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College of Humanities and Social Sciences website (external to catalog)

Mission Statement

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will embrace the shared values of our disciplines: free inquiry and debate; equity and justice, academic and intellectual rigor and integrity; intense curiosity and the pursuit of truth. We will collaborate actively; among colleges, among departments, and with the students and the communities we serve. We will teach and learn in a spirit and practice that is broad-minded, radically inclusive, utterly respectful and grounded in critical and humane thought. We will honor knowledge for its own sake and for its ability to make change in the world. We will assert our values, our methods, our standards, and our ideas. We believe that the Humanities and Social Sciences are the foundation of good citizenship and good stewardship, locally, nationally, and globally.

Degree Distinctions

International Distinction

The student must have a significant, practical, international field experience in a country other than his or her native country. This experience may be an internship, community service, volunteer work with a nongovernmental organization or other organization, paid employment in the second country, or other field experience that is proposed and approved

The approval process involves submission of the proposed plan, identifying what the student will accomplish, and who will be involved, i.e. supervisor of the actual field experience, contact person at the University, etc. The student will work with his or her advisor and the Director of the Center for International Education in developing the plan for the international field experience. Prior to the field experience, the student must receive approval of the plan from the department in which the student expects to receive her or his undergraduate degree.

Approval must also be given by the Academic Director (or appointee) of the country in which the field experience will take place. Approval forms will be available electronically. During the field experience, a journal will be kept and will be handed in at the

- Cultural Anthropology
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Sociology
- Spanish

Certificates

- French Translation
- Spanish Translation

Department Mission

The Department of Global Languages, Cultures and Societies at Webster University brings together interdisciplinary faculty expertise spanning anthropology, sociology, literature, language and global studies to help students live and thrive in an increasingly interconnected global environment. Students in the department develop the skills to understand and critically engage with the consequences of complex flows of people, goods, ideas, conflicts and social problems across borders. Students hone critical thinking, language fluency, intercultural competence and holistic knowledge of important global social problems to prepare them for careers in business, economic development, non-profit sector, government and international organizations, and culture industries.

Departmental Academic Advising

Students majoring in one of the programs administered by the Global Languages, Cultures and Societies department are encouraged to seek the direction of a Global Languages, Cultures and Societies faculty advisor as early in their studies as possible. A departmental faculty advisor will help assess and plan the student's program of study, focusing on the student's specific academic and career goals. The diversity of activities for which students are preparing themselves urges this approach: some students are seeking careers in teaching, social service, museums, historical societies, nonprofit organizational settings, or corporations, while others are preparing for admission to graduate and professional training programs.

Special Study Opportunities

Language Offerings: Chinese (Mandarin), English as a Second Language, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. When there is sufficient interest, other languages are also offered, such as American Sign Language, Italian, Latin and Russian.

Teaching Assistants: The department employs teaching assistants from Argentina, France, Germany or Austria, and Japan who incorporate contemporary culture from their countries into their courses and organize extracurricular cultural events like language tables.

Study Abroad/Exchange Programs: There is an exchange of students as assistant instructors between Webster University and the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina, and between Webster University and the French Ministry of Education. Advanced students of Spanish and French have the opportunity to apply for these teaching assistantships. Webster University offers an exchange program with Kansai University in Japan. Study abroad programs in France, Belgium, Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Austria and Germany are also available through the university. The minor in Anthropology: Archeology Focus offer the unique opportunity to study abroad at the Athens campus where students

• Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Major (BA)

Minors

- History
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Religious Studies

- · Legal Studies (BA)
- · Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (BA)

Minors

- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Legal Studies
- LGBTQ Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Certificates

· Paralegal Studies

Pre-Professional Program

Pre-Law

Department Mission

The Law, Crime and Social Justice Department is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary department committed to developing intellectual skills of critical thinking and analysis. Through a student-centered approach, faculty inspire students to engage with local, national and international communities to create a more just world. Courses in the department examine the structures of law, crime and society and investigate how assumptions about race, sex/gender, class and sexuality both reproduce and resist hierarchies of power. The department focus is on preparing students for further study in law, crime and justice, while cultivating real world practical skills that can be applied in a wide array of growing careers in law, crime and social justice.

Special Study Opportunities

Internships: Students have the opportunity to participate in an internship course which allows students to connect classroom learning with practical experience.

Study Abroad: Students may participate in a summer hybrid study abroad program dedicated to the study of law in Leiden, the Netherlands, the most prominent hub of international law in the world. During this study abroad program, students visit such locations as the International Court of Justice in the Peace Palace, the International Criminal Court, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and other law-related governmental agencies, e.g. Eurojust, the judicial arm of the U.N. agencies.

Departmental Academic Advising

Early in a departmental advisee's residence, a departmental faculty advisor is assigned to help assess and plan the student's program of study, focusing on the student's specific academic and career goals.

Philosophy Department

Bruce Umbaugh, chair