

Instructions for Completing and Submitting Program Option C Essay for the International Studies B.A.

Submission Instructions

Submit your essay to the ICON site for IS:3020 Writing Project in International Studies (which you have enrolled in for 0 sh during the session in which you will submit your essay).

The deadline to submit your essay is 11:59 pm on the Friday before finals week during the session in which you plan to graduate. Questions? Email intlstudies@uiowa.edu

Essay Instructions

The goal of this essay is to demonstrate your ability to:

- 1) apply IS concepts in your experiential learning activity and**
- 2) communicate the value of doing so, in clear and engaging writing.**

Write an essay explaining how a specific concept, skill or insight from IS:2009 World Travel and/or IS:3010 Designing an IS Project has helped you to understand and learn from a specific experience you had during your study abroad or experiential learning activity.

For example, you might have learned in class about avoiding ethnocentrism (judging other cultures in relationship to your own rather than understanding them on their own terms) or appropriate ways to network in international business environments, and could write about how you used that concept or skill in order to navigate a situation you encountered, from a meal with a local family to staff meetings at an internship site.

The essay must be a minimum of 5 pages (double spaced); use that space to fully explore the relationships between the context, experience discussed, and use of the IS class concept, skill, or insight. If desired, you can conclude by discussing how you will draw on this experience in the future (for example in your career or future internationally-oriented experiences).

Essays are assessed as fulfilling or not fulfilling these instructions using the rubric below.

1. Does the essay clearly, fully and accurately explain the concept/skill/insight from IS:2009 or IS:2500 that the student used? yes/no
2. Does the essay clearly, thoroughly and thoughtfully articulate how the student related that concept/skill/insight to an experience from their study abroad/experiential learning? yes/no
3. Does the essay provide appropriate context for an unfamiliar reader? yes/no
4. Does the essay avoid stereotypes or assumptions, instead discussing the context of the experience in appropriate complexity? yes/no
5. Is the essay clearly written, fully proofread, and demonstrating the nonfiction writing skills the student learned in their writing class? yes/no

Essays not fulfilling all criteria will be returned to the student for revision. Essays must fulfill all criteria to pass, and thus earn credit for completion of Program Option C, by the last day of finals week in the semester in which you plan to graduate. To ensure on-time completion in case revision is required, the deadline to submit your essay is 11:59 pm on the Friday before finals week during the session in which you plan to graduate.