

# 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

Before leaving the U.S. you will

- learn the basics of preparing for an experience abroad;
- learn to use public transportation (subway systems and buses); and
- learn the basics and potential pitfalls of intercultural communication.

While in the host country you will

- be exposed to a new environment and (for programs in locations where English is not the native language) to foreign languages and
- be given the opportunity to increase your cultural awareness, cross-cultural sensitivity, and ability to adapt to a new culture through exposure to people who process information differently than you do.

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. Attend all mandatory pre-travel academic and family orientation sessions.
2. Attend and actively participate in all required classes, presentations, lectures, field trips, etc. associated with your study abroad program.
3. Keep a journal through which you explore cross-cultural differences and record observations on your new environment. Journals should be four pages minimum for every two weeks that you spend in the host country. Entries may be hand-written.

***All assignments are due upon return from your program abroad.***

### **Assigned Reading**

A course packet will be distributed at the pre-travel family orientation and will include US State Dept Country-specific Information, travel alerts and travel warnings. All students will participate in the self-assessment process called “Cross-cultural Adaptability Inventory.”

### **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.