Languages and Intercultural Studies

Description of the major:

Students majoring in languages and intercultural studies (LIS) choose one of two concentrations: Hispanic studies or multiple languages. In addition, students can minor in French, German or Spanish and can take courses in Italian and Russian. Each of these concentrations provides students with critical awareness of the cultures associated with those languages, proficiency in the languages studied, and oral and written skills for communicating in a variety of contexts, including working with multinational businesses and agencies.

The student experience:

- Coursework on campus is enhanced by study abroad opportunities in Spain, Costa Rica and Germany that are organized and led by experienced faculty.
- LIS students may combine their LIS degree with study of other disciplines, including history; visual arts; digital culture and design; anthropology and geography; linguistics; gender and sexuality studies; politics; cinema; literature; theater; music and additional aspects of popular culture.
- Students can choose a minor area of study from a wide range of minors offered by the University.
- Students who pair an LIS major with a second major are excellent candidates for Fulbright Research Fellowships, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantships and other opportunities for postgraduate work and study abroad.

Areas of study:

The major requires 38 credit hours in general and specialized classes, as well as a capstone experience class in which students write an undergraduate thesis or develop a specialized communication project in an area of their interest. Students may complete a special curriculum in LIS as part of the Honors Program.

Beyond the classroom:

LIS majors are prepared for careers and opportunities working with governmental and nongovernmental agencies that are active internationally; multinational businesses; schools and universities.

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