

## College of Arts and Sciences – Interdisciplinary Programs

### 401 Field Seminar

A capstone course that combines field experience with classroom seminar. Student teams will conduct collaborative, broadly interdisciplinary analyses of selected environmental problems. Field-based projects are chosen by the students in consultation with course instructor. Classroom seminars are used for exchange of information between teams and for discussion of readings pertinent to individual research projects or, more broadly, to the interdisciplinary character of environmental problem-solving. Each team produces a major paper that examines ethical and natural- and social-science aspects of the selected problems.

Prerequisite: 301 and 351 or permission of the instructor

475, 476 Experiential Learning 2 credits

477, 478 Experiential Learning

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

483, 484 Seminar 2 credits

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487, 488 Topics 2 credits

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The subject matter of these courses will vary from year to year, but will not duplicate existing courses. Descriptions of these courses are available at [www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule.html](http://www.stthomas.edu/registrar/onlineschedule.html).

491, 492 Research 2 credits

493, 494 Research

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495, 496 Individual Study 2 credits

497, 498 Individual Study

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## Family Studies (FAST)

Grochowski (H&HP), director

Family Studies is an interdisciplinary field of study in which the family is the primary unit of analysis. The purpose of this minor is to enable students to critically examine the family using a variety of theories and methods. Family Studies scholars can develop understanding of business and communication dynamics, health and social concerns, and psychological and theological matters affecting families and their members. A family studies minor is flexible and multidisciplinary, providing for both broad exposure and disciplinary integration. This minor provides preparation for advanced study in family studies and the allied fields, as well as professional work in organizations focusing on families.

No more than eight credits may be taken from a single major field. Students interested in a minor in Family Studies should meet with the director.

### Minor in Family Studies

400 Family Studies Seminar

*Plus one of:*

PSY 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family

SOC 321 Marriage and the Family

*Plus three of:*

COMM 425 Family Communication

ENTR 349 Family Business Management

FAST 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)

FAST 497, 498 Individual Study

HIST 345 Family and Women in Chinese History

HLTH 462 Human Sexuality Education

PSY 200 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood

PSY 203 Psychology of Adolescence

PSY 204 The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging

PSY 288 Psychology of Marriage and the Family

SOWK 210 Relationship, Intimacy, and Sexuality

SOC 303 Aging and the Lifecourse

SOC 304 Adolescence in Society

SOC 321 Marriage and the Family

THEO 315 Christian Marriage

## Family Studies – International Studies

295, 296 Topics 2 credits  
297, 298 Topics

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### 400 Seminar in Family Studies

This advanced capstone course for the Family Studies minor is a multidisciplinary seminar taken after the learner has completed at least four courses in the Family Studies minor. The course will incorporate a variety of methods, theories, and pedagogies drawn from the family studies paradigm. A substantial portion of the course will be devoted to student research and presentations that incorporate family studies scholarship.

Prerequisite: PSY 288 or SOC 321 and three other courses from the list of approved courses for the minor.

495, 496 Individual Study 2 credits

497, 498 Individual Study

See the description of these courses at the beginning of the “Curricula” section of this catalog.

## International Studies

Papagapitos (ECON), director

This major seeks to give the student a basic understanding of the contemporary international system. It combines study in economics, history and political science with a concentration in one of these fields, along with the study of a foreign language beyond the College’s general education requirement. The program enables students to relate international interests to a broad range of careers including government, international business, nonprofit associations and teaching.

Students graduating with a major in international studies should have adequate preparation for their professional lives, and the capacity for intellectually stimulating lives. They will be capable of critical thought and writing in the discipline. They will have pursued opportunities for broader governmental and international experience, and should be well-prepared to undertake post-baccalaureate studies.

### Major in International Studies

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics  
GEOG 113 World Geography  
HIST 112 The Modern World Since 1550  
IDSC 481 Seminar in International Studies  
POL 105 Politics and Government in a Comparative Perspective

*Plus:*

Twenty-eight credits from the following list. A student must choose 16 credits from one discipline, and the remaining 12 must include courses from each of the other two disciplines.

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics  
ECON 345 Economics of Development and Growth  
ECON 346 Country and Area Studies in Economics  
ECON 348 International Economics  
ECON 349 Comparative Economic Systems

HIST 210 Modern Latin America, 1800 to the Present  
HIST 220 Introduction to Japanese History and Culture  
HIST 313 Europe 1750 to 1945  
HIST 314 Modern Europe since 1945  
HIST 340 Foundations of Chinese Civilization  
HIST 341 History of Modern China  
HIST 345 Family and Women in Chinese History  
HIST 347 The Modernization of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China  
HIST 371 History of U.S. Foreign Policy

POL 225 Introduction to World Politics  
POL 320 American Foreign Policy  
POL 326 International Law and Organizations  
POL 350 Comparative Politics of the New Europe  
POL 352 Third World Politics and Government  
POL 424 Seminar in International Politics  
POL 454 Seminar in Comparative Politics