University of Alicante at Alicante, Spain–Spanish |
| University of Guanajuato, Mexico–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, Spain, France, Tunisia, Syria, Honduras and Thailand.

Other

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| Department of Art—University of Georgia, Cortona, Italy |
| Department of Biology—The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory |
| Department of Biology—Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies |
| Department of Language—Salzburg College, Salzburg, Austria |
| Department of Sociology—Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado |
| School of Christian Studies—Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel |
| School of Education—Christian College Teacher Education Coordinating Council, Honduras and Morocco |