

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION



"The IST program is a perfect example of what defines a liberal arts education because it's such an interdisciplinary field. Traveling to Africa for three weeks of intensive research and studying at the University of Reading in England has allowed me to put into context what

I have learned in the classroom."

**WILL SHINDELL**

Centre Class of 2016

International Studies Major

STUDENTS MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPLEX INTERACTIONS OF POLITICS, CULTURE, HISTORY, AND ECONOMICS THAT SHAPE GLOBAL RELATIONS.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?

You probably don't think of yourself as a key link in international business, culture, and politics, do you? Guess again.

Do you drive a car? Is it a Toyota . . . or a Ford? How many miles a gallon does it get? Oops — need to import more oil. Check the label on that new shirt — odds are it was made outside of the United States.

What kind of music do you like? Pop/rock? Classical? New Age? Whether it's U2 or Horowitz, Coldplay or Enya, you've probably got some overseas artists in your collection.

And why should you care who the prime minister of Japan is? Everything from the price of your next stereo to your ability to get the kind of job you want can hinge on the policies that person pursues — that's why.

The point, of course, is that we are not insulated from events in the rest of the world. From the seemingly most mundane aspects of everyday life to life-and-death questions of war and peace, prosperity, or poverty, each one of us is a part of the global community.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CENTRE COLLEGE?

Centre College is a leader among small liberal arts colleges in integrating a global perspective into our educational experience. Even though we're nestled among the rolling horse farms of the Bluegrass, Centre's reach extends around the world through curriculum and special study opportunities.

Centre's international studies (IST) major is the most interdisciplinary major at the College, with courses from anthropology, economics, history, language, politics, religion, and sociology, among others.

Students learn to think across traditional disciplinary boundaries (essential for playing an active role in shaping global relations). They gain insight into the processes and institutions that shape global activities. And they develop the tools necessary to study ongoing events in this complex and rapidly changing world. This major allows you to develop an emphasis in a particular regional or functional area, but within the larger context of international relations. For example, you might concentrate in African studies or developmental studies, or work with a member of the program on a research project.

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Centre has semester programs in China (Shanghai), England (London and Reading), France (Strasbourg), Japan (Yamaguchi), and Mexico (Merida), which includes trips to Costa Rica or Cuba. There are also exchange programs in Japan and Northern Ireland. Other opportunities include short-term trips to such places as Cameroon, Ecuador, India, Turkey, and Vietnam. Individual students have also attended programs in

Australia, Belgium, China, Denmark, Hungary, Moscow, and Spain. At Centre, you can develop opportunities to study and travel that match your interests.

## INTERNSHIPS

Centre students have had internships at local, state and federal levels of the government. Many have interned in such places as Washington, D.C., (at the Supreme Court, foreign embassies, Congress members' offices, or the Office of Naval Intelligence), or, more locally, at the Lexington-Fayette Human Rights Commission. Recent majors have secured internships at Amnesty International, Save the Children, the International Committee for the Red Cross, and U.S. Department of State.

## CAREERS

Centre students who want to further their education often start by attending graduate programs in International Affairs at schools such as George Washington University, Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, University of Chicago, or American University. Work for international nongovernmental organizations, government service, and teaching are traditional careers that attract majors in international studies. However, as American life becomes increasingly linked with that of other nations, almost any career path can benefit from an international studies major. Journalism, business, and law are just a few examples. Since 2010, Centre's IST graduates have pursued graduate study at the University of Chicago, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University, American University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Texas-Austin, and University of Cambridge (England).

## THE FACULTY

International studies draws on long-standing strengths of Centre's faculty. With international research and travel in diverse areas such as Mexico, Russia and the Ukraine, Vietnam, Central and Western Europe, Turkey, East and West Africa, India, and Egypt, Centre's faculty bring a wealth of experiences to the international studies program and share these experiences in small classes and one-on-one meetings.

**DINA BADIE** (Ph.D., University of Connecticut), Assistant Professor of Politics and International Studies. She specializes in international relations and comparative politics with a focus on East Asian and Middle East politics, national and international security, and American foreign policy.

**ROBERT BOSCO** (Ph.D., University of Connecticut), Assistant Professor of International Studies. Dr. Bosco's teaching and research interests include religion and politics, international law, and international political economy.

**JONATHON EARLE** (Ph.D., Cambridge University), Assistant Professor of History. He specializes in pre-colonial and modern African history.

**LORI HARTMANN** (Ph.D., University of Denver), Hower Associate Professor of International Studies. A former Peace

Corps volunteer in West Africa, her interests are in sub-Saharan African politics, gender, and the political economy of development.

**PETRA HENDRICKSON** (Ph.D., Michigan State University), Assistant Professor of International Studies. Her academic focus is on comparative politics, South and Southeast Asian politics, genocide and political violence.

**JENNIFER LUNDE SEEFELDT** (Ph.D., Northeastern University), Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics and International Studies. Her academic interests include freedom of expression rights and state control of natural resources.

**RAVISHAKHAR RADHAKRISHNAN** (Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University), Assistant Professor of Economics. His academic specialties are growth theory and development economics.

## ASSOCIATED FACULTY

**DAVID ANDERSON** (Ph.D., Duke University), Blazer Professor of Economics

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**MARIE PETKUS** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Assistant Professor of Economics

**DAN STROUP** (Ph.D., University of Virginia), Lively Professor of Politics and Law

## VISIT CENTRE

The best way to judge Centre is to tour the campus, attend a class, talk to the professors and students, and spend the night in a residence hall. We invite you to visit and encourage you to contact the Admission Office if you have any questions.

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