"Program-level learning outcomes"
Department of International Studies
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1. Critical thinking:
   • Use analytical intellectual tools to examine global issues in the primary thematic areas of the department: international development, culture and globalization, gender and development, environment, global health and development, and cross-cultural communication and understanding.
   • Critically analyze the complex interrelationships that exist among nations and between peoples and communities in the interdependent modern world.
   • Employ methods of interdisciplinary social science research: use library databases to find relevant literature, evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of academic arguments, and use evidence to support arguments.
   • Adapt and apply a critical and well-grounded understanding of multiple worldviews, experiences, power structures, and ethical and cultural positions in relation to contemporary global problems.

2. Content knowledge:
   • Describe, explain and apply basic knowledge of the historic and contemporary role and effects of different international actors in the global system (e.g., multilateral and bilateral organizations, development agencies, nation-states, philanthropic and non-governmental organization).
   • Describe and discuss the history, culture, society, geography, and political economy of a major world region.
   • Describe, explain and apply basic knowledge of a professional concentration area that maps onto a real-world career objective.

3. Communication:
   • Demonstrate receptive and productive proficiency in at least one language other than English.
   • Convey complex information and ideas in English that are clear, robust, carefully edited, well organized, and stylistically engaging and accessible.
   • Interact with people from a diverse range of cultural, religious, ethnic, national, and other identities in a way that is respectful and informed.
   • Use knowledge and skills to develop and advocate for informed, appropriate action to solve complex problems in the human and natural worlds.