

# Internationalizing the Majors Planning Grant

An important part of the Georgia College Liberal Arts Mission is the preparation of students who are globally competent to accept their responsibilities as citizens of the world. The International Education Center's Five-Year Plan adopted in January 2006 in support of that mission has set as its number one goal to work with departments to internationalize the majors by incorporating international and multicultural dimensions as part of the requirements for graduation.

Internationalized majors must have curricula that include global and cross-cultural perspectives and content, as well as international learning outcomes and assessment. Although internationalized majors will often include study abroad, study abroad is only one part of the internationalization process and alternatives to study abroad also need to be included.

A planning grant awarded by the USG Board of Regents will enable Georgia College to buy one course release for four faculty members to work on internationalizing their departments' majors by spring 2008, thereby serving as models for the rest of the campus. Each of the four faculty members will have one course release in either fall 2007 or spring 2008, as determined within the department, but the faculty members will lay the groundwork for their internationalization efforts in fall 2007 and complete the work by the end of spring 2008. The team of four faculty members will devise identifiable, measurable outcomes for assessing whether departments have sufficiently incorporated cross-cultural dimensions into course content. The faculty members will work together and within their own departments to create an implementation plan to ensure adequate curricular changes in each major. The work will include exploring the curricula of comparable public and private universities that have been leaders in internationalizing their majors, and will coordinate consultants and/or visiting delegations from these institutions to model best practices in accomplishing campus-wide internationalization efforts. Each participating department (or school) will contribute up to \$500 toward the cost of bringing consultants or delegates to campus.

An ad hoc Internationalizing the Majors Committee comprised of 5 members of the International Education Committee and 2 deans has been appointed to oversee the process. Dr. Dwight Call, Assistant Vice President for International Education, will chair the committee, and Dr. Roy Moore, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will serve as ad hoc member.

Those departments interested in serving as models should submit their applications to the International Education Center by April 23, including a description of the international components already included in their majors, their goals for completing the internationalization of their majors, their nomination of a faculty member in the department that will lead that internationalization, and their commitment to support the project. By the end of spring 2007 four departments will be selected to serve as models of internationalization.

**The appended application with signatures and narrative should be submitted** to Dr. Dwight Call, Campus Box 49, **by April 23, 2007**, and **the narrative should also be sent as Word attachment** to [dwight.call@gcsu.edu](mailto:dwight.call@gcsu.edu).

# Internationalizing the Majors Planning Grant Academic Department Application

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Majors: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a hard copy and Word attachment narrative including each of the following:

1. What steps, if any, you have taken as a department to internationalize your majors;
2. Your department's current goals and objectives for internationalizing your majors; and
3. Your department's expectations of the lead faculty member, who will be given one course release in spring 2008, and how the rest of the department will assist.

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Faculty member to lead internationalization effort and receive one course release in spring 2008:

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Please submit a narrative description of the faculty member's qualifications for leading this internationalization effort.

Which semester should the BoR grant buy course release for your faculty member?

- Fall 2007     Spring 2008

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Signatures below confirm that the department named above is committed to work with the faculty member named above on internationalizing its majors by the end of spring semester 2008 and will commit up to \$500 in funding to further that objective.

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Chair

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Date

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Faculty Member to Lead Internationalization Effort

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Date

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Dean

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