

## Revised CALS International Studies Requirement

### Effective Fall 2019

In January 2018, the CALS Curriculum Committee created a sub-committee charged with reviewing the CALS International Studies (IS) Requirement, at the request of Associate Dean Sarah Pfatteicher. After full implementation of changes based on the most recent review conducted in 2015, and in light of the changing landscape of campus priorities related to student learning assessment and instructional credit hours, a review was timely and appropriate.

The sub-committee met five times in March-April 2018. The proposed changes were approved by the CALS Curriculum Committee on May 8, 2018.

With revised criteria and new learning outcomes, a new list of courses to satisfy the revised requirement will be generated from scratch over the coming year. The official call will be issued in early fall 2018 with applications due November 1, 2018. Course submissions will be reviewed by the CALS Curriculum Committee with the final list confirmed prior to the fall enrollment period in April 2019.

Students who take a course from the [previous list](#) during summer 2019 or prior will satisfy the IS requirement. Beginning in fall 2019, students who have not satisfied the IS requirement will need to take a course on the new list.

#### REVISED CRITERIA<sup>1</sup>

Courses that satisfy the 3-credit CALS International Studies requirement must meet the following four criteria:

- be connected to one or more of the [CALS Priority Themes](#);
- include substantial international comparative content;
- include substantial non-U.S. content (for example, >50% of the content or assignments or grade in the course);
- facilitate active student engagement consistent with the learning outcomes and university assessment criteria.

#### NEW LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1) Identify and explain, to diverse audiences, global issues pertaining to one or more CALS priority themes.
- 2) Demonstrate critical thinking and comparative perspectives with respect to experiences or cultural approaches to international challenges.

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#### <sup>1</sup> Former criteria:

The International Studies (IS) requirement is intended to: (1) increase students' understanding of contemporary global, socio-political, and scientific issues; (2) equip students to analyze these transnational issues critically and comparatively; and (3) inspire students to further engagement in international issues. Courses that satisfy the 3-credit CALS International Studies requirement must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- include discussion of the role of the U.S. in world affairs;
- include comparative and/or multinational content;
- include substantial non-U.S. content (typically >50% of the content or assignments or grade in the course).