INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Interdisciplinary degree
- 5 tracks
- 5 regions
- 8 languages (plus 2 classical languages)
- 10-14 weeks minimum of an international experience
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Study Abroad
  - Faculty-led programs
  - A&M Affiliated Programs
  - Non-affiliated Programs
  - Direct enrollment

- Internships
  - PPIP (Public Policy Internship Program)
  - State Department
  - US Embassies
  - Non-profit organizations

- Volunteer work
STUDY ABROAD

- **Advantages**
  - Transfer Credit
  - Language Immersion
  - Attend a foreign university
  - Networking with students from every part of the world

- **Disadvantages**
  - High cost
  - Limited scholarships
INTERNERSHIPS

❖ Advantages
  • Less costly (depending on the region)
  • Work experience in an international setting
  • Development of professional network
  • Personal growth

❖ Disadvantages
  • Limited meaningful international internships
  • Un-paid
  • Less funding available for financial aid
WHY I CHOSE INTS

- Limited to learning one language in high school
- Interest in the French language and culture
- Encouragement to become multilingual
- Correlation with career goals
WHY I CHOSE INTS

- Multicultural background
- Passion for travel
- Mandatory international experience
- Marketable major for job opportunities
MY INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Berlin, Germany – Fall 2012 with Dr. Shandle

Future Trips:
- Spain- Summer 2014
- France- Fall 2014
MY INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Summer European Academy - Summer 2011 in Germany, Belgium, France and Luxembourg
- PPIP Internship - Summer 2012 in Nice, France