



INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Program Kudos: INTL Career work wins recognition at home and away

Both the University's office of Institutional Effectiveness and the CalPoly Teach conference have recognized INTL for our work assessing our career workshop. As long time leaders of career education on the College's career committee, INTL was given a badge by the HSU assessment office for work examining our goals and assessing evidence of success.

Also, working in conjunction with the Academic and Career Advising Center and the Canvas design team, the INTL rubrics also became part of a module used in classes across the college and the results presented as a poster at the prestigious CalPoly Teach conference in April.

INTL remains one of the only majors to have a specific learning outcome on careers and the only program to create its own system of assessment. INTL continues to argue that a strong career component should be recognized as a high impact practice for students.

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First Ever INTL five year Review

Kudos for Career Assessment

International Education Week (IEW)

Global Ambassador Awardees 2018

International Studies undertakes its first ever solo five year review—much to be proud of!

International Studies has come a long way in the last six years. Once just an option within interdisciplinary studies, INTL is now a freestanding major - integrating high impact practices and creating new ones. We send our students into the world they study, and celebrate diversity here at home. INTL is currently the same size or larger than a third of the majors in the college, with no discernable achievement gap between groups of students and maintaining one of the best retention and graduation rates at Humboldt State University.

Every five years each major on campus is required to conduct a review of its learning outcomes and curriculum so as to identify areas of success as well as areas that need improvement over the coming five years. For International Studies, this review was important in three ways.

First, the INTL review coincided with the campus process of re-accreditation via the national organization for our region. This was closely linked to the second as the campus process became linked to the current budget crisis. Thus, having updated data in key areas was particularly useful.

However, the main importance of the process is that it offers the opportunity to examine our program in depth as it includes not only a faculty self-evaluation, but a report by the University's Curriculum Committee and a visit by external reviewers. The program then writes a response and a new five year plan. For INTL, the external reviewers doubled as speakers for IEW so Richard Marcus (International Studies) and Terri Wright (Politics) both of CSU Long Beach, spent three days interviewing faculty and staff. When asked by the new Dean, Lisa Bond-Maupin, for feedback, they replied that it was one of the most useful they had ever done because it included not only the faculty leading the program, but all the actors necessary to the success of a truly integrated program e.g. financial aid, career and service learning, registrar, partners in other majors, the Center for International Programs and staff of the Retention through Academic Mentoring Program. INTL is not only an interdisciplinary academic program, but a holistic team helping our students be rooted in the community while reaching for the world - and it shows.

Peace Corps faring well and a “fare-thee-well”

HSU is proud to be ranked 6th in the country as a feeder to the Peace Corps for colleges of our size. For over a decade, HSU has been in the top ten and INTL remains a leading reason for that standing. As International Studies graduates already have another language and study abroad experience, it is hardly surprising that the Peace Corps would find our students prepared and ready to deploy.

In sadder Peace Corps news, as of May, Barbara Smith will no longer be the representative for the north coast. Many of you may have worked with her, but in a reorganization of territories, Barbara will now be working closer to the Bay Area and HSU will be assigned to a rep based in Sacramento. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with our next contact coming from Texas and Oklahoma, but Barbara will be sorely missed. We wish you luck, Barbara!

We're listening!
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International Education Week Hitting its stride

International Education Week welcomed 1,367 attendees (up from 1,023 last year) and 350 separate individuals over the course of the week (slightly down from 400 last year). This represents the highest ever attendance and the highest ever number of students registered for the colloquium (50) from six departments: ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, INTL and PSCI.

We attribute some of the increase to the addition of COMM (who is joining as a co-listing department next year) and the rest to the addition of INTL 387 as a requirement for International Studies

The general format has become familiar with over 40 separate events and 50 hours of programming organized and presented by over 20 faculty from all three colleges, students (including MA students for the first time), academic and community guests, and staff. Presenters again included high school and middle school students from Fortuna, Hoopa, and North Coast Prep Middle and High Schools as part of our expanded Global Youth Summit initiative.

Academic Guests

-Keynotes: Profs Teresa Wright (Politics) & Richard Marcus (INTL) of CSU Long Beach.

Distinguished Guests

-Dorothy Ngutter - State Department diplomat in residence who offered two presentations and supported the study abroad session for students of color promoted through the Centers for Academic Excellence. She also met with students individually.

Community Guests

-Brian Lovell, Rotary International
-Barbara Smith, Peace Corps Representative

2018 Global Ambassadors named - CONGRATS!

A record number of applications were received for the Global Ambassadors Fund from students across the college. Seven were named as awardees, with those studying abroad for an academic year receiving \$500 and those studying abroad for a summer or semester program receiving \$300.

Year long awardees:

Madison Hazen, Religious Studies/Anth (Ireland)
Ava Mark, International Studies (China)
Caroline Mora, International Studies (S Korea)
Selena Weltz, English (Germany)

Single term awardees:

Jamie Carroll, International Studies (Brazil)
Jacob Matto, International Studies (Costa Rica)
Celyna Ramos, International Studies (China)

Program Leader on Sabbatical 2018-19

After the five year review seems a good moment for the first-ever and only tenure track faculty of International Studies to take a sabbatical leave. Dr Alison Holmes will be gone for the academic year 2018-19 to work on her next book project - the international diplomacy of the state of California. She will spend time interviewing previous governors of the state and members of the diplomatic corps in Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco as well as Washington DC.

