MINOR IN APPLIED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Minor in Applied International Studies is designed to help students integrate a practical, applied international experience into a coherent course of study. The minor is built around four key components:

• Local understanding with a global perspective
• Theory combined with in-the-field experience
• Cross-cultural communication skills
• Independent research

The result is a comprehensive plan of study that allows students to combine academic work with foreign experience to gain the skills and perspective necessary for a productive, sustainable career in the global economy.

The Minor in Applied International Studies consists of six internationally-oriented subjects from any program in the School of Humanities, Art, and Social Sciences, including:

• At least two subjects focused on one area of the world, including at least one in the social sciences. Qualifying subjects will be determined with the help of the minor advisor.
• The equivalent of four semesters of college language training related to the student’s geographical specialization. Upper-level language subjects (beyond first-year subjects) may count toward the six-subject total.
• An intensive international experience (MISTI, D-Lab, or other experience for at least two months).
• A research seminar in international studies and social science, 17.591 Research Seminar in Applied International Studies. In consultation with the instructor, students pick a topic for extensive independent research and, over the course of the semester, complete a lengthy term paper. Normally students will take this seminar after completing some coursework and their international experience.

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