The Institute for International, Intercultural and Interdisciplinary Studies

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The Institute is being established in the first year of a new century to promote initiatives developed in response to growing needs to reach beyond traditional models for higher education, bridging into the 21st 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.

Minor in International Studies—21 hours

The International Studies minor is designed to provide the tools to help the student develop an awareness of the complexity and interdependence of our international community. The broad course requirement was chosen to create an international perspective and to enable the student to interact in the international community in an intelligent and prepared manner.

A. Required courses—15 hours
   1. Language 100 or 200 in one Living, Non-English, Spoken Language–6 hours
   2. PSC 214, GEO 216, SOC 355–9 hours
B. Select 6 hours from: CHR/PHY 349; ECF 211, 419, 430; HIS 322; PSC 318, 325, 431; SOC 417