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Breaking through Differences and
Distances by Internationalizing
Curriculum and Virtual Exchange

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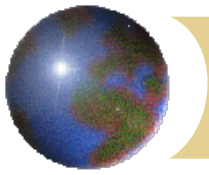
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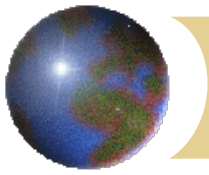
International Studies Opportunities at Lone Star College

✦ International Studies Designation

- ✦ Classes with an international focus that help students build their awareness of the global community and prepare for the global job market
- ✦ Students that take at least 15 credit hours in International Studies (IS)-designated courses can earn an Area of Concentration in International Studies.



Source: <https://www.lonestar.edu/ISdesignation.htm>



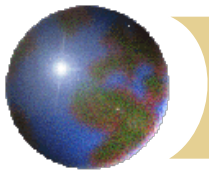
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✚ Virtual Exchange

✚ What is it?

- Projects that connect students from diverse places using everyday technology for collaborative learning and interaction through sustained and facilitated engagement. (Aspen Institute, n.d.)



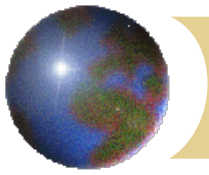


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✚ Virtual Exchange

✚ VE Programs in LSCS

- **SENA-Colombia** - Understand and articulate the challenges and potential solutions in US and Colombian business environments
- **Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge** - Binational teams from the United States and Jordan or the United States and Iraq create innovative solutions as part of the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge.
- **HIVER program** - Harnessing Innovation through Virtual Exchange for Enhanced Results program implemented by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and supported by the J. Christopher Stevens Virtual Exchange Initiative (JCSVEI)



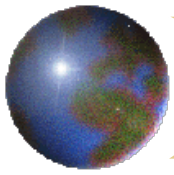
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✚ Faculty International Exploration (FIE)

✚ What is it?

- Travel funding for international professional development relevant to instruction
- Awarded to support and strengthen international programs and services to students





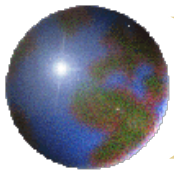
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✿ Study Abroad Opportunities Available at Lone Star College

✦ SA opportunities for Summer 2024

- Morocco
- Philippines
- Spain
- Ireland
- France
- Japan (new)



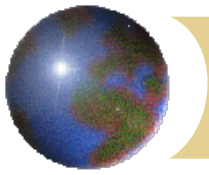


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- ✿ Lone Star College Institutional Partnerships
 - ✦ Mabalacat City College (MCC), Philippines
 - ✦ University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain
 - ✦ University of Sagrado Corazon, Puerto Rico
 - ✦ International University of Rabat – Rabat Business School, Morocco

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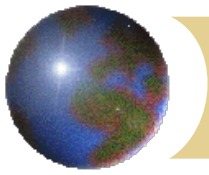
My Experience of Internationalizing Speech Classes

🌐 Timeline

- ❏ Fall 2021 Introduction to Communication (online sections)
- ❏ Fall 2023 Honors Public Speaking (in-person)
- ❏ Spring 2024 Public Speaking (hybrid sections)

🌐 How to get an IS-designation?

- ❏ Choose 2-3 Global Learning Outcomes and integrate them into the design and delivery of your course
- ❏ Prepare and submit a copy of non-ISD syllabus, a copy of ISD syllabus and sample assignments.



Assignments and Activities in Internationalized Speech Classes

✦ **Topics:**

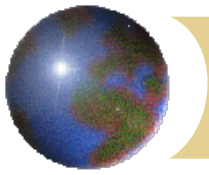
- Culture and Communication
- Informative Speeches
- Persuasion
- Language styles
- Listening
- Self and Perception



✦ **Assignments/Activities:**

- Research project on international issues
- Virtual reality experiences
- Analysis of speeches given by international speakers
- Cultural comparisons presentations (partnering with ESL classes)
- Participation into international campus events





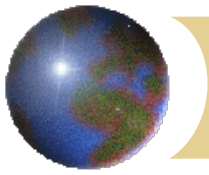
Turning Assignments International (Honors Research Project)

Before

- ✦ Students will be required to complete a semester-long research project on a **public issue** of their own choosing that has a connection to the primary focus of the course, drawing upon both library research and data you will collect through interviews or surveys.

After

- ✦ Students will be required to complete a semester-long research project to examine the rhetoric that surrounds an **international issue** of their own choosing that has a connection to their intended major/field to study, drawing upon both library research and online data they will collect.



Possible Challenges

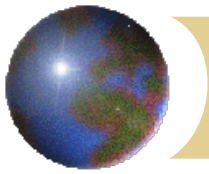
Internationalized classes

- ✚ Advisors and students need thorough information about what ISD classes are.
- ✚ Students need to understand the value of taking ISD classes and how the assignments help them meet their learning goals.

Virtual Exchange

- ✚ Patience is critical to communicate with partner faculty and students and plan for VE projects.
- ✚ Time differences can make it challenging to schedule synchronous meetings.

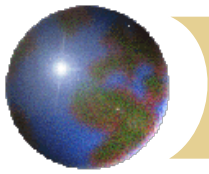




Class Comments about ISD

- ✿ This class has been designated as International Studies (IS). It aims to get students more prepared for international public speaking contexts. It is different from its standard counterpart in that it contains more international and culturally relevant activities and projects to enhance students' understanding of diversity of cultural values and their impact on public speaking. The class is for all students, and students who take at least 15 credit hours in IS-designated courses can earn an Area of Concentration in International Studies. For more information about IS classes, please visit

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Students Feedback on International Assignments and Virtual Exchange Projects

I found the culture-related assignments to be very intriguing and enjoyed the alternate perspectives i was exposed to.

The chapter discussions are very detailed, I enjoy watching the ted-talks and also seeing everyone's opinions on them as well

The intercultural project was also very enjoyable. I was able to learn a lot of different things that I wasn't aware of

I found the culture-related assignments to be very interesting and thought-provoking.

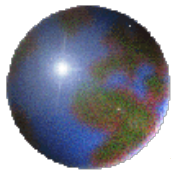
In this world that has become so divided along so many lines like religion, nationality, and gender, it is more important than ever to remind ourselves that we are all still human and share one planet.

I personally really do enjoy the assignments given to me in this class. Such as chapter discussions and the intercultural project. In general I really do enjoy this class and I look forward to completing the assignments. Definitely a favorite class.

I love the culture related assignments and discussions that we learned in class. This opens up peoples eyes on who other people live and to take heed and respect the way other people lives . The intercultural interviews helped connecti with others.

I greatly appreciate the opportunities to learn and experience cultures beyond my own while taking this class. It has been an informative learning experience for me.

I absolutely loved the culture related projects and discussions. I've learned so much about another culture that i possibly wouldn't have known if i had not signed up for this class.



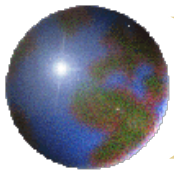
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