Welcome
New Bruins &
Good Luck!

Equity, diversity and inclusion are essential values of the UCLA International Institute. These professed ideals enable us to provide the kind of broad, global, multicultural educational experience central to the institute’s academic programs. We welcome faculty, staff, and students from all backgrounds and want everyone at the Institute to feel respected and valued. We are committed to ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion for our students, staff and faculty in our academic programs and centers, as well as on our campus.

You are now a student of the UCLA International Institute!

We are the central hub for global and international area studies on campus. We are committed to supporting our talented and passionate students and faculty as they endeavor to better understand and transform the world.

2020-21
Transfer Students Handbook
Major Counselors

International & Area Studies/Global Health
Magda Yamamoto (10256 Bunche)  |  Katie Osterkamp (10254 Bunche)
Drop-in Hours (subject to change):
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Closed daily 12-1:00pm

International Development Studies/Global Studies
Sandy Valdivieso (10274 Bunche)  |  Karen Quintanilla (10270 Bunche)
Drop-in Hours (subject to change):
Mon-Thu 9:30am-4pm and Friday 9:30am-11:30am
Closed daily 11:30-1:30pm

International Migration Studies
Gaby Solomon-Dorian (10389B Bunche)
Email for appointment

What do counselors do?
We support our transfer students by providing holistic and comprehensive one-on-one advising, workshops, and plan events to foster:

1. Thoughtful academic and professional planning
2. Exploration of research interests
3. Explore internship opportunities and experiences abroad

Master’s Programs

International & Area Studies/Global Health

International Development Studies/Global Studies

International Migration Studies

Departmental Scholars
Obtain an M.A. while working on your bachelor degree!

Master’s Degrees
Apply for a Master’s degree separately during your senior year to gain expertise in your field!

AFRICAN STUDIES

Joint Degrees and Scholarships available!
Contact: Magda Yamamoto: idpgrads@international.ucla.edu

Featured Student: Laurent Tate Baeza
African Studies MA

While At UCLA
I researched interests land use economics, African food systems, soft commodities, and food and agriculture policy.

After UCLA
I have worked in the nonprofit sector, with international organizations, served as director for the APEX Museum in Atlanta, and now work at the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Emailing us? Include Major and Student ID
Visiting us? Come prepared with questions
Our Majors & Minors

Global Health (Minor)
Global Studies (Major and Minor)
International Development Studies (Major)
International Migration Studies (Minor)

International & Area Studies Majors:
African & Middle Eastern Studies
Asian Studies
European Studies
Latin American Studies

International & Area Studies Minors:
African Studies
African & Middle Eastern Studies
East Asian Studies
European Studies
South Asian Studies
Southeast Asian Studies
Latin American Studies

Did you know? Our majors and minors are interdepartmental: classes for our majors/minors come from many departments across campus. During enrollment, refer to the coursellists on your major/minor’s website for quarterly class offerings!

Internships & Careers

UCLA Handshake
For internships & jobs postings specific to UCLA students, and UCLA Career Center events

UCLA ONE
Explore careers our alumni have pursued, and network with current UCLA students and alumni in your major/minor.

International & Area Studies 195CE
Receive academic credit for internships and for major/minor requirements.

Our Website:
Find scholarships for internationally focused internships
See instructions on how to get academic credit for your internship.

QUESTIONS? There’s a website for everything at UCLA: directory, majors, minors, etc. Just “google it”!
Fall 2020 Timeline

- **August/September**: Apply to be placed with a Transfer Mentor, and RSVP for UCLA Transfer Transitions events
- **September**: Bookmark and explore major’s website and MyUCLA
  - Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages
  - Make sure you are on the email list for your major/minor
- **September/October**: Attend the “International Institute Open House” and “Applying to the Major” workshops
- **November**: Apply for Global Studies and IDS majors
  - Register/Apply for Summer Travel Study and Abroad Programs Check IEO.UCLA.EDU
- **November**: Attend our International Institute Career Panel to hear from Institute alumni

**NOTES:**

Check your email daily for important announcements!

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Study Abroad

**Suggested Timeline**

*Applications typically open at least 7-12 months in advance*

**JUNIOR YEAR:**
International Institute *Summer Travel Study Programs*
- Bangkok, Thailand
- New York City
- Paris, France
- Lima, Peru
- Shanghai, China

**SENIOR YEAR:** Fall, Spring, Summer options through **UCEAP**
- Browse courses approved for your major on our website
- Apply through UC Education Abroad Program (EAP)
- Apply in the fall of your junior year
- Scholarships and financial aid are available!
- **Global Studies**: Please check with advising office about UCEAP
Dept Honors & Research

Learn more about a topic that interests you, create a strong writing sample, build relationships with faculty, and earn honors for graduation!

- Work on topic of your choice under one-on-one faculty supervision.
- 3 quarters of directed-study courses that build to a 35-50 pg. thesis.
- Win research grants for field-work, present your research, & publish.
- Honors students are recognized at commencement and on diploma.
- *Global Studies*: senior thesis is mandatory!

Timeline

Winter 2021

- Confirm acceptance of admissions (IDS and GS only) by email and attend Welcome to the Major Info Session. If you are not accepted, meet with the counselor for your back up major planning.
- Check EAP and major website for information about Travel Study Scholarships.
- Get involved with student organizations.
- Search for spring internships (use Handshake). Connect with the Career Center for help with resumes, cover letters, etc.

NOTES:

Spring 2021

- Attend the Undergraduate Research Workshop (mandatory for Global Studies)
- Meet with counselors to discuss research and ideas
- Search for summer internships & jobs on Handshake
- *Global Studies*: secure your thesis advisor

NOTES:
Let’s Get Connected!

TODAY:

BOOKMARK OUR WEBSITE:
www.international.ucla.edu/academics/home

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Internship opportunities & more: www.facebook.com/international.ucla.idps

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
@ucla_international_studies

CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY for upcoming deadlines, updated course offerings, scholarships, internships, research opportunities, networking events and more.

Additional Bruin Resources

- Transfer Student Center exclusive resources for transfer students
  https://www.transfers.ucla.edu

- Student reviews for courses and instructors
  http://www.Bruinwalk.com

- Access past exams and materials for a class
  UCLA Student Activities Center-Test Bank

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for help adjusting to quarter system, managing stress, & staying healthy
  https://www.counseling.ucla.edu/services/group-treatment

- International Student Support Program (MyISSP) for 24/7 support services for international students
  https://us.myissp.com

Student Organizations

SOME suggested internationally-focused student groups to explore your interests beyond the classroom, collaborate, network, & gain leadership skills

JOURNALS & MAGAZINES: Write, Edit, Publish

- The Generation: UCLA’s Foreign Affairs Magazine
  Editorial internships through Burkle Center for Intl. Relations

- Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies
  Join the editorial team for one of UCLA’s longest-running research journals on Africa

DISCUSSION & DEBATE FORUMS: Engage with your peers & experts

- African Activist Organization
  Explore issues critical to Africa from human rights to business development

- International Affairs Student Association
  International career panels, trivia nights, & more

DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED: Dedicated to making an impact on the ground

- Global Development Lab
  Design & implement a project & learn how to tackle challenges in the field

- Global Health Coalition at UCLA
  Diverse student groups collaborating on global health & development issues

For more groups visit: http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/home