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General Syllabus:

**HNRS 480H3 Honors International Studies
Capstone**

Credit Hours: 3

3 Independent Study

Prerequisite: HNRS 371H3 Honors Junior Research Seminar and permission of the instructor and the director of the Honors Program
Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Investigation of a major international topic of interest by honors students under the mentorship of a faculty member. Requires critical thinking to research, analyze, and communicate findings, culminating with a written paper or scholarly project and a public presentation of results.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student be able to:

1. Complete an independent scholarly project
2. Utilize research techniques appropriate to the discipline(s) involved
3. Support major claims with verified research
4. Communicate findings in written and oral form in a manner consistent with the professional expectations of the discipline(s) involved

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

The student will conduct significant original research and communicate findings in a major written paper and a public presentation of the project.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will investigate a topic of interest under the direction of an expert in the field, creating defensible interpretations based on original research. The critical thinking skills involved in a careful analysis of the topic are central to this course and the Honors Program.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will independently investigate global topics from an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspective. This capstone will serve as the culmination of extensive travel and research in international studies.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Oxford Tutorial
- B. Independent Scholarship
- C. Scholarly Defense
- D. Publication

