International Studies 333
Syllabus

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Course Description
A 1-credit pass/fail course. Credit for International Studies 333 is available to students who participate in study tours, including travel to various regions of the globe directed and led by faculty members of the International Studies Program, in an effort to provide students direct contact with other cultures and societies. Prerequisites: none

Course Objectives
- Students will be exposed to a new environment and (for programs in locations where English is not the native language) to foreign languages.
- Students will be given the opportunity to increase cultural awareness, cross-cultural sensitivity, and ability to adapt to a new culture through exposure to people who process information differently.
- Students will learn about health and safety abroad and identify strategies that lead to a healthier, safer experience.

You may also
- develop language skills within a cultural context;
- increase your interest in other cultures;
- become less ethnocentric;
- become familiar with the relationship between the U.S. and your host country;
- develop problem-solving skills;
- gain a sense of direction for your future career;
- gain a greater sense of responsibility or confidence;
- gain a strengthened sense of personal identity;
- become more flexible in your attitude toward others and/or
- gain an appreciation for what you have in the U.S.

Assignments
1. Complete all mandatory pre-travel academic course requirements and Office of International Education orientation sessions.

2. Attend and actively participate in all required classes, presentations, lectures, field trips, etc. before, during and after your study abroad program.

3. Complete a project.

   1. Choose a medium for your project. Consider a video log, blog, photo log (digital or paper), travel writing, or artistic creation. Other types of projects may also be approved. Assignments turned in to meet course requirements in other classes will not be approved. A daily journal is not an acceptable project medium.
2. Choose a theme for your project that is related to either the learning outcomes for your study abroad program or the immersion experience. Other themes may also be approved. Examples of appropriate, focused, well-defined themes (not specific to any particular program) include:

- Animal Treatment In Costa Rica
- Land Rights for Aboriginal Communities
- Natural Resource Management as it Relates to Ecotourism
- Economic and Non-Economic Factors that Influence Health and Nursing
- Cross-Cultural Differences in Economic Policy
- Personal Cultural Adaptation Strategies (for a Specific Activity/Host Culture)
- A View of the World from the (Host Culture) Perspective

3. Set up a meeting with the Group Leader for your study abroad program or the OIE Director to discuss your project, your project theme and the viability of completing your project on your program abroad. While your Group Leader won’t have any responsibility in relation to your project, it’s always best to ensure that your Group Leader is aware that a project is being completed.

4. Create a project description and email this and your project theme to Jenna Graff at graff@uwosh.edu 30 days or more prior to travel.

5. Develop and explore your theme using the media you chose. You may include content from before, during and/or after your program.

6. Submit your project to graff@uwosh.edu by the course end date. Your course end date is listed in the same place as your course enrollment is listed on TitanWeb.

7. If approved by your Group Leader, the OIE will post your project (or a picture of your project or a link to your project) on the OIE web site.

**Assigned Reading**

1. Read the entire web guide for your program prior to orientation.
2. Read all orientation materials, including US Department of State information, CDC information, information provided by group leaders, etc.
3. Watch the on-line orientation.
4. Attend any pre-travel and/or post-travel sessions hosted by group leaders.

**Course Enrollment**

Students are enrolled in this course upon receipt of the project description (see “assignments” above) and only if a seat has been assigned on a study abroad program. No enrollment may take place without an approved project. Students may submit project details for approval as early as they like.

**Assessment of Student Performance**

This is a pass/fail course. To pass, you must complete all assignments. University and UW System rules related to students traveling abroad apply. Disregard for rules related to student conduct abroad may be grounds for course failure.
Incomplete Policy

It is expected that the majority of projects students choose to do will be completed by the course end date.

Exceptions may be approved only for projects which by nature require additional time over the semester following the study abroad program. In all cases, students requesting additional time must complete the work within one semester (not counting the summer term) following the study abroad program.

Students requesting additional time must complete the “Incomplete Form” and must submit this to the OIE in advance of study abroad. The additional time must be approved by the course instructor, department chair and COLS Dean’s Office (OIE will circulate the form for signatures on the student’s behalf). At the end of the following semester, if the project is not complete, the grade automatically changes to F.