

International Affairs

The Office of International Affairs is the focal point for international activities across the campus. These activities include technical assistance and training projects, especially in developing countries, international exchange of faculty, advising of international students, and coordination of research and training in the areas of development administration and intensive English, to name a few.

International Studies Minor

The undergraduate International Studies minor enables students, regardless of their fields of concentration, to develop a broad understanding of the rapidly changing global environment. The minor requires eighteen hours of course work, and either an intermediate level of competency in a modern foreign language, participation in an approved Study Abroad program, or completion of an internship. Further information on the International Studies minor can be obtained from the Executive Director, Office of International Affairs.

Center for European Studies

The Center for European Studies (CES) was established in 1993 and succeeds the former Center for Slavic and East European Studies, which was established in 1976 with support from Federal Title VI funds. The CES has been formed in an effort to both coordinate and encourage interdisciplinary study and research on Europe at the University.

The CES coordinates an undergraduate degree program in Slavic and East European Studies and M.A. and dual M.A./M.B.A. degree programs in International Studies with concentration in European Studies.

The Center's primary objectives are: (1) to offer challenging, rewarding, interdisciplinary B.A., M.A. and M.A./M.B.A. degree programs; (2) to organize and support colloquia series which enrich the curriculum and stimulate interest in European based topics; (3) to work with other units of the University to expand the University's formal and informal ties with European universities and institutions; (4) to serve as an information source and catalyst for study and research on Europe at the University; and (5) to organize and support interdisciplinary research projects focussing on Europe.

Over one hundred University faculty have ties to the Center, which also works cooperatively with a number of other European-oriented programs at the University, such as the Study Abroad Program, the Center for International Business Programs, the Noether Chair in Modern Italian History, the Eurotech Project (an integrated study program in German language and Engineering), Linkage Through Language (integration of language and social science courses), and European focussed activities and degree programs in a variety of University departments, schools, and colleges.

Faculty advisors for undergraduate majors in Slavic/East European Studies are: William Berentsen, Geography; Henry Krisch, Political Science; and Lawrence Langer, History. The Program Advisor is Ms. Ludmilla Burns, Room 306, Wood Hall.

For further information, contact the Center for European Studies, Wood Hall, Room 306, (860) 486-5888, Fax: (860) 486-0641.

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies coordinates both undergraduate and graduate programs in Latin American Studies.

Eighteen faculty members teach primarily Latin American subjects (language, literature, history, anthropology, etc.). Sixteen other professors teach courses that have some Latin American content. Approximately thirty courses each semester cover Latin American topics. Among the University's resources particularly relevant to Latin American Studies are a strong Latin American collection in the Homer Babbidge Library and a unique collection of Latin American public opinion polls and survey research data sets in the archives of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.

The Center coordinates an undergraduate major, a minor, an M.A. and dual M.A./M.B.A. and M.A./M.P.A. degrees in Latin American Studies. Title VI Fellowships from the U.S. Department of Education and University of Connecticut Pre-Doctoral Graduate Fellowships are available for graduate students.

The Center sponsors a wide range of seminars, public lectures, conferences, films and colloquia on Latin American subjects. The Center also serves as a clearing house for information about such events on and off campus, employment opportunities, new avenues for research, and research funding

for those interested in all aspects of Latin America.

For further information, contact the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Human Development Building, Room 3, (860) 486-4964; Fax: (860) 486-2963.

Center for Contemporary African Studies

The Center for Contemporary African Studies was established as a Center by the Board of Trustees in 1991. This recognition followed years in which the impressive core of Africanists at the University had informally constituted itself as an area studies group.

The Center joins together faculty and students in an interdisciplinary setting where they can focus on issues and problems arising from the African continent. The Center regularly sponsors talks and performances embracing a wide range of issues.

The scope of the Center spans a spectrum of activities, including increased public access and the broad goals of expanding knowledge about and understanding of Africa throughout Connecticut and the New England region. Service is provided to the public schools, to the business community, and to others who seek information on Africa. To support the dissemination of news, the Center publishes a weekly Newsletter, which is widely distributed both on campus and throughout New England; it provides a constantly updated source of information about African-related activities.

Within the M.A. Program in International Studies, faculty associated with the Center offer an M.A. concentration in African Studies. Prospective students can choose among the many courses offered about Africa throughout the University and select a Committee chair from the discipline most closely related to their own interest. Individuals seeking further information about the Center should contact the Director of the Center, Professor Larry W. Bowman, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 341 Mansfield Road, U-24, Storrs, CT 06269-1024; (860) 486-3355; E-mail: bowman@uconnvm.uconn.edu; Fax: (860) 486-3347.

Institute of Public Service International

The Institute of Public Service International (IPSI) began operations in April 1961 with an on-going mission to provide education and training to managers and senior staff members of public, private and non-profit organizations from developing countries.

