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International Studies Curriculum Changes

The International Studies Program is pleased to announce that our curriculum revisions have been finalized.

Four Area Studies Certificates are now available in African and Middle East Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, and Latin American Studies. These 12-credit hour certificates provide the first opportunity for Ship students to earn academic recognition for specializating in particular world regions. See the full requirements on page 4 of the newsletter.

International Studies also is offering its own courses for the first time. INT 300: International Studies Seminar is taking place this semester. It is a team-taught course exploring the theme of globalization from the perspectives of economics, culture and politics. In Fall 2006 students will be able to elect INT 200: Introduction to International Studies. INT 200 and INT 300 are required of all students who have elected the IS minor since Fall 2005. Students who signed up for the minor in Spring 2005 or earlier can use INT 200 and INT 300 to satisfy any core or elective requirements.

Our other new offering is an elective, INT 390: International Studies Internship. Students have the option of taking internships in the U.S. or overseas. Ship's proximity to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Baltimore, and NYC provides numerous opportunities to pursue internationally-related internships in government, business, or non-profit organizations.

For more information on curriculum changes or new courses, see our website or visit Horton 101.

Fulbright Visitor Coming in the Fall

Dr. Omaima Abou-Bakr of Cairo University in Egypt will come to campus in November as Ship's first-ever Fulbright visiting scholar. While on campus, she will give a public speech and visit a number of classes to guest lecture, including INT 200: Introduction to International Studies. Dr. Abou-Bakr's teaching and research fields include medieval comparative literature, gender and women's issues in Islam, pre-modern history of Muslim women, and female mysticism. She received her PhD in 1987 from the University of California at Berkeley and is a dynamic public speaker. As an articulate and highly-educated career woman, Dr. Abou-Bakr is a perfect cultural ambassador to break down common stereotypes about Arabs and Islam. To ensure an opportunity to meet her, register for INT 200: Introduction to International Studies during spring scheduling.

GLOBALIZATION: GLOBAL VILLAGE OR GLOBAL PILLAGE?

This year's international studies theme is "Globalization: Global Village or Global Pillage?" Spring semester has a busy schedule of globalization events open to the public. Students in INT 300: International Studies Seminar explore the theme in part by attending and discussing all events.

Film Festival

Our film festival features five films. Two documentaries, already screened in February, have drawn rave reviews. "Life & Debt" on February 1st explored the troubles Jamaica has experienced due to economic globalization. "The Corporation" on February 15th was an entertaining and insightful look at the power of the world's dominant institution, the corporation. For information on upcoming films, see page 2 of the newsletter.

GLOBALIZATION SPEAKER

One of the world's leading anthropologists, Dr. Sidney Mintz of Johns Hopkins University, will visit campus to serve as our globalization speaker. He will deliver his talk "Food, Globalization, and History" on March 30 at 7:30 pm in Old Main Chapel. Dr. Mintz will explain how our diets have changed over the past several centuries as people have moved from eating foods mainly produced on local farms to globalized meals. For example, it is possible for an American to eat a meal including beef from Brazil, beans from California, tomatoes from Mexico, pepper from Indonesia, and coffee from Vietnam. Don't miss this fascinating talk on our changing diet!

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5th Annual International Studies Film Festival

"*Globalization: Global Village or Global Pillage*?"

(All films at 6:30 pm. in Grove Hall Forum)

Wed., March 1

Unknown Pleasures

A tragic tale from China's rust belt. With no hope of decent jobs or college, two teenage friends struggle to escape a bleak existence. Director Jia Zhangke "has placed himself at the forefront of Chinese cinema" (J. Hoberman, *Village Voice*). "Impressive filmmaking" (Jamie Russell, BBC). Director: Jia Zhangke, China, 113 minutes, 2002.

Wed., March 22

Africa, I Will Fleece You (Afrique, je te plumerai)

A devastating look at Cameroon's struggles with colonialism and globalization over the past century. "Provocative, idiosyncratic, playful and sardonic…Even 30 years after independence, this African nation is searching for its identity" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*). Director: Jean-Marie Teno, Cameroon, 88 minutes, 1992.

Wed., April 5

Hotel Rwanda

Nominated for 3 Academy Awards. Don Cheadle gives "the performance of a lifetime" (L.A. Times) in this "remarkable" (*Newsweek*) and "inspiring" (*Chicago Tribune*) true story of one man's brave stance against savagery during the 1994 Rwandan conflict. Co-starring Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte and Joaquin Phoenix. Director: Terry George, U.K., Italy, South Africa, 121 minutes, 2004.

Conference Scheduled For the Modern Language Department

The Modern Language Department is organizing its first regional language and culture conference. The conference titled "Integrating Language and Culture" will take place from March 31st through April 2nd . The conference goals are to showcase French and German, the less commonly taught languages of the department, and Spanish, which may add an M.A. program in the near future.

Professors from universities in the region, including Shippensburg University, will present papers on topics related to language and culture, and students will also be given the opportunity to present research.

The department also hopes to offer Chinese within the next two years, so to generate interest in the subject there will be a panel on Asian culture.

During the conference, and in an effort to address the needs of the community, an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) workshop will be offered for high school teachers of the area. The OPI is the standard for assessment in language.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Tom Conley, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and Director of Graduate Studies in French at Harvard University. The topic of his discussion will be "Cartographic Cinema" and along with this theme two movies will also be shown.

The website for the conference can be accessed through the Modern Language Department's

website www.ship.edu/~modlang. Click on the banner of the conference.

The program of paper presentations will be finalized in early March.

