IMPORTANT ACADEMIC INFORMATION FOR ISBA STUDENTS ENROLLING IN 187:199 SENIOR PROJECT OR 187:198 HONORS THESIS FOR SPRING 2012

If you enrolled in senior project or honors thesis on ISIS without submitting a Registration Preapproval form and Research Proposal to the International Studies Program please note:

YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM SPRING 2012 SENIOR PROJECT OR HONORS THESIS ON JANUARY 17, 2012 UNLESS YOU SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK TO 218 SCHAEFFER HALL BEFORE THAT DATE

Students who are dropped from senior project or honors thesis will not be able to graduate in spring 2012 until the required paperwork is received by the International Studies Program.

Correct instructions for enrolling in 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project and 187:198 Honors Thesis Intl Studies for spring 2012 are on the ISBA Website under “Forms/How-To”:

http://international.uiowa.edu/international-studies/documents/07-11Sp12ENROLLin187199or187198.pdf
For Honors ISBA Students

To find Spring semester Honors courses and sections on ISIS, click on Courses, and select Honors Courses from the Course Browse menu on the right. Among the offerings are two courses which are approved for the International Studies BA—a discussion-based seminar 16E:145 France and Algeria: Pirates to Terrorism with Jennifer Sessions and 143:083 War with Robert Ketterer.

No Honors classes in your schedule? Turn a regular class into an Honors class through Honors Designation, in collaboration with the professor. Marie Kruger (English), for example, invites Honors students to honors-designate 008:031 Introduction to Postcolonial Studies: Identity, Resistance and Survival in Postcolonial Literatures (it is approved for the ISBA).

Kruger says: “This semester I have several honors students working with me on special projects in my two classes. It’s always a treat for me and the other students to listen to their presentations and engage with their research projects.”

Want to get Involved? Check out CIVIC & the ICFRC!

The Council for International Visitors to Iowa City (CIVIC) hosts emerging world leaders (in business, diplomacy, the academy, etc...) through programs focused on ideas and cultural exchange. In sharing ideas and cultural aspects of their home countries, the networking opportunity not only affords local residents the opportunity to learn about a different country, but it also allows visitors to take what they have learned about Iowa and the U.S. home with them.

The Iowa City Foreign Relations Council (ICFRC) is a non-profit association of community and university people interested in learning more about U.S. foreign policy, international affairs and global issues. The Council hosts a variety of internationally minded experts from our University and community as well as visiting scholars.

CIVIC and ICFRC are part of the International Corridor, which is actively looking for students to get involved. Intern or volunteer to do a great service for the Corridor community and meet some fascinating international visitors.


OISS is looking for Spring 2012 International Orientation Leaders & Volunteers

The Office of International Students & Scholars is looking for leaders and volunteers for International Student Orientation. Leader training will be on January 6th from 10AM-4PM and orientation will be January 9th-13th.

Volunteers will be contacted closer to orientation with more information regarding times, dates and duties.

If you are interested in being an orientation leader, please fill out an application, which can be found here:

https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/S E/?SID=SV_bdqX1pC6yEK WXqs

If you would like to volunteer during orientation (greeting students, assisting students and staff during check-in, assisting with venue setup/tear down, etc), please fill out the application found here:

https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/ SE/?SID=SV_eVCJuZGyLA oHGZe

Applications are due Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012, and are also available at the OISS Reception Desk (1111 University Capital Centre).
The AIDS Project for Women & Children–Uganda will have its Annual Christmas Craft Show Benefit Fundraiser, in Iowa City to benefit WomenCrafters, a not-for-profit association in Uganda of HIV/AIDS widows, orphans, grandmothers and/or guardians on Saturday, December 17th (10am-8pm) and Sunday, December 18th (11am-6pm). On sale will be various handmade traditional crafts made by the Ugandan members of WomenCrafters: nativities, mother and child dolls, paper-bead jewelry, bark cloth batiks, Christmas decor ornaments, baskets and much more. All proceeds (minus the cost of shipping) are returned to WomenCrafters in Uganda. Also, we will have a poetry book: The Blessing by Mayombwe David Simeon—an orphan trying to raise money to go back to college from the book sales proceeds.

