

CULTURAL AREA STUDIES

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MAJOR

- Cultural Area Studies concentration within Interdisciplinary Programs (BS)

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WHAT CAN I DO WITH A CULTURAL AREA STUDIES DEGREE?

With a degree in cultural area studies, students will be well-positioned to embark on a wide variety of careers, including international non-governmental organizations and international nonprofit agencies, airline and travel, teacher/professor, international law, environmental agencies, business, health and education, diplomatic positions and more.

CULTURAL AREA STUDIES AT SRU

Students are strongly encouraged to combine a degree in cultural area studies with another major or minor. Students can also combine more than one cultural area, as evidenced by what some recent graduates have done, including:

- Diplomat in training/graduate school (political science)
- Elementary education teacher (education)
- Environment science (chemistry)
- ESL teacher (English)
- Graduate school (modern languages)
- Graduate school (philosophy)
- International business (accounting)

The curriculum in this program will provide students the opportunity to connect with other cultures, understand global issues, and correlate what they learn in the classroom to global and local settings. Among the fields studied are: history, politics, languages, anthropology, philosophy, the arts and literature. Students will have the opportunity to have diverse experiences, and through internships, take part in international travel and study in order to apply what they've learned to real-world situations. Students can choose to study American studies, Asian studies, European studies, Latin-American studies and Middle East studies.

This program is designed to take a multi-disciplinary and integrative approach to learning. Students will learn how societies and cultures develop, grow, change and interact within and between other societies. Cultural sensitivity and literacy, including language skills, are important areas that will be developed through an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasizes theoretical classroom knowledge that is applied through student faculty research, internships and practicums, and international travel and study. An integrative research project is a capstone experience required of all students. This project will build upon experiences inside and outside the classroom and integrate classroom theory and application.

WHY CHOOSE CULTURAL AREA STUDIES AT SRU?

1. As an interdisciplinary studies major, students will be ready to take leadership roles in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. Knowledge of history, culture, politics and language is essential for understanding today's complex world.
2. The education students receive will prepare them to excel in situations of domestic and international conflict and conflict resolution, migration and refugee status, poverty, and health and environmental concerns.
3. An added bonus of interdisciplinary programs is the ability to design the course of study as a single major or as a second major linked to another field of study. If students are interested in making a difference in the world, this program is well-suited to that passion.