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SUMMER STUDY IN PRAGUE

Central Europe in Transition

Summer 2006

Course Information

This is a study abroad course that will be based in Prague, Czech Republic, which was part of the "Iron Curtain" for over 40 years. Since this curtain has been lifted, the area's economy and business practices have been going through a major transition from communist to democratic practices. Prague has also been a hotbed of entrepreneurship. Students will meet upper-level managers at the helm of local and multinational businesses who have led their organizations through the challenges associated with their country's transition to a market economy and EU integration. There will be four lectures given by scholars from the Czech Management Center (CMC) on doing business in transitioning economies and on Central Europe. There will also be an online component of this course both before and after the 3-week session in Prague. It is required and will be administered through Blackboard. There will be a paper due after the trip.

Students will have free time for individual exploration of Prague's rich cultural and entertainment offerings. Students may also travel, at their own expense, to neighboring countries or within the Czech Republic on free days.

To gain a perspective on both city and rural life in Central Europe, we will divide our time between Celakovice and Prague. Celakovice, a small town near Prague, is home to the Czech Management Center, our host and lodging for 2 weeks. Prague is internationally known for its beauty, culture, and charm. We will be staying in a hotel where accommodations are 2 rooms sharing one bath. Tentative dates are June 12 – July 4, 2006.

Cost

The cost for the land portion of the program will range from $2200 to $2500 depending on the number of participants. This cost includes tuition ($703 for a 3-credit course), lodging, breakfast, 2 dinners, 3 lunches, and field trips/tours.

Instructor: Dr. Deborah H. Francis
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Would You Like to Spend Five Weeks Traveling Across *Australia* This Summer?

Environmental Science in Australia is a 5-week summer course that will be taught in Queensland, Northern Territory, Victoria, and New South Wales, from May 27-June 30, 2006. The course will consist of travel to at least four Australian states where we spend time camping with Aborigines in the desert, participating in a home stay at a cattle station, conducting research with Australian scientists, and enjoying field trips to the Great Barrier Reef, tropical rainforest, and central Australian desert with special emphasis on environmental issues in Australia.

Course Description

The course consists of a series of lectures, field assignments, classroom presentations, and field trips all pertaining to the Australian physical and cultural landscape. It provides an overview of current regional environmental problems and issues and examines the interactions between natural processes and human activities. The class also reviews current areas of knowledge concerning environmental processes and gives particular attention to examples using the tropics, mountains, and the interior desert of Australia.

Meals will be provided on the first night, last night, during the 3-day camping trip with Aborigines in Yuendumu, Northern Territory, and during our 2-day trip to the cattle station. We have also planned for a number of other meals throughout the trip, but most will be on your own.

12 students are able to participate in this trip

Cost

$ 4600 for airfare, accommodations, transportation, entrance fees and some meals

You also must register for 6 credits (undergraduate tuition/fees = **$1375)**

If interested, please contact course instructor Dr. Diane Stanitski in the Department of Geography-Earth Science at 477-1548 or dmstan@ship.edu.

Space in the class is available, but limited.

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Area Studies Certificates Requirements

12 credit hours are required to complete the certificate program

Study abroad and study of a foreign language are highly encouraged, but not required for the certificate. Language and foreign study enhance the ability to understand and operate effectively in other countries, and increase employability in international professions.

Required Introductory Course (3 credits)

Students should take this course as soon as possible after declaring the certificate.

(INT 200) Introduction to International Studies

Electives (9 credits)

The courses must be selected from 1 of the 4 world areas. Two of the elective courses need to be at the 300-level or higher.

1. African and Middle Eastern Studies

(FRN 150) French Civilization

(GEO 307) Geography of the Middle East and North Africa

(HIS 344) Modern Middle East: 1500 to Present

(HIS 376) History of Africa South of the Sahara

(HIS 410) The Islamic World

(INT 390) International Studies Internship

Study Abroad Courses (Through SU Study Abroad Program)

2. Asian Studies

(GEO 213) Geography of South and Southeast Asia

(GEO 214) Geography of East Asia

(HIS 350) History of Modern Japan

(HIS 354) Traditional China

(HIS 355) History of Modern China

(HIS 381) Modern South Asia

(HIS 454) China and the Outside World

(INT 390) International Studies Internship

(PHL 336) Concepts in Buddhism

Study Abroad Courses (Through SU Study Abroad Program)

3. European Studies

(ANT 351) Peoples and Cultures of Europe

(ENG 318) Studies in English Renaissance Literature

(ENG 377) Studies in Restoration/18th-century Literature

(ENG 380) Studies in 19th-century British Literature

(ENG 382) Studies in 20th-century British Literature

(FRN 150) French Civilization

(GEO 305) Geography of Europe

(GER 150) German Civilization

(GER 151) German Cinema

(HIS 321) Late Medieval Europe

(HIS 325) Tsarist Russia

(HIS 326) History of USSR

(HIS 329) History Of Germany To 1919

(HIS 330) History Of Modern Germany

(HIS 331) Modern France

(HIS 332) England 1066-present

(HIS 423) 20th Century Europe

(INT 390) International Studies Internship

(SPN 150) Spanish Civilization

Study Abroad Courses (Through SU Study Abroad Program)

4. Latin American Studies

(ANT 360) Aztec and Maya Archaeology

(GEO 201) Geography of Latin America

(HIS 349) History of Latin America

(HIS 360) History of Mexico

(HIS 366) History of Brazil

(INT 390) International Studies Internship

(SPN 150) Spanish Civilization)

Study Abroad Courses (Through SU Study Abroad Program)

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