IPSI offers programs in Connecticut and abroad. The Connecticut-based program emphasizes classroom work with both University and visiting or adjunct faculty, combined with social-cultural activities, contacts with American host families, professional field visits to Hartford and other cities such as New York, Boston or Washington, D.C. and, frequently, internships or other professional attachments. IPSI also offers custom-designed training programs both in Connecticut and abroad, including recent training programs in Senegal, Mali, Jamaica, Belize, Estonia, Indonesia, Thailand and Tanzania. IPSI's programs normally are conducted in English and French, but IPSI has run special programs in Spanish, Chinese, Indonesian, Russian, Romanian and Ukrainian. Participants have usually completed a university degree and have some work experience.

IPSI, as presently constituted within the Office of International Affairs, offers a five-month Public Management Diploma Program, which begins in October of each year, and several different four-week and eight-week Certificate Programs scheduled throughout the year.

A formal arrangement between IPSI and the University of Connecticut's Master of Public Affairs degree program exists allowing participants who complete one of the Institute's diploma or certificate programs to earn credit toward a Master of Public Affairs. This allows participants the convenience of earning two separate, complementary post-graduate qualifications at the same university. IPSI also conducts an intensive one-week seminar jointly with MBA students three times a year.

Further information may be obtained from IPSI, (860) 570-9092.

Department of International Services and Programs

The Department of International Services and Programs is responsible for the daily advisory services and program interests of international students, faculty and staff. Advisors are available by appointment or on a walk-in basis for the following concerns:

- U.S. immigration concerns
- Personal, cultural and academic adjustment
- Advisory and counseling services for International Teaching Assistants
- Orientation and cross-cultural programming
- Special events for the campus community

International House. The International House is DISP's main programming facility and has as its purpose to promote interaction and understanding among people of different cultures and backgrounds.

For further information, contact Mark Wentzel, Director, International Services and Programs, 843 Bolton Road, U-182, (860) 486-3855

Coordinator for International Proposal Development/Fulbright Program Advisor

The Fulbright Program Advisor recruits and counsels student and faculty applicants for the various Fulbright programs. The advisor serves as Project Manager for Fulbright-Hays Training Grants (Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program and Faculty Research Abroad Programs) and evaluates and rates applications for Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study Abroad. The Advisor is Chair of the Fulbright Scholarship Committee, a standing committee of the University.

The Coordinator for International Proposal Development seeks sources for funding to enhance area- and topical-studies programs and assists faculty, staff, and students in developing internationally-oriented research proposals.

University of Connecticut American English Language Institute

The UConn American English Language Institute (UCAELI) offers a full service intensive English program for students of English as a second language. UCAELI programs are designed for academic-bound students, at the graduate and undergraduate levels. For further information, contact the Director of UCAELI, 28 North Eagleville Road, U-198, (860) 486-2127; Fax (860) 486-3834; E-mail: ucaeli@www.sp.uconn.edu; Website: <http://www.ucaeli.uconn.edu>

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Office is responsible for developing and administering academic programs abroad, including several exchange programs. The University of Connecticut offers a wide variety of programs for students of liberal arts, social sciences, engineering, business and economics, in the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cost Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland, Thailand, and Vietnam. Some of the programs require language proficiency, some offer intensive language study starting at the beginning level, while others provide core courses taught in English in combination with language study.

Students who enroll in overseas programs through the Study Abroad Office continue to earn direct University of Connecticut credits that can be used for graduation requirements, and many of the programs offer courses that can be counted towards the major. The office works closely with academic departments throughout the University to ensure approval of the courses. While abroad students remain registered at the University and retain their normal financial aid.

In addition to the academic coordination of the forty officially sponsored UConn programs, the Study Abroad Office provides counseling services to all students wishing to study abroad and maintains a library of foreign study reference materials for students interested in programs offered by other universities.

Further information on specific programs can be obtained from the Study Abroad Office, 843 Bolton Road. Contact Denise Ferreri, Study Abroad Advisor, or Sally Innis Klitz, Director, at (860) 486-5022.

The Office of International Affairs and the Study Abroad Office have more information at these websites :

Office of International Affairs
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/>

Department of International Services and Program
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/disp.html>

Center for European Studies
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/area.html>

International Proposal Development/Fulbright Program
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/fello.html>

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
<http://vm.uconn.edu/~wwwlams/>

American English Institute
<http://www.ucaeli.uconn.edu/>

Center for Contemporary African Studies
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/afric.html>

Study Abroad Office
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~WWWSAB/>

Institute of Peace
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~wwwdia/pstx2.html>

Study Abroad Programs
<http://www.ucc.uconn.edu/~WWWSAB/programs.html>