The AIDS Project for Women & Children – Uganda is a 501(c)(3) not for profit based in Iowa City that promotes self-reliance and literacy through education and sustainable income generation for families that have lost breadwinners to the AIDS pandemic. Apart from marketing their traditional crafts, the AIDS Project supports income generation for members of WomenCrafters by providing them with access to no-interest micro-loans for small entrepreneurial projects.

WomenCrafters members can apply for this new micro-loan initiative by participating in a workshop to develop a formal business plan, including a budget. This budget will describe the capital a woman needs to get her business off the ground—perhaps something as simple as a sewing machine to support a dressmaking business or several pigs to start a small-scale livestock tending operation. The women will also design a repayment schedule for their no-interest loans and pledge to participate in ongoing assessment of the project’s outcomes.

The small revenues that these women will receive from their businesses will allow them to make scheduled repayments on their loans, which in turn will go into a pool of funds for future loans. Importantly, these revenues will also allow the women to buy basic necessities for their families, travel to the doctor, achieve an education and purchase food. Nutrition is an essential part of supporting a woman’s adherence to antiretrovirals (ARVs)—the powerful drugs that help suppress HIV and keep these women healthy so that they can care for their children.

**Dates & Times**
Saturday December 17, 10am-8pm
Sunday, December 18, 11am-6pm
Children’s Center for Therapy
1552 Mall Drive, Iowa City, IA 52240

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**Local Group – Global Work**

**Iowa Center on Health Disparities**

The mission of the Iowa Center on Health Disparities is to provide statewide leadership in applied research, training, education, and advocacy on health disparity issues that affect minorities, immigrants, and medically underserved populations in Iowa.

The Iowa Center works with other innovative and highly successful programs already operating at the University of Northern Iowa, including the Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration and Cultural Connections. Together, these agencies already have extensive ties with many minority and rural populations in the state, and have an outstanding record of conducting innovative research.

The Iowa Center provides a number of services including: applied research community education and outreach programs with diverse and underserved populations; and trainings and workshops on health disparities and culturally competent health care for educators and providers. The Iowa Center has a decidedly applied focus, with many of its activities being conducted directly in the field where clients and agencies can best access the services.

For more information, visit [www.iowahealthdisparities.org/publications.php](http://www.iowahealthdisparities.org/publications.php)
Translation Needed!
A local organization needs the help of fluent and professional translators! They have translated the names of 33 produce items into Spanish and Arabic. They need a professional translator to proof their translations. In addition, the translators must be able to provide general feedback on the use of dialects from different countries, as well as the use of vernacular or proper versions of words. They will put these 33 words into a visual produce guide. In addition, the translator will need to proof the final product, after the graphic designer has finished placing the words into the guide. They will pay $50 for Spanish translation and $50 for Arabic.
The initial review of the translations should be completed before the year’s end. If you are interested, please contact them to obtain an application form.
Call (319) 338-2010 or email localfoodsconnection@yahoo.com
See the list of words at their blog entry: http://www.localfoodsconnection.org/2011/12/02/professional-translators-needed-2/#blog

December 10th - International Human Rights Day
The date was chosen to recognize the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly.

Schools, universities, workplaces, and places of worship all over the world organize various events to commemorate this important date.
The Midwest Coalition of Human Rights website lists upcoming human rights-related events in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.
See their calendar for a complete listing of upcoming events at MCHR Calendar.

3 Week Study Abroad Opportunity in Europe
This program is designed to expose students to the institutions of the European Union and offers students opportunities to explore first hand policy making and administration in the European context. Lecture during the study abroad class will occur on site in Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels. In addition, we will meet twice at the end of the Spring 2012 semester before the trip commences. (Non-NAU students participating in the study tour will have the option of participating in pre-departure activities via Skype). Daily lectures will be presented by NAU Politics and International Affairs faculty member, Lori Poloni-Staudinger, as well as local experts and representatives of EU institutions.

Highlights
-Opportunities to explore first hand policy making and administration in EU context.
-Meetings with US and European diplomats
-Observation of the European Parliament
-Visits to the European Court of Justice, European Court of Auditors, Euro Corps (EU Army), European Council and more
-Excursions in each location
-Opportunities to earn more credit
-NAU scholarships and financial aid apply
-Total Cost: $3600 (includes all in-Europe transport, lodging, excursions & some meals). Note: This does NOT include airfare to or from Europe.

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Volunteers Needed!

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