International Studies (INTS): Educating the Global Citizen

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“Comprehensive internationalization is a commitment...to infuse international and comparative perspectives throughout the teaching, research and service missions of higher education. It shapes institutional ethos and values and touches the entire higher education enterprise.”

“The global reconfiguration of economies, systems of trade, research, and communication, and the impact of global forces on local life, dramatically expand the need for comprehensive internationalization and the motivations and purposes driving it.”

NAFSA, Comprehensive Internationalization: From Concept to Action, 2011
Survey Results: How Important is an International Education?

- **General Public**
  - 57% say that an international education is very or moderately essential to the educational experience.
  - 65% agree that *not* learning other languages puts young people at a competitive disadvantage in their careers.
  - 57% agree that more students need the opportunity to study abroad to allow them to succeed in the global workplace.

- **Employers**
  - 63% believe recent college graduates don’t have the skills to be successful in today’s global economy.
  - 72% want more emphasis on global issues and developments in undergraduate education.

⇒ International education is “essential, not a frill.”
International Learning Outcomes That Should Be Emphasized More

(2006 AACU-commissioned survey of employers & recent graduates)
International Studies Major (39 hrs): Breadth/Depth thru Complementarities

- Foreign Language
- Core Courses
- Capstone Experience
- Thematic Concentration
- Area Studies Concentration
Thematic Concentrations (9 hours)*

1. Culture & Arts in Global Perspective (8)
2. Environment & Society/Sustainability (6)
3. Indigenous, National & Transnational Identities (1)
5. Conflict, Peace & Diplomacy (39)
6. Rituals & Belief Systems (4)
7. Women & Gender in Contemporary World (5)

*NOTE: Must also take 1 related core course from given list.
Area Concentrations & Languages

- Africa (4)
- Asia and Middle East (6 + 14)
- Europe (21)
- Latin America (23)
- Russia/Eurasia (3)

- Arabic (16)
- Chinese (2)
- French (10)
- German (2)
- Italian (1)
- Japanese (3)
- Portuguese (2)
- Russian (4)
- Spanish (36)

9 hours in 2 categories: Fine Arts, History, Lit/Phil, Soc/Nat Science

9 hours in 1 language: 102, 201, 202
Capstone Requirement (3 hours)

- Independent reading/research/writing and discussion with ISI faculty committee.
- Two options:
  - Intercultural Experience (at home)
  - International Experience (study abroad)
Thank you! Any questions?