Academic Info

Summer 2012 courses are scheduled to be on ISIS, February 15, 2012. Students enroll in summer 2012 courses on the same day that they enroll in fall 2012 courses (i.e., April 16 – 27, 2012).

Friday, March 2, 2012: Spring 2012 degree applications due. Log into ISIS/Student Records/ Degree Application. Contact Graduation Analysis with questions: grad-analysis@uiowa.edu; 319/335-0228.

Mandatory information meetings for students enrolled in 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project or 187:198 Honors Thesis Intl Studies in spring 2012

All information sessions will be held in 302 Schaeffer Hall

Choose one session to attend (and contact the International Studies Program at 319/384-1328 for an individual appointment if none of these sessions fit into your schedule).

187:199 Senior Project Information Sessions
4:00-5:00 pm Tuesday, February 7, 2012
5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday, February 8, 2012
3:00-4:00 pm Monday, February 13, 2012
3:00-4:00 pm Thursday, February 16, 2012

187:198 Honors Thesis Information Sessions
3:00-4:00 pm Monday, February 6, 2012
4:00-5:00 pm Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Both Karmen Berger and Josh Anderson will be out of the office on Friday, February 17, 2012. 218 SH will be open for normal business hours, but it would be best if any pressing concerns are taken care before the 17th or the Monday after.
Global Health Lecture

Dr. Andrew Jolivette, an associate professor and departmental chair in American Indian Studies at San Francisco State University will be on campus TODAY for “HIV/AIDS: Health Disparities Among People of Color.”

It will be held from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM, February 6th in Prem Sahai Auditorium (1110 MERF).

This is an Advantage Iowa Approved Event and is sponsored by the Latino Native American Cultural Center (LNACC).

Spring 2012 Global Health Club Meetings

February 15 & 29, 2012: A Closer Look at Global Health - February meetings will focus on ideas for careers and projects in global health, including hearing from a panel of global health graduate students.

March 28, 2012: Focus on Food - A movie screening, lecture and a benefit dinner will highlight sustainable beekeeping, farming and other food-related issues.

April 11 & 25 2012: Access to Water - Coinciding with UI’s Earth Week (times TBD) and The Be Hope to Her Walk (4/19), April events will focus on global access to clean water.

All Meetings will be held from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in C250 Pappajohn Business Building (PBB). Contact claire-roberts@uiowa.edu for more info.
Discover Languages…Discover the World!

The World Language Arts Video Contest is an event that focuses on why learning a foreign language is important. In order to participate in the contest, you must create a short video in which you present your view on “Why learning a foreign language is important.” The video can be any kind of creative presentation, including a personal narrative, song or poem. Examples of videos can be seen on the ACTFL website (http://actflvideocontest.org/). The video can be created by one person or by a group.

The deadline for submission is Friday, February 24, at 5:00 p.m. Please submit your video via a flash drive, USB or DVD (along with your full name and email address) to Elena Osinskaya, International Programs, 1111M UCC.

Prizes will be given to the first place ($50 value), second place ($30 value) and third place ($20 value) entries. International Programs and the Division of World Languages, Literatures & Culture encourage you to participate in the contest and advocate the benefits of learning world languages. If you have any questions regarding the contest or the campaign, please contact Chie Muramatsu, IP Language Initiatives Graduate Assistant, at ip-discover-languages@uiowa.edu.

Call for Papers!

The University of Iowa Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Organization (SPGO) invites submissions for their Third Annual Interdisciplinary Colloquium: EN OBRA / UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Performative approaches to the languages, literatures and cultures of the Iberian Peninsula, Latin America and the Latina/o U.S.

This year, SPGO welcomes creative writing and academic papers from all disciplines that deal with the ways in which performance relates to any aspect of Hispanic or Luso-Brazilian languages, literatures or cultures. Performance pieces are also encouraged. The work presented need not be complete but may be a work in progress. The colloquium will be a setting for inviting and offering suggestions, discussing problematic areas of research or writing, and/or refining your argument as well as presenting your research and/or writing.

Presentations may be given in English, Spanish, Spanglish or Portuguese. Presentations should be no more than 20 minutes in length to allow time for discussion (about 8 pages double spaced).

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Brittany Tullis or Tania Carrasquillo Hernández at studorg-spgo@uiowa.edu by February 22, 2012. Panel submissions of groups of 3-4 students are encouraged.

Building Bridges for Worker Justice in Iowa’s Growing Low-Wage Economy

February 18th, 2012: 9AM-3PM
2520-D University Capitol Centre
(2nd Floor of Old Capitol Mall)

This one-day conference is designed to bring together Iowa immigrant rights advocates, labor union activists, faith leaders, and community service providers to discuss the challenges workers are facing in our growing low-wage economy, review basic workplace legal protections and discuss ways our communities can promote justice for all Iowa workers.

Sessions will include:
“Case Studies of Wage Theft and Community Responses in Iowa,”
“Immigrant Rights and Labor Rights: Toolkits for Defending Workers,” and
“Building Coalitions for Worker Justice.”

All events are free and open to the public. Lunch is available for participants who register by February 13th, 2012.

To register, or for further information, call the Labor Center at 319-335-4144 or email labor-center@uiowa.edu. This event is sponsored by the University of Iowa Labor Center.
GESI is a distinctive credit-bearing study abroad program that prepares undergraduate students with the knowledge, tools and experiences to confront shared global problems. GESI begins at Northwestern’s Chicago campus with intensive pre-departure coursework in community development and international leadership. Students then venture abroad to work in interdisciplinary teams of three to five at community-based organizations in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, India, Nicaragua, South Africa, or Uganda. At the end of the summer, students from all locations return to Chicago for a Final Reflection Summit, where they share and compare geographical experiences and explore how to transform their GESI summer into a lifetime of global engagement.

If you join GESI this summer from June 15 - August 20, 2012, you will:
• receive intensive preparatory coursework and training at Northwestern
• earn 2 course credits (the equivalent to 6 semester hours)
• live with a homestay family
• do international community development from the ground up
• gain hands-on group work experience

Visit our website for more information and to apply. Applications are due March 1, 2012.