Hello Everyone my name is Katie Osterkamp and I’m one of the academic advisors here at UCLA. On behalf of the International Institute we want to welcome you to the Bruin family and congratulate you on your acceptance to UCLA. We recognize all your hard work that you and your family have put into to get you to this point. Today we’ve prepared a short PowerPoint to give you more information about your major and what a student in your major does at UCLA. And without further ado we’ll jump over to our PowerPoint.

Okay so again welcome to UCLA to all of our incoming freshmen and transfer students. This presentation is part of UCLA Bruin Bound.

We are the international institute, similar to any other department on campus. We like to consider ourselves the hub of global affairs at UCLA so we are really interested in looking at contemporary global issues. We have 6 majors, 9 minors, 3 graduate programs and also 20 or so centers that are focused on different world regions, and we’re located on the north campus.

Our motto is “inspiring global thinkers and leaders,” so our students are very passionate about what they are doing and what they are studying. They’re leaders in their communities at home, at UCLA, and across the globe, and they’re aspiring global citizens.

We are the advising team so we consist of four different advisors for the majors at the Institute. You will have a network of the support systems across UCLA and multiple advisors but we are your major advisors.

Here are your 6 majors. One thing to know is when you got your acceptance to UCLA it probably said you were pre-IDS or pre-Global Studies or pre-Asian Studies and that's completely fine. What that means is that when you come to UCLA and start taking courses you haven't taken those preparation courses yet.
Katie 1:40
One unique thing to point out is that we are interdisciplinary programs. *Interdisciplinary* means that our students are taking courses in a variety of different departments across campus, so in one quarter our students might take something in Econ or Political Science or Geography, so we are looking at the region in the world or that thematic topic and a wide view of different perspectives. So if you're interested in multiple areas this is a good program for you.

Katie 2:08
Another thing to point out is that you can see there’s a lot of languages thrown out on the screen, so our students are required to take language courses to the intermediate level that is also a unique feature.

Katie 2:18
So, our most common question is what is the difference between Global Studies and IDS. If we just simplify it, Global Studies is focused on globalization, so they’re looking at how countries interact across borders. IDS is looking at development issues. They've recently expanded their curriculum to include development in the US as well. The core difference between these two programs is, one, is that Global Studies requires students to study abroad, so our Global Studies cohort can choose to go to Shanghai, Paris, or New York. New York is not abroad but it is where the United Nations program is. IDS study abroad is an option but highly encouraged, and many of our students do study abroad. You have more flexibility about where you want to go in which quarter you want to go for IDS students. The last major difference is that Global Studies does require a senior thesis. That is a project the student chooses what topic they like to study, chooses the faculty advisor, and works one-on-one with the faculty advisor for the whole year. This is very unique; most majors at UCLA do not require this. IDS offers this option but it's not required so we call it the Departmental Honors program. One last thing to note: Global Studies and IDS do require an application, so for our incoming freshmen, you will be applying to these majors during your sophomore or junior Fall quarter. For incoming transfers, you’ll be applying into these majors during your very first quarter at UCLA.

Katie 3:47
International Area studies is also interdisciplinary except you’re looking at a specific region of the world, so Latin America or Asia or Europe etc. Study Abroad is encouraged but not required. We do have a program in Thailand that’s focusing on business that some of our students choose to go on, and honors thesis is optional and not required, and there are some sample courses here if you want to take a look.

Katie 4:12
So the next part of our presentation we’ll talk about what our students are involved in, what does it look like to be a student in our majors at UCLA.

**Katie 4:19**
We have talked about this a lot already but study abroad is a big draw for our students they are interested in getting experience around the world. The nice thing about doing our majors is that when you’re abroad you’ll be taking classes for your major so you’re not losing time or graduating later, it’s all part of the curriculum.

**Katie 4:42**
One other thing you will hear a lot about UCLA is research. We are a research institution and we push heavily. We encourage our students to come up with their own topics, their own projects, and find faculty to work with them.

**Katie 4:55**
Another example that's unique to the International Institute is the Global Development Lab. This is a student run organization that we help sponsor and they are looking at combining the theory and curriculum they have learned in their courses with practical experience. They will take on real world examples around the globe.

**Katie 5:17**
Another thing you will hear a lot about is internships. UCLA really values professional experience. So many of our students choose to do an internship at some time during their UCLA career. You can pause the video at this time to look at the different descriptions on the screen right now. One thing I will note is that we have an internship course at the Institute which means that you can find an internship related to your major and you can essentially take a course and get course credit for that internship.

**Katie 5:45**
So here are some of our annual events. One thing that the departments at UCLA do is put on annual events for our students that are around academic things. You’ll notice right away that UCLA has a ton of events going on all the time so these are very small examples of the whole UCLA campus but these are our Academic Programs events.

**Katie 6:07**
The last thing I will touch upon is career options. So, our students, because this is an interdisciplinary major, go in a variety of different directions; there is not one track that all our
students take. Some of our students are interested in entertainment, or consulting, or politics. There are things like that and some also go straight to grad school.

Katie 6:28
So, this is a sample of some of the places that our students work at after they graduate. We do send some of our students to the Peace Corps, some work in education, entertainment is a great because we are in LA, and also some governmental agencies like the Department of State.

Katie 6:46
So that is all I have for you today so hopefully that gave you a little bit more information about our majors and what a student typically does with our major. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us or feel free to also follow us on Instagram its @ucla_international_studies. So, we really hope to see you in the fall and congratulations again on your acceptance to UCLA.

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